



**OMGA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (Approved)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, May 3, 2019  
Linn County Extension Office  
33630 McFarland Road  
Tangent, OR 97389**

**Attendance**

Eric Bosler, President (Central Gorge)  
Sue Nesbitt, Past President (Yamhill)  
Chris Rusch, President-Elect (Douglas)  
Julie Huynh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President (Lincoln)  
Patrice Sipos, Treasurer (Douglas)  
Marcille Ansorge, Secretary (Tillamook)  
Gail Langellotto, OMGA State Coordinator

**Welcome and Agenda Review**

Eric Bosler, President, called the meeting to order shortly after 10:00 am. He noted that Barbara Davidson, Historian; Marcia Sherry, Newsletter Editor; and Seamus Ramirez, Database Manager, were not able to attend because of other commitments.

**Additions to the Agenda – Approval**

There were none.

**Approval of the Minutes February 1, 2019**

Marcille Ansorge, Secretary, asked for corrections or changes to the minutes. There were none and the minutes were approved.

**Announcements**

There were none.

**Secretary Report**

Marcille Ansorge, Secretary, said that she would not continue as secretary in 2020 and asked members to begin actively searching for someone to fill the position.

Marcille asked if the minutes and reports of prior years presently on the OMGA website could be removed. Seamus Ramirez will be asked to first move the minutes and reports into the Dropbox and then have them removed from the site.

In relation to the website, Marcille asked if someone was able to post to the calendar. It will be necessary to ask Katherine Johnson, who formerly was doing this for the right to do this and Julie Huynh and Gail Langellotto will work to have this done.

### **Financial Reports, End of Year and Year to Date**

Patrice Sipos, Treasurer, reported assets of \$113, 862.69. The checking account has a balance of \$19,736.56 and she will be moving \$10,000.00 into the savings account since these funds will not be used immediately. She presented a bank and asset account listing and noted that she had closed one Chase CD which became due and moved the money into the Money Market account since the rate of interest was higher. She stated that she will do this with other CDs as they become due. She noted that there was \$25.01 in a Square savings account and will contact them to withdraw the money and move it into another account since there isn't a reason to have the account.

She said that at the last meeting there was a question about the history of the E\*TRADE account and she has looked into the records. She was able to go back to 2007 and would have to go to archives for more. Marcille Ansorge said that at a meeting a year or so ago, Katherine Johnson, former Treasurer, had given a history of it and recalled that the money in the amount of \$20,000.00 had come from an International Master Gardener Conference held in Oregon in the 1980s. Gail Langellotto, State Coordinator, said she could get more information about these funds.

Patrice reported that all chapters had sent in dues except one.

Gail noted that to be a Master Gardener one does not have to be a member of a chapter and that about 2% of Master Gardeners in Oregon are not members.

### **Gardeners Mini-College – Coordinator Search**

Sue Nesbitt, Past President, said she has not worked on this but several names were suggested of people that may be interested.

Eric said that the survey sent out earlier is now closed and that several members had responded to the question about mini-college with a 5 and he would be contacting those for input about Mini-College

### **Gardeners' Pen Next Deadline NO LATER THAN 6/9/19**

Eric reported for Marcia Sherry, Newsletter Editor, that the topic for the issue will be firewise gardening.

### **2019 Leadership Forums**

Chris Rusch, President-Elect, reported that Kara Baylog, with OSU Extension and Coordinator for My Southern Woodlands, will speak on firewise gardening. She will have plants on display and

discuss how they react to fire. The website for the organization is <https://mysouthernoregonwoodlands.org/>

The topic for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter is still undetermined. The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter is on the topic of grants.

#### **Database/List Serve status**

Both are up-to-date.

#### **Programs and Committee Reports**

Chairs for the Extension Educator and Karl Carlson grants reported that they have received applications. Chris Rusch, chair for Search for Excellence, reported that she has received one entry. The deadline for these is May 15 and chairs will be encouraged to send out information about these before that date.

Gail reported that she has received information for only a few of the County Master Gardeners of the Year and Behind the Scenes designees. The deadline is May 15.

#### **State Coordinator Report**

Gail announced that the president of Oregon State University will be retiring in 2020. A search has begun for a new president and an online form will be available in which all Oregonians may indicate what abilities and qualities they would like to see in a person in the position.

In a review of OSU by the Carnegie Foundation, OMGA was listed as a partner and asked that the organization respond to a survey. Gail thanked Sue Nesbitt for responding to the questions. The information required was recently submitted.

Gail also announced that a OSU Extension agents and coordinators will meet in a retreat this month in Seaside and that Sue and Eric will attend as representatives of OMGA.

Gail shared a letter that had been sent to the president of the Multnomah County Chapter Master Gardener Association related to a dismissed Oregon State University Extension Master Gardener volunteer. The issue is that the dismissed volunteer continues to volunteer as a member of the general public. The letter informed the chapter that if a person is not in good standing with OSU and continues to participate, it puts the chapter and OMGA at risk and volunteer credit will not be given to any member for their participation in the activity at which the dismissed Master Gardener participates. While the matter is being handled by OSU, OMGA is looking at the Memorandum of Agreement to determine if any of the language should be changed to clarify what is a member in good standing. This will be presented at a future Board of Directors meeting.

## **Old Business**

### **Housekeeping project OMGA Policies and Procedures**

Sue reported that she has been working on rewriting the Policies and Procedures and is about halfway through.

### **Grants, Sponsorships and other Fundraising**

Patrice will check to see if any money has been received through the Fred Meyer or Amazon programs.

Since there is no silent auction at Mini College this year, Eric asked for fundraising ideas. Sue suggested that a small silent auction be held at one of the Board of Directors meetings. It was suggested that each chapter bring one item or make a donation; this will be done at the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter meeting in November in Tillamook.

### **Networking and Communication**

Eric reported that he is working at developing lines of communication with coordinators and has had some success.

He also reported that he and Sue visited the Umatilla chapter recently and met several of the members. Presently there is no representative due to the cost and distance of travel to meetings. Other counties suggested for visits are Klamath, Coos and Curry.

### **Special Chapter Reports**

Efforts should be made to encourage all members to read Quarterly chapter reports.

### **OMGA Presentation at SSU Extension Program Coordinator Retreat May 2019—Road Show**

The OSU Extension coordinators will be meeting in May at a retreat in Seaside. The purpose is to review and rework the mission for Master Gardener programs. Eric had asked that OMGA participate and he and Sue will be attending although they are not listed on the program to make a formal presentation. They hope to be able to give input from the OMGA perspective in terms of what OMGA and Master Gardeners do for the program.

### **Alternative Education Program Support—Webinar**

Eric received feedback from members of chapters expressing support for the \$500.00 donation that OMGA made to the Webinar series. He reported that Brooke Edmunds is uncertain of financial support next year but wants the series available at no cost to members. It may be necessary to ask for contributions to the program in the future. Eric stated that the program is useful for the teaching of Master Gardener classes. A list of all webinars can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/user/drbrooke77/videos>. Eric suggested that this url be added to the OMGA website.

### **OMGA Survey of Master Gardeners**

Eric said that the survey is closed; he had responses from 1050 members, which is about 25% and a good number for responses for surveys. Members should be giving thought to what questions to ask for a survey for next year.

### **New Business**

#### **Master Gardener Project Volunteer Status**

This item referred to the discussion related to the dismissed volunteer in Multnomah County and was discussed during Gail Langellotto's presentation reported above.

#### **Recruitment**

Chris Rusch as President-Elect will be putting together a slate of officers for 2020. Eric has asked not to continue as president so Chris will fill that position next year. Patrice Sipos is willing to continue as Treasurer for another year as is Julie Huynh as Second Vice-President. Officers needed will be Secretary, President-Elect, and First Vice-President. Members should actively seek persons to fill these positions.

#### **Treasurer's Workshop**

Patrice Sipos offered to hold workshops for treasurers before the Leadership Forums to train treasurers in the region where the meeting is held. The purpose is to explain how OMGA handles finances as well as to give guidelines on how local chapters should be handling theirs. It was decided that one would be held in Jackson County at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting in June and one in Tillamook at the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting in November. The workshops would begin at 10:00 am so members could attend the Leadership Forums in the afternoon.

#### **OSU—Carnegie Classification**

This was reported in Gail's report given above.

#### **Additional Discussion**

At the end of the meeting, Sue asked if chapters had memorials of some sort for members who passed away. Both Chris Rusch from Douglas County and Marcille Anson from Tillamook County said their chapters have sites in their demonstration gardens to do this. Eric suggested that a notice be sent out to all chapters asking that they take a photo of the way they present memorials so that this could be shared with all chapters.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

Submitted by Marcille Anson  
OMGA Secretary

<b><u>Executive Committee</u></b>	<b><u>Leadership Forum</u></b>	<b><u>Board of Directors</u></b>
<b>Friday, February 1, 2019</b> Linn County Extension Office Tangent, OR	<b>Friday, March 1, 2019</b> Marion County Salem, OR	<b>Saturday, March 2, 2019</b> Marion County Salem, OR Cyndy Shorter, Contact
<b>Friday, May 3, 2019</b> Linn County Extension Office Tangent, OR	<b>Friday, June 7, 2019</b> Jackson County	<b>Saturday, June 8, 2019</b> Jackson County Susan Koenig, Contact
<b>Friday, August 2, 2019</b> Linn County Extension Office Tangent, OR	<b>Friday, September 6, 2019</b> Linn County, Tangent, OR	<b>Saturday, September 7, 2019</b> Linn County Tangent, OR Janice Gregg, Contact
<b>Friday, October 4, 2109</b> Linn County Extension Office Tangent, OR	<b>Friday, November, 1, 2019</b> Tillamook County Tillamook, OR	<b>Saturday, November 2, 2019</b> Tillamook County Tillamook, OR Linda Stephenson, Contact