



**2nd Quarter Board of Directors Meeting
June 19, 2020
10 am – 3 pm
Zoom and Telecommunications Meeting**

Attendance

Rusch	Chris	Douglas	County	OMGA President
Bosler	Eric	Central Gorge		OMGA Past President
Huynh	Julie	Lincoln	County	OMGA Vice President
Bordeaux	Sharon	Douglas	County	OMGA Secretary
Sipos	Patrice	Douglas	County	OMGA Treasurer
Ramirez	Seamus	Clackamas	County	OMGA Database/List Serv/Representative
Langellotto	Gail			OSU-State Program Leader
Taylor	Richard	Benton	County	Representative
Kilkenny	Barbara	Central Gorge		Representative
Bailey	Jean	Central Gorge		Alternate Representative
Bosler	Shari	Central Gorge		Mini-college Speaker Committee Chair
		Central		
Dart	Janet	Oregon		Representative
Krager	Rachel	Columbia	County	Representative
Harris	Terry	Coos	County	Representative
Hall	Jeffrie	Curry	County	Representative
Fuller	Nancy	Douglas	County	Douglas Co MGA President
Budge	Ronnie	Jackson	County	Jackson Co MGA President
Schallheim	Breezy	Josephine	County	Representative
Schallheim	Mark	Josephine	County	Josephine Co MGA President
Kunstman	Lynn	Jackson	County	Jackson Co MGA President Elect
Harrison	Victoria	Lane	County	Representative
Kohler	Ivy	Lane	County	Alternate Representative
Christy	Michael	Lincoln	County	Representative
Miklic	Alanna	Lincoln	County	Lincoln Co. MGA Treasurer
Gregg	Janice	Linn	County	Representative
Frankel	Marilyn	Multnomah	County	Representative
Lyons	Betty	Tillamook	County	Representative
Lyons	Jake	Tillamook	County	Alternate Representative
Ray	Leslie	Washington	County	Representative

Graham	Karen	Washington	County	Washington Co MGA President
Blum	Polly	Yamhill	County	Representative
Coakley	Linda	Yamhill	County	Alternate Representative
Sherry	Marcia	Yamhill	County	Publicity/OMGA SFE Committee Chair
Nesbitt	Sue	Yamhill	County	Mini-college Chair

Welcome

President Chris Rusch called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

Julie Huynh made a motion to approve the minutes as posted. A quorum approved.

There were no additions to the agenda.

State Program Coordinator – Gail Langellotto

- Indoor activity – will revisit in July (around the 14th)
- Outdoor activity (in the gardens)
 - Physical Distancing
 - Face masks when warranted
- 2021 training may not happen; contingency plans are in process
- Outdoor Plant Clinics are not allowed at Farmers Markets – issue with distancing
- Plant sales are still not allowed

Secretary – Sharon J Bordeaux

The Second Quarter Chapter report was completed and posted online. Sharon thanked the 17 chapters that submitted articles for the report and hopes everyone will take the time to read the report and see what other chapters are doing during this time away from the gardens, clinics and other events. The next Chapter report is due the first of September. Let's hear from every chapter.

OMGA Treasurer's Report – Patrice Sipos, Treasurer

Patrice Sipos presented the financials. Taxes came to \$1,200, \$700 under budget. 2589 member including 293 trainees. Three (3) chapters have not submitted their dues. Patrice is following.

Recruitment/Succession

The following offices need to be filled for the 2021 year

- President Elect
- Treasurer
- Newsletter Editor
- Karl Carlson Grant Chair

Patrice has been contacting prospective treasurer nominees. If you have suggestions for any position, please contact Chris.

Database and Server – Seamus Ramirez

There are no issues with the List/Serve. An updated list has been sent out.

Mini-college Report – Sue Nesbitt and Eric Bosler

2021 OMGA Mini-College Report

1. Dates for the 2021 OMGA Mini-College: July 15, 16, and 17, 2021

a. Thursday, July 15 would be the OMGA Board of Directors meeting and a Leadership Forum – if desired.

b. July 16 and 17, 2021 would be the keynote speaker and the classes.

2. In 2021 Oregon Master Gardeners will have been in existence for 45 years.

a. Decided to celebrate this with a birthday party at the banquet

b. Decorations, etc.

1. Marcia Sherry is reworking the logo to add the words suggested by Sharon Bordeaux: "Celebrating 45 years of Oregon Master Gardeners".

2. We were able to either cancel our contracts with both the CH2M Hill Alumni Center and the Hilton Garden Inn at no charge.

3. The venues where we made deposits: Corvallis Knights for the Thursday evening social and Valley Catering at the Adair Club House – we were able to roll the deposits over to 2021.

1. We really appreciate everyone's willingness to work with us to make all the needed changes.

a. Speakers: Shari Bosler

a. Committee members agreed to continue their responsibilities in 2021

i. Tours

ii. Workshops

1. There could still be some problems:

a. According to Governor Brown's reopening plan gatherings the size of conferences and/or conventions can't be held until Phase 3. In Oregon we can't enter this Phase until there is either a vaccine or cure. We don't know if Mini-College is sufficiently large to be considered a large gathering. However, we want to be prepared – so the Mini-College organizing committee met Wednesday (via Zoom) and started working on ways we could organize Mini-College if it isn't possible for us to use the format we have used in the past.

a. Some things we are considering include:

i. The possibility that there will be a limit on the number of people who can gather at the CH2M Hill Alumni Center – ways to organize Mini-College so that anyone interested in participating can do so even if they can't get to the CH2M Hill Alumni Center.

i. The possibility that some people may not feel comfortable being part of a group the size of Mini-College – what can we do to make sure they can get the information in a manner that works for them.

a. Some of the things we are exploring include:

- i. Live streaming the speakers and using software that would allow the classes to be more interactive,
- ii. Searching for ways to include the social interaction and networking portions of Mini-College – video Bingo.
- iii. Perhaps having Master Gardeners gather at regional locations to listen to the speakers and follow that with a discussion with a local expert on the topic,
- iv. Some of us will be attending the Virginia State Master Gardener Conference which will be entirely online this year to see how they are organizing their conference.
- v. Changing the schedule so classes are in the morning and early afternoon and the keynote early evening – with perhaps, a local MG potluck?

a. Other issues that must be considered:

i. Cost, Cost, Cost!!!! How much can we actually do before the cost becomes prohibitive.

b. We would love to have your ideas, thoughts and suggestions as we work through the issues and many more.

c. Survey - Eric

Supplement Report about 2021 Mini-College
2nd Quarter OMGA Board Meeting
(by Sue Nesbitt)

At the 2nd Quarter OMGA Executive Committee meeting held on May 1, 2020, it was decided to cancel the 2020 OMGA Mini-College due to the pandemic. We were all disappointed because so many people were working very hard to make all the arrangements for a very educational, interesting and fun event, We are both fortunate and grateful that almost all of the speakers, and all of the venues, the vendors and the people working on the various aspects of Mini-College agreed to continue with their roles and responsibilities for a 2021 event.

Below is some information about the 2021 OMGA Mini-College.

Dates: July 15, 16, and 17, 2021

- Thursday, July 15 would be the OMGA Board of Directors meeting and a Leadership Forum – if desired.
- July 16 and 17, 2021 would be the keynote speaker, classes, Gail Langellotto's State Coordinator's report, Search for Excellence winners reports and the presentation of awards.

Speakers:

- The majority of the speakers understood the dilemma and were willing to commit to the 2021 dates. A couple, such as graduate students, who truly don't know where they will be in July 2021 can't commit until closer to the event.

Special Event:

- In 2021 Oregon Master Gardeners will have been in existence for 45 years. This will be celebrated with a birthday party at the banquet, decorations, etc.

Logo:

- Marcia Sherry is reworking the logo to add the words suggested by Sharon Bordeaux: "Celebrating 45 years of Oregon Master Gardeners".

Venues:

- We were able to either cancel our contracts with both the CH2M Hill Alumni Center and the Hilton Garden Inn at no charge. We have negotiated new contracts with them for 2021.
- At the venues where we had deposits, Corvallis Knights for the Thursday evening social and ballgame and Valley Catering at the Adair Club House, we could roll the deposits over to 2021.

Committee Chair People, Tours, Workshops, etc.

- Again, people agreed to continue with their responsibilities and put the July 2021 date on their calendars.

Potential Future Issues:

- We all understand that we don't know what the situation will be by July 2021. It may not be possible to hold Mini-College using our previous model. According to Governor Brown's reopening plan, gatherings the size of conferences and/or conventions can't be held until Phase 3. And in Oregon we can't enter Phase 3 until there is either a vaccine or cure. We

don't know if Mini-College is big enough to be considered a large gathering. However, we want to be prepared – so the Mini-College organizing committee met Wednesday (via Zoom) and started working on ways we could organize Mini-College if it isn't possible for us to use our previous format.

- Some of the ideas we are considering include:
 - The possibility that there will be a limit on the number of people who can gather at the CH2M Hill Alumni Center – ways to organize Mini-College so that anyone interested in participating can do so even if they can't get to the CH2M Hill Alumni Center.
 - The possibility that some people may not feel comfortable being part of a group the size of Mini-College – what can we do to make sure they can get the information in a manner that works for them.
- Some things we are exploring:
 - Videotaping the speakers and using software that would allow the classes to be more interactive,
 - Searching for ways to include the social interaction, networking, and fun portions of Mini-College – video bingo?
 - Ways that Master Gardeners who would like to attend Mini-College; but who cannot travel to OSU can participate. One idea is to have regional gatherings where the Master Gardeners could listen to the speakers. That could be combined with a discussion with a local expert on the topic. Food, networking and other fun things could be added. Another suggestion is to have the keynote speaker in the evening. People could listen to the class speakers at their homes and then gather to hear the keynote. Again, this could be followed with a discussion, food, some fun and games, etc.
 - An online Silent Auction.
 - Some of us will be attending the Virginia State Master Gardener Conference which is entirely online this year to see how they are organizing their conference.
- Other issues that must be considered:
 - Cost, Cost, Cost!!!! How much can we actually do before the cost becomes prohibitive?
 - We would love to have your ideas, thoughts and suggestions as we work through these issues and many more. Please send them to either: Sue Nesbitt (sue.nesbitt1231@gmail.com) or Eric Bosler (ericbosler@hotmail.com)
 - Once we have a draft of an alternative plan Eric will be conducting a survey to learn more about your thoughts and ideas.

Programs and Committee Reports

Longevity Reports – Marcia Sherry

- Two chapters have responded
- Will follow up with a second request
- Paperwork is on the website

Search for Excellence – Marcia Sherry

Lane, Lynn, Lincoln and Yamhill counties will received \$250.00 each.

Extension Educator Grant – Chris Rusch

- \$500.00 Marion County, Community Signage
- \$500.00 Benton County, Support for propagation facility
- \$400.00 Douglas County, Spring Into Gardening support

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Karl Carlson Grant – Barbara Casteel

- \$250.00 to Jackson, Yamhill, and Douglas Counties

State Behind the Scenes, State MG of the Year – Gail Langellotto

These awards are out to committee members for review and should be announced in the near future. An option for recognizing the recipients is to have yard signs made.

New Business

Quarterly Board Meetings

The 3rd and 4th Quarterly OMGA Board Meetings will be held via Zoom.

The 3rd Quarter meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 11, 2020 from 1:30 to 3:00 PM

The 4th Quarter meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 6, 2020 from 1:30 to 3:00 PM

Educational forums will not be held for the remainder of 2020. However, there are many educational opportunities available through the OSU/OSU Extension websites for Master Gardeners.

Chapter Policies for Voting via zoom, email and proxy

Gail indicated that the OMGA Bylaws cover the chapters. The Executive Board OMGA bylaws should will be reviewed to be sure that electronic meetings are included. Gail also noted that the Secretary of State authorized voting via email in 2019.

The group recommended that representatives suggest a review of their chapter policies regarding voting via email and proxy as well as the use of electronics for meetings and that they not rely solely on the OMGA Bylaws for their chapters.

OMGA 2020 Objectives Review:

Seamus will look into making “tweeting” available by the 2021 Mini-college

Chris noted that the 2020 Goals and Objectives have changed due to Covid-19 virus.

Business completed; the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon J Bordeaux
OMGA Secretary