



**OMGA Executive Committee Meeting
October 2, 2020
Via Zoom and Telecommunication**

President Chris Rusch welcomed the Executive Committee at 1:35 PM.

Committee members in attendance:

President, Chris Rusch
Past President, Eric Bosler
Secretary, Sharon Bordeaux
Historian, Barbara Davidson
Data Base/List Serv, Seamus Ramirez

Mini-college committee members in attendance:

Shari Bosler
Sue Nesbitt

OSU Extension Coordinator, Gail Langellotto

The agenda was reviewed and approved with additions: Change in Dues, Chapter Hours, and 2021 Budget. Seamus Ramirez moved and the members unanimously approved the August Executive Committee Minutes as posted online.

Reports

OSU Extension Coordinator Update – Gail Langellotto

- The Home Horticulture standards for continuing education
 - 2020-2019 hours carry over to 2021
 - Form requirements remain the same
 - 2120 Recertification
 - 10 continuing education hours
 - 20 volunteer hours
 - 2021 classes will be free
- Years of service is the number of years dues paid
- Master Gardener week will be October 26-30,2020. The event will include a Mini-Film Festival (October 26-28), the state of the Statewide Master Gardener Program report (October 29th), and a trivia contest focused on pollinators and beneficial insects (October 30th). An official announcement and link to register will go out, as soon as we finalize the registration page.

Financial Reports – Chris reported for Patrice Sipos

There has been no change in the financials

Database/List Serve – Seamus Ramirez

The database/list serve is running smoothly

Chapter Quarterly Reports – Sharon Bordeaux

Sharon thanked all the chapters who sent quarterly reports. Once they are edited, they will be posted on the website for everyone to read.



Mini-college Report – Sue Nesbitt

The Mini-college discussed changing the logo and theme to better reflect the entirely virtual conference. Shari Bosler reported that the following speakers have agreed to present at the 2021 Mini-college:

- Rich Little – Mason Bees
- Andony Melathopoulos – OR Bee Atlas
- Jen Hayes – Natives and pollinators
- Navneet Kaur – IPM with crops
- Jessica Rendon – Japanese Beetle
- Holly Wantuch – Spotted Lantern Fly and other invasives
- Janet Magedanz – Year round pollinator plants
- Jody Einerson – OR Season Tracker
- Gwynne Mhuireach – soil health/human health
- Mykl Nelson – urban soils
- Weston Miller – organic gardening
- Richard Bertram – hydroponics may be a workshop
- Pam Zaklan – virtual garden tour as a possible workshop

Eric Bosler and Sue Nesbitt spoke with a representative from the Zoom corporation. He thought that 10 business level licenses would be sufficient to meet our needs. They are available by the month. For 3 months the cost will be approximately \$600. Moderators are key to successful presentations. Gail is preparing both a beginning and an advanced moderator training for Master Gardeners which the moderators will be asked to complete.

Registration fee for the conference will be \$49 per person. This will include access to all webinar presentations. The sessions will be recorded and saved so that at a later time a person registering for the conference could access the presentations they didn't see.

Those who wish to attend a workshop will need to register in advance. There will be a participant limit of 20 for the workshops. In addition to the registration fee of \$49, there may be a workshop fee.

Gail suggested trying “flipped learning”. A formal definition of “Flipped Learning” from the Flipped Learning Network is “a pedagogical approach in which direct instruction moves from the group learning space to the individual learning space, and the resulting group space is transformed into a dynamic, interactive, learning environment where the educator guides students as they apply concepts and engage creatively in the subject matter.” For example, prior to the workshop the participants could have a reading assignment, watch a video and complete an assignment. Then during the virtual workshop, they would share their assignment results with the rest of the workshop participants. The number of workshop participants would need to be limited to 20 and the Zoom format would be a meeting rather than a presentation. Four of the workshops are definite possibilities for this format: Gail Langellotto on insect identification, Signe Danler on designing a pollinator landscape, Richard Bertram on hydroponic gardening and Heather Stoven on weed identification. Gail Langellotto suggested using *iNaturalist* for both an insect identification and weed identification workshop.”

Amy Curtis from Yamhill County Master Gardeners will help create a website where all the Mini-College information such as registration, links to the speakers, bookstore link, silent auction and Send-A-Friend Raffle, etc. can be housed.

Gail suggested that we work with OSU Media Services to create a special awards presentation with music, videos of the winners, etc. The budget has been modified to reflect the virtual conference.

OMGA Questionnaire Results – Chris

As of September 1, 2020, 15 Chapters responded:

To help Master Gardener Chapters come up with the best solutions in moving forward in re-opening and modifying our programs in compliance with the OSU Covid-19 restrictions, it would be great to get a view into what is going on with all the Chapters in our state. In response, OMGA would like you to take the time to answer these few questions. Please submit the responses to me by the end of August.

1. Is your Extension Office open?
3 No; 10 Yes; 2 Yes but not open to MGs
2. Is your Plant Clinic open? What are your protocols?
12 No, but operating remotely; 1 No; 2 yes, using OSU recommended protocols.
3. Are you having Chapter meetings? What is the format? Zoom, conference call, outside face to face?
1 Yes face to face outside; 12 yes via Zoom; 1 yes via Zoom but board only; 1 not meeting
4. Are you able to work in your Demonstration Gardens and greenhouses? What are your protocols?
13 yes, using OSU protocols; 2 No
5. Have you modified your "pay-back" hour requirements for your new class of 2020? What are your modifications like?
9 deferred to next year; 6 reduced
6. Are you making plans for 2021 new class? Reduced size? On-line?
6 Yes, online; 2 Yes in person (one reduced class size); 7 no new class for 2021, concentrating on offering recertification training and the 2020 class.

Thank you to everyone for taking the time to briefly answering these questions. We can use the responses as discussion for planning our 2021 year.

New Business

- Keeping the OMGA website/calendar updated – Chris
Chris is working with Jim to develop continuity on our website. Information may be in more than one place and not always consistent. Chris is looking for feedback from those using the website and finding areas that can be improved.
- Chapter dues and hours – Chris
After discussion, the Executive Committee decided to wait until the next Board meeting to discuss any change in dues or hours.
- Patrice is working on the 2021 budget. She will have it available at the next Board meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

Sharon J. Bordeaux
OMGA Secretary