



**2nd Quarter Board of Directors Meeting  
September 18, 2020, 1:30 – 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
Dart	Janet	Central Oregon		Representative
Krager	Rachel	Columbia	County	Representative
Harris	Terry	Coos	County	Representative
Hall	Jeffrie	Curry	County	Representative
Fuller	Nancy	Douglas	County	
Hamby	Barbara	Douglas	County	Representative
Davidson	Barbara	Jackson	County	Representative
McBride	Jan	Jackson	County	
Schallheim	Breezy	Josephine	County	Representative
Schallheim	Mark	Josephine	County	Josephine Co MGA President
Harrison	Victoria	Lane	County	Representative
Kohler	Ivy	Lane	County	Alternate Representative
Christy	Michael	Lincoln	County	Representative
Kinkley	Ann	Linn	County	Alternate Representative
Lyons	Betty	Tillamook	County	Representative
Lyons	Jake	Tillamook	County	Alternate Representative
Ray	Leslie	Washington	County	Representative
Graham	Karen	Washington	County	
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 1:40 pm.

Seamus Ramirez made a motion to approve the minutes as posted. A quorum approved.

There were no additions to the agenda.

## State Program Coordinator – Gail Langellotto

- OSU Extension and Master Gardeners have been impacted by the wildfires. Please be ready to lend support where you can.
- A new MG Coordinator will begin in Wasco County on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Interviews are in the process for a MG Coordinator for the North County (Clatsop & Tillamook).
- These two hires will leave the program only a single vacancy in the Master Gardener program (Eastern Oregon - Umatilla).
- The mission and vision statements were recently updated. A survey was sent out asking membership to prioritize the program priorities and values.
- The 2021 Master Gardener annual training program will be open to all current Master Gardener Volunteers and trainees from the class of 2020. 2021 training will focus on teaching and technologies, best practices in adult, informal education, growing leadership, and broadening outreach to underserved communities.
- Master Gardener week will be October 26-29<sup>th</sup>. The virtual event will include a mini-film festival on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday with a conversation with the director prior to the movie, the annual state of the statewide Master Gardener Program on Thursday and a garden trivia event on Friday. Look for the event announcement.
- Gail announced that Barbara Davidson, Jackson County, is the Master Gardener of the year and Michael Olefin, Yamhill, is the recipient of the state Behind the Scenes award

## Secretary – Sharon J Bordeaux

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Chapter Report. After some minor corrections, the report will be posted online.

## OMGA Treasurer's Report – Patrice Sipos, Treasurer

The only expense was for updating PNW handbooks. There are 2889 members including 293 trainees.

## Summary of Questionnaire on State of Oregon MGs – Chris

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.**

## **Recruitment/Succession**

Officers for 2021:

- President – Chris Rusch
- Past Presidents – Sue Nesbitt and Eric Bosler
- Vice President – Julie
- Treasurer – Patrice Sipos
- Secretary – Sharon Bordeaux

Volunteers still needed:

- President Elect
- Newsletter Editor
- Karl Carlson Grant Chair

Please contact Chris with any suggestions.

## **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**

The Mini-college committee is moving forward with plans for the 2021 Mini-college. They presented options for the mini-college format along with projected costs. After presenting the options the membership voted to have a virtual mini-college. The committee will move forward with this format and report to the membership at the next meeting.

## **Program and Committee Reports – Chris**

- Longevity Awards – Marcia Sherry had only 5 respondents. Chapters check your membership rosters to see if there are any members who should receive the 20, 25, 30-year awards
- Audit Committee – Chris asked Eric to chair the committee and make the contacts. Send Chris the list. The audit can be performed on Zoom.
- Annual year-end retreat: The date for the retreat is December 1, 2020. The meeting will be via zoom this year.

## **Discussions**

- Should the dues be lowered or waived for trainees for 2021? This is a discussion that needs to be addressed by the Board.
- Should the required pay-back hours be decreased or waived for the 2020 trainees. The hours are set by the National Master Gardener Association – 40 hours for new members, 20 hours for existing MGs for recertification.

Business completed; the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon J Bordeaux  
OMGA Secretary