



## 1st Quarter OMGA Executive Committee Meeting February 5, 2021 Via Zoom

President Chris Rusch called the meeting to order and welcomed the Executive Committee at 2:07.

Committee members in attendance:

President, Chris Rusch  
Past Presidents, Sue Nesbitt & Eric Bosler  
Treasurer, Patrice Sipos  
Secretary, Sharon Bordeaux  
Co-Historians, Barbara Davidson & Linda Coakley  
Database Manager, Seamus Ramirez

Mini-college committee members in attendance:

Eric Bosler  
Sue Nesbitt  
Shari Bosler  
Jannice Gregg  
Amy Curtis

The agenda was reviewed and Master Gardener of the Year added to New Business. Patrice Sipos moved and Seamus Ramirez seconded the approval of the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously. Minutes of the December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Retreat were reviewed. Patrice Sipos moved and Seamus Ramirez seconded the approval of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

### Reports

#### OSU Extension Program Coordinator – Gail Langellotto

Gail has added three new courses to the Elevated Skills Training for Master Gardeners. 502 Master Gardeners have enrolled. Courses designed for the general public are filled to capacity. 52 applications have been submitted for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Learning Community and Cohort. Gail provided the link for the application as well as the link to Master Gardener News Blog. [https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_41JSq3HlvsAFUwt](https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_41JSq3HlvsAFUwt); <https://blogs.oregonstate.edu/mgcoordinators/>

#### Treasurer's Report – Patrice Sipos

January reported no significant expenditures in January. Eric Bosler indicated he has billings for Mini-College and will forward them to Patrice. One bill is the annual \$20 fee to maintain the domain name for the Mini-college. Donations from chapters and individuals totaled \$291 for January. The YTD net income is (\$411.51). Total Current Assets are \$70,652.61. Patrice is working on year-end reports and gathering information for the CPA. The fee for the CPA should be less as no chapter earned over \$50,000 in 2020. Patrice had problems using the debit card and will meet with bank representatives to resolve the issue.

#### Database/List Serve – Seamus Ramirez

Seamus is updating the OMGA list of state/county officers and OSU MG Program Contacts. The update should be complete in another week. He set up the new email address for the plant sale chairs/committee members.

## **Mini-college Report – Sue Nesbitt**

- Rich Taylor spoke to a member of the Corvallis Assistance League. They use “32 Auctions” for their silent auction. There is a set-up fee based on the number of items as well as transaction fees of +/- \$7.00 per \$100.00. There are additional charges for upgrading features used on the auction website. Visit [32auctions.com](http://32auctions.com) to view the website and the options available. Discussion on shipping/delivering auction items included: (1) Ask for easily shipped items, (2) Offer gift certificates, (3) Have regional centers for delivery/pick-up, (4) Charge a shipping fee, (5) have donators ship the items.
- Other suggestions: each chapter donate \$250.00 in place of items; reduce the amount from each chapter to \$200; to ask for cash from chapter and not have a Silent Auction. The Mini-college committee will present a proposal at the March 5<sup>th</sup> OMGA Board Meeting.
- To fill break time between the meetings, the Mini-college committee is considering slide shows of award winners and of Oregon gardens to fill the time between meetings.
- Eric noted that Mini-college is looking for an MC as well as 7 moderators for each day.
- Amy indicated she can have the Mini-college website up early with a “Coming Soon” message about Mini-college.

## **New Business:**

### **Recruitment/Succession – Chris Rusch**

Chris announced that Linda Coakley and Barbara Davidson will now be co-historians.

### **New Member Orientation – Chris Rusch**

The New Member Orientation will be held before the March 5<sup>th</sup> Board Members meeting and will be one hour or less. Information will be sent out in advance.

### **Agenda for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Board Meeting – Chris Rusch**

Orientation, Mini-college and 2021 goals are on the agenda. Please send Chris any additions to the agenda.

### **OMGA Goals for 2021**

The 2021 OMGA Goals were reviewed. Patrice Sipos motioned and Linda Coakley seconded the approval of the goals. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Unofficial poll for MG of the year – Chris Rusch**

An unofficial poll was emailed to all representatives asking if they were going to have MG of the year and Behind the Scenes awards in 2021. This was an unauthorized poll and does not reflect the position of OMGA. OMGA feels that MG’s are working harder than ever during these difficult times. They are being more creative to meet their goals. OMGA will put a memo together defining the difference between state and local awards. This item will be added to the March meeting agenda.

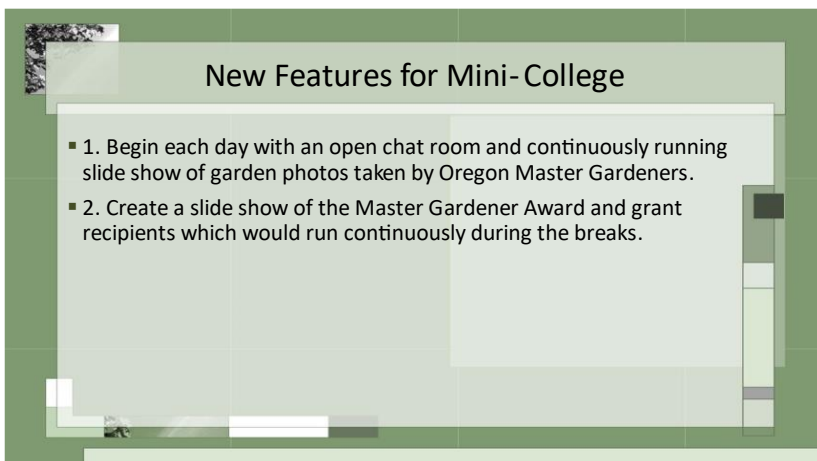
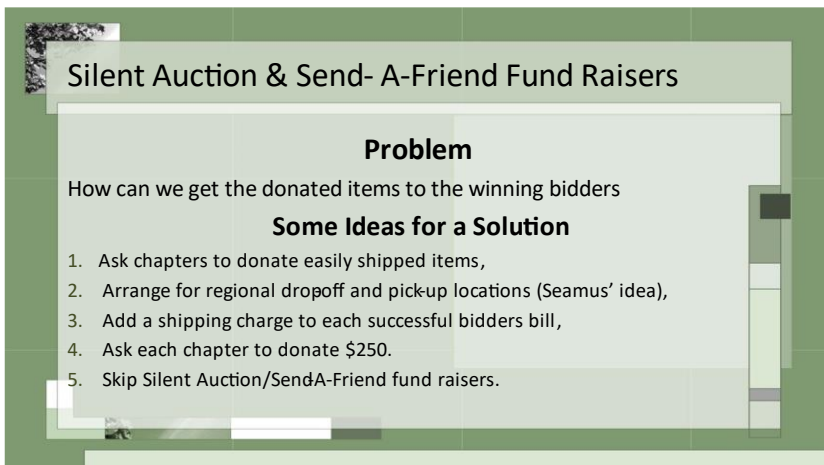
Business completed; the meeting was adjourned at 3:33.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon J. Bordeaux

Attachments:

(1) Mini-College Power Point



(2) December 1, 2020 OMGA 2021 Goals Retreat

## **Oregon Master Gardeners Association Goals for 2021**

### **Goal #1**

OMGA commits to providing leadership and support for a successful 2021 virtual mini-college.

### **Goal #2**

OMGA commits to partnering with OSU Extension in providing continuing education to our Master Gardeners by elevating our skills training in 2021.

### **Goal # 3**

OMGA commits to increasing our visibility and knowledge of services available throughout our broader regional community focusing on better communication, engagement with our chapters and improving our website updates.

### **Goal #4**

OMGA commits to improving OMGA recruitment by filling vacancies on our Executive Board and other important “heads of committees” positions. Most notable, our President Elect position remains vacant. Our Gardener’s Pen Newsletter needs a new editor. If we want to remain relevant and viable as an organization, we need to be able to have a strong executive board to keep up with the needs of our organization.

### **Goal #5**

OMGA renews our commitment to being an organization that supports diversity, inclusivity, and accessibility to all our membership and the community at large.