



2nd Quarter OMGA Executive Committee Meeting May 14, 2021 Via Zoom

President Chris Rusch called the meeting to order and welcomed the Executive Committee at 2:05.

Committee members in attendance:

President, Chris Rusch
Past Presidents, Sue Nesbitt & Eric Bosler
Secretary, Sharon Bordeaux
Database Manager, Seamus Ramirez

Mini-college committee members in attendance:

Eric Bosler
Sue Nesbitt

There were no additions to the agenda.

The minutes from the first quarter Executive Committee were sent to the Executive Committee for review. No additions or changes were made to the minutes.

The OSU Extension Program Coordinator Gail Langellotto was not in attendance

Treasurer's Report – Patrice Sipos

Patrice was not in attendance. She emailed copies of the Financial Report to the Executive Committee. There were no significant changes.

Database/List Serve – Seamus Ramirez

The database/list serve has been updated.



Mini-college Report – Sue Nesbitt and Eric Bosler

- To date there have been 100 registrations; hoping for 500
- The Workshops are nearly full.
- Facebook
 - Roxanne to link mini-college to Facebook
 - Will work to keep Mini-college ad on Facebook
- Jessica will be teaching “Invasive Species in Oregon”
- Silent Auction:
 - There will be no silent auction at Mini-college this year.
 - 12 Chapters have donated between \$150 - \$250. Funds will be used for Mini-college.
- The committee will continue intensive marketing of the Mini-college

Grants - Chris Rusch and Marcia Sherry

The following grant/award applications have been received to date:

- one application for Search for Excellence
- two applications for longevity award
- two applications for Extension Educator

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force – Chris Rusch

- Information from the task force will be relayed to OMGA
- Looking into curriculum – Maryland has a good program

Other: Have Jim Parks “Jazz Up” the OMGA website

New Business:

Recruitment/Succession – Chris Rusch

Nothing new to report

2nd Quarter Board Meeting Agenda

The meeting will be held on June 4th. Submit any agenda items to Chris.

Business completed; the meeting was adjourned at 2:38

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon J. Bordeaux
OMGA Secretary

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.

OMGA Mission

We are committed to sustainable gardening through:

- Partnering with the OSU Master Gardener Program to promote sustainable gardening practices.
- Advocating for funding to deliver the Master Gardener Program across Oregon.
- Fostering quality continuing education of all Master Gardeners