



2023 1st Quarter Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, February 3, 2023
Via Zoom, 3:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Rusch at 3 pm. Attending were President, Chris Rusch; Eric Bosler, Past President; Janet Magedanz, Treasurer; Linda Coakley, Historian; Ann Kinkley, OMGA Newsletter; Seamus Ramirez, Database/List Serve.

The Minutes from the October 7, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting were approved. The agenda was approved.

OSU Extension Program Coordinator Report – Gail Langellotto

Gail is on leave and unavailable to attend the meeting. The Board discussed the recent developments in a change in leadership for our Master Gardener Program. Dr. Gail Langellotto has decided to return to her passion of teaching and research and will be leaving as our program advisor July 1, 2023. She will be missed by all. We are extremely grateful for her many years of service and commitment to our program. Included is a letter Gail forwarded from Dr. Lyles updating the Master Gardener program for 2023.

"February 2, 2023

Dear Master Gardener Volunteers,

I write to share updates about the OSU Extension Master Gardener program for 2023.

Statewide program staffing and delivery recommendations

To support sustainable delivery of a quality, vibrant program, I charged a committee to advise on our statewide staffing and delivery model. The committee began work in August 2022 and was to deliver written recommendations by June 2023. Due to personnel transitions described below and other feedback to date, I have paused that committee's work and asked Sam Angima, associate dean for Extension in the College of Agricultural Sciences, and Bill Braunworth, horticulture department head, to assess current status and recommend next steps.

Personnel updates

Gail Langellotto, who currently serves as statewide program coordinator, has announced her decision to transition to a 100% teaching/research appointment, effective July 1. We expect that her teaching and research will remain focused on topics that are important to the Master Gardener curriculum. In addition, our faculty member who coordinates our Portland metro-area program has resigned from OSU, effective this month. We intend to move promptly to fill a position that will provide statewide program management and coordination and will conduct an expedited search to fill the regional coordinator role.

2023 program delivery

We are committed to providing 2023 Master Gardener training statewide this spring, including in our three metro-area counties (Clackamas, Washington, Multnomah). In the coming weeks, Sam will work closely with the metro-area Master Gardener associations and our faculty and staff to determine an approach to provide this opportunity in the three metro-area counties. Programming in other counties continues as planned.

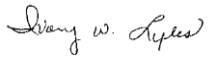
2023 state legislative funding

As a reminder, OSU's Statewide Public Service Programs (OSU Extension, Agricultural Experiment Station and Forest Research Lab) have a legislative funding request of \$206 million that includes funding to sustain current service levels and new programming focused on building resilient communities, food systems and natural resources across Oregon. Community horticulture is represented in this request, and we look forward to your engagement in the legislative process.

I know that Sam and Bill are committed to keeping you informed, addressing your questions as fully as possible, and continuing to seek your input as we move the program forward together.

Thank you, again, for your commitment to OSU Extension, your dedication to this important program and your service to Oregonians.

Sincerely,



Ivory W. Lyles

Vice Provost for Extension and Engagement and Director, Oregon State University Extension Service"

Financial Report – Janet Magedanz

Janet presented the OMGA Financial report (attached). As discussed in past meetings, we need to increase our dues for 2024. The Executive Committee approved increasing the dues to \$10 per member for 2024. We will present the proposal to the Board of Directors at our March 3 meeting for approval.

Database/List Serve – Seamus Ramirez

Seamus Ramirez reported that he is working on the updates to our database for our OMGA mailing list. It is really important to keep this list current. All Chapters please send in your latest information. Our new Roster will be available to all Chapters soon. The Executive Committee also discussed adding the Newsletter Editors to the List Serve database; the Board decided not to add the Newsletter Editors.

Historian Report – Linda Coakley

Historian Linda Coakley reported that the OMGA historical information has been updated on our website.

Gardener's Pen Newsletter – Ann Kinkley

Ann Kinkley reported she has sent our winter newsletter. It is the responsibility of the OMGA Chapters to make sure this is sent out to their membership. It is also posted on our website.

Advocacy Committee – Sherry Sheng

Sherry was not in attendance. The Executive Committee discussed the amazing progress of our Advocacy Committee headed up by Sherry Sheng. Check out the OMGA website for their updates: www.omga.org

Joy of Gardening Conference – Chris Rusch

The OMGA Joy of Gardening Conference will be July 7 and 8, 2023 at the OSU Alumni Center. Make sure to MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our keynote speaker for Saturday July 8 is Andony Melathopoulos, assistant professor for pollinator health at OSU. He will deliver a talk on his research on pollinators. Stay tuned for details as they develop.

Growing and Belonging Committee – Chris Rusch

The Growing and Belonging Committee continues to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in all programs. We encourage all Chapters to think about ways to celebrate Black History Month in February.

Policies and Procedures Committee – Chris Rusch

The Policies and Procedures committee is making progress on updates. The new OMGA Bylaws are posted on the OMGA website.

OMGA State Representative Orientation – Chris Rusch

An OMGA orientation is scheduled for **February 10 at 3 PM via zoom**. All OMGA reps., alternates, and others interested in OMGA activities are encouraged to attend.

OMGA Board of Directors first quarterly meeting for 2023 will be March 3.

Thank you everyone for your patience and support,
Chris Rusch
OMGA President

Oregon Master Gardener Association Meeting Schedule 2023	
Executive Committee	Board of Directors
Friday, February 3	Friday, March 3
Friday, May 5	Friday, June 2
Friday, August 4	Friday, September 8
Friday, October 6	Friday, November 3
Annual OMGA Retreat December 1, 2023	

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.

OREGON MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet

Cash Basis

As of January 31, 2023

	Jan 31, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BANK	
OMGA Checking 7761 Chase	11,402.38
Business M/M Fund 3652 Chase	21,727.38
CD #644850-16 Advantis	1,635.85
Total BANK	34,765.61
Restricted Accounts	
Equip. Replac Fund Chase 6807	2,126.68
OMGA Send-A-Friend Sav. 4448	2,905.06
Total Restricted Accounts	5,031.74
Total Checking/Savings	39,797.35
Other Current Assets	
E*Trade Account Current Value	76,338.71
Total Other Current Assets	76,338.71
Total Current Assets	116,136.06
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	62,945.54
32000 - Retained Earnings	47,702.97
Net Income	5,487.55
Total Equity	116,136.06
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OREGON MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION
Profit & Loss
January 2023

Cash Basis

	Jan 23
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
INTEREST INCOME	
Interest income	0.26
E-Trade dividends	43.75
E-Trade fair mkt value adjust	5,443.54
Total INTEREST INCOME	5,487.55
Total Income	5,487.55
Net Ordinary Income	5,487.55
Net Income	5,487.55