



**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Board of Directors Meeting  
November 3, 2023, 3 pm  
Zoom Meeting**

**Welcome – Chris Rusch**

Chris introduced the Executive Committee. A total of 32 Executive Committee members, State Representatives, alternate State Representatives and guests attended the meeting.

**Addition to Agenda:**

How the Master Gardener of the Year is awarded. The agenda was approved as amended.

**Approval of the Minutes of the September meeting:**

Diane Devens motioned, Janet Magedanz seconded and motion passed.

**REPORTS/INFORMATION**

**Oregon Garden Research Project Fund – Sherry Sheng**

Sherry discussed a proposal to fund garden research at the OSU Garden Ecology Lab through university labs that focus on the study of gardens. The Garden Ecology League will provide advice and feedback on Garden Ecology Lab projects, including research findings. They also plan to provide printed research-based garden information to gardeners. Oregon and Florida currently have Garden Ecology Leagues. There are plans for 10 more Garden Ecology Leagues; 4 in 2023 and 6 in 2024.

(Note: At the October 6, 2023 Executive Committee meeting, Leslie Ray made and Janet Magedanz seconded a motion to make an annual contribution of \$1,000 to the Garden Ecology Lab. The motion passed unanimously.)

**4th Quarter Financial Report Year to Date – Janet Magedanz**

The only activity was interest income for the Month of October. We are in a strong financial position. A copy of the financials is attached to the minutes.

**2024 OMGA Budget proposal – Janet Magedanz**

Janet reviewed the 2024 budget draft approved by the Executive Committee at their October 6th meeting.

Eric Bosler made a motion to approve the 2024 as presented. Patrice Sipos seconded the motion. The budget was unanimously passed as presented.

**Database/List Serve/Vacancy – Seamus Rameriz**

Missy Bright of Clackamas County will be replacing Seamus Rameriz as the Database/List Serve manager.

**Newsletter – Ann Kinkley**

Last in September and the next will be in February. Jim Parks, Web Master, has set up a system to track how many people view or newsletter.

**Historian update – Linda Coakley**

Linda has received pictures for 2018 so will be amending the report. Linda is now working on 2019.

**Joy of Gardening Conference Update – Chris Rusch**

Send Chris an email if you would like to be on the Joy of Gardening Conference committee email Chris Rusch at [crusch3837@gmail.com](mailto:crusch3837@gmail.com). The next Joy of Gardening planning meeting will be November 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. The date of the 2024 Joy of Gardening Conference is July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## **Policies and Procedures Update – Leslie Ray**

Leslie Ray made the first reading the Policies and Procedures document provided to the attendees. Karen from WCMGA indicated that if OMGA applies for a grant, OMGA might need to supply a DEI policy (OMGA follows the OSU policy). Leslie Ray added the information to the policy. Leslie Ray will email a copy of policy and procedures with today's updates. Chris recommended that we review and update the policy annually.

## **MG Coordinator search committee update – Chris Rusch**

The committee interviewed two candidates over the past two days. Chris will send out a recording of the two presentations. Attached to the email will be a survey to be completed and returned by November 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **How is the Master Gardener of the Year Selected?**

There are two separate awards: One at the county level and one at the state level. You do not have to receive the county award to receive the state award.

“Each year, at the Joy of Gardening conference, the Oregon State University Extension Master Gardener Program and the Oregon Master Gardener Association recognize Master Gardener volunteers at the Statewide and County Level.

Statewide award recipients are selected by the OMGA Awards Committee from all nominations that are received. County Master Gardeners of the Year are cooperatively selected by local Associations and Master Gardener Program staff.

The OMGA Awards committee is comprised of the Statewide Master Gardener Program Leader, the OMGA President Elect, and the past three winners of the Statewide Master Gardener of the Year and Statewide Behind the Scenes award winners. The OMGA Awards committee uses a set of [criteria for statewide master gardener awards](#). Understanding the awards criteria can help you to better plan and build a compelling application for your county's nominee.”

### **OMGA December 1<sup>st</sup> retreat agenda**

- What do we do in 2024
- Strategic Plan
- Ask chapters what they would like to see from OMGA
  - 2023 goals – how did we do
  - 2024 create new goals

### **Nomination/approval of OMGA Executive Board for 2024:**

President	Chris Rusch
President Elect	
Vice President	Leslie Ray
Secretary	
Treasurer	Janet Magedanz

Eric Bosler moved and Ann Kinkley Seconded the approval of the executive committee. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon J Bordeaux, Secretary  
Oregon Master Gardener Association

Meeting Dates for 2024:

Oregon Master Gardener Association Meeting Schedule 2024	
Executive Committee	Board of Directors
Friday, February 2	Friday, March 1
Friday, May 3	Friday, June 7
Friday, August 2	Friday, September 6
Friday, October 4	Friday, November 1
Annual OMGA Retreat December 6, 2024	

## 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  
Statement of Financial Position  
October 31, 2023

	ASSETS		
	Current Assets		
	Checking/Savings		
1	BANK		
2		OMGA Checking 7761 Chase	\$16,741
3		CD #644850-16 Advantis	1,636
4		Total BANK	18,377
5	Restricted Accounts		
6		TCD - Send-A-Friend (3810)	2,349
7		TCD-Equipment Replacemt (3809)	2,172
8		OMGA Send-A-Friend Sav. 4448	1,126
9		Total Restricted Accounts	5,647
10		Total Checking/Savings	24,024
11	Other Current Assets		
12		Chase Bank TCD due 2/29/2024	100,846
13		Total Other Current Assets	100,846
14		Total Current Assets	124,870
15	TOTAL ASSETS		\$124,870
16	LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
17	Equity		
18		Opening Balance Equity	\$62,946
19		Retained Earnings	47,703
20		Net Income	14,222
21		Total Equity	124,871
22	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		\$124,870

OREGON MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION  
Statement of Financial Activities  
For the One and Ten Months Ended October 31, 2023

		October	Year to Date
	Ordinary Income/Expense		
	Income		
1	INTEREST INCOME	\$428	\$1,343
2	E-Trade fair mkt value adjust	0	7,561
3	Miscellaneous income	0	959
4	ANNUAL CHAPTER DUES	0	10,931
5	DONATIONS	0	70
6	Total Income	428	20,864
7	Expense		
8	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	0	6,375
9	GRANTS	0	3,700
10	69800 - Misc. & Unbudgeted Expenses	0	50
11	Total Expense	0	10,125
12	Net Ordinary Income	428	10,739
13	Other Income/Expense		
14	Other Income		
15	JOY OF GARDENING REVENUE	0	23,156
16	Total Other Income	0	23,156
17	Other Expense		
18	JOY OF GARDENING EXPENSES	0	19,673
19	Total Other Expense	0	19,673
20	Net Other Income	0	3,483
21	Net Income	\$428	\$14,222