



OMGA 4th Quarter Executive Board Meeting Agenda  
Oct. 04, 2024, 3:30 PM Zoom

Oct. 10, 2024 3:30 pm Zoom		
Agenda Item	Discussion/Notes	Discussion Leader
<b>Welcome &amp; roll call</b>	Chris opened the meeting at 3:32 Chris Rusch, Laura Strom, Leslie Madsen, Leslie Ray, Linda Coakley, Eric, Janet, Cary Wasem-Varela	Chris Rusch
<b>Agenda Review &amp; additions</b>	Skipping Advocacy Report	All
<b>Approval of the Aug minutes</b>	No minutes were posted to the website so will revisit this at the next meeting.	All
<b>Reports/Information</b>		
<b>OSU Extension Program Coordinator report</b>	<p>Shared document <a href="#">OSU Extension Master Gardener Program proposals</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Issue #1:</b> Discussed previously trained MGs that have not recertified but are still involved and associate members who have not ever taken the MG training. Each county represented in the Executive Board shared how their association handles this. Would the board support a working group for this? Board members agree that this is important.</li> <li>● <b>Issue #2:</b> Guidelines about who calls themselves an MG has liability ramifications especially when volunteers are representing OSU and giving information to the public.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Deschutes, Crook, &amp; Jefferson Counties are the only areas where association members are all currently certified MGs as they have that requirement in their bylaws.</li> <li>○ Leslie would like associations to discuss/decide who are members of good standing and decide upon standardized terms and rules for “members,” “associates,” “members of good standing,” “retired members,” “MG Volunteer,” etc.</li> <li>○ Clarity and consistency are needed. Is this something that should come from the associations, OMGA, and/or OSU Coordinators?</li> <li>○ <a href="#">OSU Guide to Being a Master Gardener Volunteer</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Issue #3:</b> All MGs (regardless of certification status) must complete background checks (sex offender registry) and youth training. Additionally, anyone who works with youth or with chemicals (pesticides and herbicides qualify) must have a criminal background check. Everyone associated with OSU is a mandatory reporter.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Leslie is leaning toward putting this training into the MG training and recertifying people take it as well.</li> <li>○ If people are volunteering in any capacity, they need to have a background check and take the training.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Dr. Leslie Madsen

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Members were supposed to have the sex offender check but not all have been following this.</li> <li>● <b>Issue #4:</b> Are there any products that are safe and could be used to propagate from root cuttings that will not transmit pathogens or pests (i.e. jumping worms)? Would the board support a working group for this? Board members agree that this is important.</li> </ul>	
<b>4th Quarter Financial Report Year to Date</b>	<p><a href="#">4th Quarter Financial Report</a> (emailed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The motion to take \$30K and put into a CD is reflected</li> <li>● \$130K is available</li> </ul> <p><b>2025 Budget:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Consider having a reduced membership fee for Associations with low resources. <b>Leslie moved that we reduce member dues to \$5, Janet seconded. All agreed.</b></li> <li>● Increase the Extension Educator and Carl Carlson Grants to four grants of \$1000 each for <b>each</b> grant (\$4000 for the Extension Educator Grant and \$4000 for the Carl Carlson Grant). <b>Motion made by Leslie, Cary seconded. All agreed.</b></li> <li>● <b>Leslie moved to increase the Search for Excellence Grant to \$1000. Janet seconded. All agreed.</b></li> </ul>	Janet
<b>Database/List Serve</b>	Not present	Missy Bright
<b>Newsletter</b>	Recent edition of <a href="#">The Gardener's Pen</a> (emailed)	Ann Kinkley
<b>Historian updates</b>	No comments	Linda Coakley
<b>Joy of Gardening Conference</b>	No additional comments. There was a vote at the last meeting to proceed with the conference in 2025, but no decisions have been made. A planning committee will convene to make plans/decisions. Chris will send out a notice to all chapters for any members interested in helping plan.	Chris
<b>Advocacy report</b>	No updates	Laura Strom
<b>Website committee report</b>	No update	Leslie
<b>MOU Status</b>	Waiting for the addition of Civil Rights language and should be completed very soon.	Chris
<b><u>New Business</u></b>		
<b>Approve OMGA Budget for 2025</b>	See above "4th Quarter Financial Report Year to Date" <b>Chris moves we approve the 2025 budget, Cary seconds. Chris will send an email to Leslie and Janet for a quorum vote.</b>	
<b>Executive Board</b>	Need a President Elect position	

<b>Nominations for 2025</b>	Need more people interested in OMGA board positions.	
<b>OMGA Dec. 6th Retreat Agenda</b>	Not discussed.	