

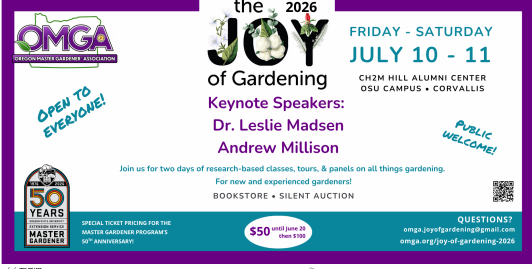


OMGA Q2 Executive Board Meeting May 1, 2026 3:30-5:30p via Zoom

Agenda Item	Discussion/Notes	Discussion Leader
Welcome, Agenda Review	<p>President Rusch opened the meeting 3:33pm</p> <p>PRESENT: President - Chris Rusch Vice President - Leslie Ray President Elect - Shelby Schuppe Past President - Eric Bosler Treasurer - Patrice Sipos Secretary - Lindsey McNab Historian - Linda Coakley Newsletter - Ann Kinkley Database/List Serve - Missy Bright OSU Prog Coord. - Leslie Madsen</p>	Chris Rusch
Agenda Review & Additions	<p>Treasurer Sipos made one addition to the Agenda under "New Business":</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion of the Treasurer's job <p>President Elect Schuppe also made one addition to the Agenda under "New Business":</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion of OSU MOUs. <p>All approved of the agenda as amended with the additions.</p>	All
Approval of the February Executive BOD minutes	<p>Minutes are on the website ← CLICK TO VIEW</p> <p>All approved of the minutes as posted.</p>	All
Reports/Information		
OSU Extension Program Coordinator's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DAM Proud Day Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DAM proud day occurred on Wednesday April 29th. ○ We were a feature program. ○ \$17,000 was raised by the program. Dr. Madsen expressed 	Dr. Leslie Madsen

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ gratitude for all the individuals and groups that gave. ○ You can still give if you wish to make a donation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Contact Leslie Madsen for details - leslie.madsen@oregonstate.edu ● OSU Master Gardener Merch Store Launch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The high quality merchandise store that LeAnn Locher has been working on for the last year will launch in the week following this meeting. ○ Leslie Ray asked about having a merch table at the JOG Conference. Dr. Madsen explained that the store is print on demand but that maybe there could be some samples available. She noted that smaller items like magnets will be printed in bulk, though, and can be sold at the conference. ● Seed to Supper Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many courses are underway and have been receiving good feedback. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Josephine County has a class with 31 students and they have been able to secure a location with garden beds to use for the classes. ■ Columbia County has 5 separate courses underway. ■ Umatilla County has a course that has been given entirely in Spanish. ○ Leann Locher will be writing a feature about Seed to Supper for the OSU Blog and Dr. Madsen encouraged the group to make sure that facilitators are filling out the online registration so that we can keep accurate data on how many classes are being given and where. ● MOU Creation with Organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Madsen informed the group that OSU has decided that they want to create MOUs with each individual county, not just OMGA to account for the variety of circumstances each county presents that is unique from other counties and/or the state organization. ○ This process is already underway. Some have been established, some are in progress, and some are just beginning. ○ Dr. Madsen also warned the group that in some MOUs there has been language about the certification status of Master Gardeners. She recognized that this has been a contentious topic but expressed that we will work together to achieve the best outcome for all. She also cited that 20% of active volunteers are not certified. ○ For any questions about this contact Leslie Madsen - leslie.madsen@oregonstate.edu 	
<p>Q1 Financial Report YTD Highlights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Treasurer Sipos went over the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Sheet with the group. ● She explained that things will run a little low of what we have for the JOG Conference until we have everything in hand, but all will be reflected once things are divided out into their respective categories. ● Linda Coakley asked to be able to have the balance sheets sent out 	<p>Patrice Sipos</p>

	<p>prior to the Executive Board Meetings so that they can be reviewed ahead of time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eric Bosler commented that we should make sure that the chapters know the complexity of what the OMGA Treasurer does for the organization. 	
<p>Database/List Serve</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missy Bright had no updates to share. Patrice asked about the addresses for each chapter. Missy stated that those records are no longer kept as the addresses for the chapters is the extension office address in that county. Dr. Madsen shared the list of these addresses with Patrice. 	<p>Missy Bright</p>
<p>Newsletter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Editor Kinkley stated that the upcoming newsletter will focus largely on the conference and the 50th anniversary. She mentioned potentially adding an article on the OMGA Treasurer duties. She will also put in information about the state awards. Patrice suggested adding information about the new merch store. Ann said she would contact LeAnn about it. If anyone has ideas to share send them to Ann - gardenerspen@gmail.com 	<p>Ann Kinkley</p>
<p>Historian</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historian Coakley had no updates to share. 	<p>Linda Coakley</p>
<p>Joy of Gardening</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The JOG Poster was shared with the group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you Missy for your work on this! JOG Poster PDF ← CLICK TO VIEW <div data-bbox="630 1129 1068 1690" data-label="Image"> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JOG Slide PDF ← CLICK TO VIEW 	<p>Chris</p>

	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action Item: Share the poster to chapter Facebook pages. ○ Action Item: Benton and Linn counties should also hang the posters where appropriate. ● Chris reported that 58 people are currently signed up and Missy stated that at this time last year 52 were registered, so we are ahead this year so far. ● Emails have been sent about the silent auction. ● The next planning meeting is May 11th at 3:30pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If you want to become involved in the JOG Planning Working Group contact Chris - crusch3837@gmail.com 	
<p>OMGA Grants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chris reminded the group that all grant applications are due on May 15th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The applications can be found on the website ← CLICK TO VIEW ● So far 3 grant applications have been received along with a few Send a Friend requests. ● It was also noted that there is a grant available that goes specifically to county coordinators that the counties should be made aware of. ● Action Item - Be sure your chapters know of the approaching deadline. 	<p>Chris</p>
<p>Growing & Belonging Working Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shelby Schuppe noted that she had sent a poll to schedule the next meetings but had received little response. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lindsey McNab shared that she had not received the poll so maybe others had not either and that was the cause of the low response rate. ○ Shelby plans to select a day/time going forward as opposed to continuing to poll. ● Shelby commented that the group is slow going on the goals as hiccups have occurred with how to share information between the chapters. She and the group will be continuing to work to find a resolution for this. ● The next meeting is May 12th at 4pm. ● If you are interested in joining the group contact Shelby - shelby.e.schuppe@gmail.com 	<p>Shelby Schuppe</p>
<p>Seed to Supper Working Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lindsey McNab reported on the group's March meeting. ● Topics included discussing what classes are underway or planned for the season, the target population, working with community partners, and wishes for the JOG panel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Desired topics for the JOG panel include how to start a 	<p>Lindsey McNab</p>

	<p>program from scratch, a preview of the materials, and best practices shared from those experienced with leading the classes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lindsey mentioned coordinating with Dr. Madsen to ensure that the list of what is being done where is as accurate as possible. • Contact Lindsey to become involved in the Seed to Supper Working Group - lindseykcnab22@gmail.com • The next meeting is in June - date/time are still TBD 	
Website Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leslie Ray shared that the website is up and running and is easy to navigate. • Eric expressed gratitude for the work done on the website and stated that the results are beautiful. • Please check it out!! - OMGA Website ← CLICK TO VIEW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Comments can be sent to Leslie Ray (rayleslien1@comcast.net) or Chris (crusch3837@gmail.com) 	Leslie Ray
Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris stated that there has been no activity aside from the push for DAM Proud Day. • Action Item - The OMGA Advocacy position is still open. Contact Chris if you are interested - crusch3837@gmail.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ It was suggested that the need for someone to fill this position should be posted in the newsletter. 	Chris
<u>New Business/Discussions</u>		
MOUs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelby noted that her chapter is currently going through the MOU process. She explained that OMGA is named in the proposed MOU and suggested that because of this, OMGA should have more of a part in the development of chapter MOAs. • Chris suggested being a part of the review process and mentioned setting up a working group amongst Executive Board members to look at this topic. 	Shelby
Recognition of Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice President Ray noted that all Executive Board members need to state that they have read and understood the OMGA Conflict of Interest Policy and the OMGA Whistleblower Policy. • She went through each member for stated recognition on the Conflict of Interest Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Eric Bosler, Missy Bright, and Patrice Sipos deferred, all others acknowledged. • She then went through each member for stated recognition on the Whistleblower Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Eric Bosler and Missy Bright deferred, all others acknowledged. • These policies are posted on the website ← CLICK TO VIEW <p>Post-meeting Addendum: Eric Bosler, Missy Bright, and Patrice Sipos all acknowledged via email their recognition of the Conflict of Interest Policy.</p>	Leslie

	Eric Bosler and Missy Bright both acknowledged via email their recognition of the Whistleblower Policy.	
July 9th Meeting and Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chris reminded the group of the planned, in-person, July 9th meeting and reception from 2-5pm at the Benton County Extension office. ● She asked what kind of meeting we would like to have. Whether it should be a formal meeting or an informal reception. She also asked who should be invited and if there should be refreshments or not. ● Eric commented that it could be a good opportunity to cover some of the difficult topics, like a short presentation about the Treasurer position. ● Patrice liked the idea of the informal reception where those attending share 2-3 sentences about themselves. ● Ann suggested to open the meeting to everyone, not just chapter representatives. ● Chis thought it might be good to begin with an over of the OMGA representatives responsibilities. ● Light, packaged food that could be used at the conference if left over was also suggested, as was a cooler with drinks. ● Eric expressed concerns about dorm check-in time, but Chris believes that it does not end until 8pm. She will check on this. 	Chris
Treasurer Position and Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Patrice shared that there are currently many tasks assigned to the Treasurer position that should not be. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For instance, handling the orange cards, as this feels like more of a membership duty. ● She explained that the tax reports have become very arduous and thus some of the other tasks would be better assigned to someone else. ● She also suggested the creation of an Assistant Treasurer position. ● Missy agreed that the Treasurer job is such a big task that it would be good to have someone else able to assist and know what to do to potentially take over the position down the road. ● Chris suggested putting together a working group to work on the description of an Assistant Treasurer. ● Patrice also noted that we need to resubscribe to Quickbooks and that we may need to consider switching to the online version so that an Assistant Treasurer could have access. 	Patrice
Next OMGA Meetings	<p>Meeting adjourned at 5:26pm</p> <p>General Board Meeting - June 5, 2026 3:30-5:30pm</p> <p>Executive Board Meeting - August 7, 2026 3:30-5:30pm</p>	Chris

Respectfully Submitted By *Lindsey McNab*, 2026 OMGA Secretary