

WIMGA Board Meeting – January 4, 2024

President Marilyn G called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm.

Roll call:

Present: Becky G, Diane K, Diane T, Hali D, Janet M, Linda G, Marilyn G, Robynn P, Vicky H

Excused: Ellen G, Roseann M

Approval of Minutes of December 7, 2023

A motion was made by Diane T to approve the minutes as amended, Linda G seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report Update

The treasurer's reports are accepted as presented, subject to audit.

Continuing Education Committee Report

Becky G reported that the line up for 2024 includes Craig Lehoullier, Container Gardening on January 16; Vanessa Mueller, New Trees for the Landscape, on February 15; Mark Dwyer, Adaptive Gardening on April 11.

A three part series by Dianna Afulth will be offered in March 4, 11, and 18th on Environmentally Friendly Landscaping in a Changing Climate Waiting for the September speaker about herbs to get back to Vicky H. Talking about taking a break for October and November. Working on streamlining the registration for the webinar.

Communications Committee Report

Hali D did get the newsletter out in the new format. There are no documents attached to it, just links back to the website. Hali feels that it might have gotten some attention as there were seven new comments in one day that were left. Linda G has been working on the website links to the associations.

Status of Call for District Director Candidates

An email went out by district (Northern, Eastern, Western and Central). There were four applications received, with one for Eastern and three for the Northern district. We will pass on the applicants received to the district/local reps in the Eastern and Northern districts to vote on whom to accept. The idea is to ask local reps in the Western and Central districts to pass the application on their members again.

Board Term Rotation/Expirations

This will have to be done as new district directors are added. The last time it was updated was 2022. Hali D will take a look at the current list and update it. It was mentioned that we should make this to match the current fiscal year.

Annual Meeting Agenda/Information/PowerPoint Review

Marilyn G is working on the deck, following the agenda from last year. The annual meeting minutes from 2022 are missing; working on the financial section; and graphs will be updated. The district directors will meet at 4:30 pm to hold elections for the executive position for Vice President and approve the 2024 budget. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm and have the speaker on call to start at 7:00 if the meeting doesn't go too long.

Looking for people to monitor the educational presentation for questions to give to the speaker at the end. Hali D, Marilyn G, and Vicky H will monitor the chat room.

Focus Group for Awards/Honors Update

The first meeting was held. It was more a meet and greet and what will be covered going forward.

Update on Proposed Meetings with Program Office and Executive Committee to Define Roles

This is to define what the program office does and what WIMGA does. WIMGA will put together a document that states what we do now. Then get back together with the program office to review their list against WIMGA's list.

District Directors will meet on January 18 at 4:30 pm to start working on the list.

2024 Committee Assignments - Addition of Awards Committee

There is a document of current committee structure and a document with the proposed committee structure for the future, that includes sub sets. This will be looked at a future date and once the new district directors are in place.

Send Marilyn G an email with any committees you would be interested in being on.

Final Schedule for 2024 Board Meeting Dates

Marilyn G put together a proposed meeting list based on current schedule. The month of July will be skipped as the last two years.

New Business

Proposed Dates for Local Rep (2/5 and 10/7) and Association President's Meetings (2/29 and 11/20) in 2024.

Becky G mentioned that Columbia County has their website up and running. This was created as a sub website from the WIMGA WIX account. This should be brought to the attention of other associations as an option for their group.

Adjournment

Vicky H made a motion to adjourn. Janet M seconded it.

Adjourned at 5:54 pm.