

WIMGA Board Meeting – February 3, 2022

President Marilyn G called the meeting to order at 4:35.

Roll call:

Present: Becky G, Byron H, Diane K, Diane T, Hali D, Jackie S, Janet M, Marilyn G, Nancy J, Roseann M, Vicky H

Absent: Dawn H, Laurie M, Robynn P

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Vicky H to approve the minutes, Diane T seconded.
Approved.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report is accepted as submitted, subject to audit.

Debrief on What Board is Hearing from MGs Regarding Program Office Changes

Northwest biggest concern is the liability issue.

Racine-Kenosha has a grave concern due to the membership declining over the past two years. Frustrated by the on-line and computer part of this; rather have hands in the dirt rather than on the computer.

The computer and accessing the Internet are one issue, and then there are those who just don't want to do it. Some areas of the state don't have reliable Internet access and/or non at all – they are being sent paper copies to do.

There was a suggestion to have the program office send out the information of what individuals can do, which actually came out in an email from Jay today.

Debrief on Recent Interactions with Program Office

Jay and Marilyn are meeting monthly, unless something comes up before and they meet on demand.

A help sheet being put together for the partner that master gardeners are meeting with to guide them through the sign up process.

Creating a checklist for direction on what is acceptable from an educational perspective.

They are working on a way to give everyone notification of their hours and if they are certified or not. This might come out within the next two weeks.

New Business

> Ideas for Potential WIMGA Educational Event for Members

Becky G said that the Education Committee met and the goal is to help association to host conferences and leadership conference for our membership.

Brainstormed a list of educational opportunities that might interest members and reps.

One person who has been contacted, Dr. Irwin Goldman, has a talk about plants and human wellbeing, and he would be honored to work with master gardeners and share that.

Perhaps doing something on a quarterly basis for members via Zoom.

Diane T has a resource that is willing to do a Zoom presentation about types of insurance options and what associations would need for liability; homeowners insurance covers some circumstances but not all. To go forward he will need the number of associations and members, which Byron H can pull together based on last year's data.

Face-to-Face meeting could include the risk management and liability issues; by-laws could be another discussion item

Hali D - Communications committee met and will be working on updating the website, which has broken links; getting more help with the newsletter.

> Update on Nominations for At Large Director

Diane T is up for renewal and is willing to run again.

Steve Lankton, from Manitowoc, has nominated himself to run.

The information will be in the newsletter.

Adjournment

Diane T made a motion to adjourn, second by Roseann M. Approved.

Adjourned at 5:25 pm.