

WIMGA Board Meeting – September 1, 2022

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

Roll call:

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

Absent: Laurie M

Approval of Minutes

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

Treasurer's Update

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

Program Office

Marilyn G spoke with Jay – no milestone awards for this year, a suggestion was to just print off the certificate off the ORS; failed search for a volunteer coordinator; suggested to send the job notice to River Falls where they have a strong horticulture program; will be posted in other places other than the UW system; extended the date to register for the Foundations of Horticulture because they had two different databases for this class in place that didn't cross over to each other; discussion about the program office revisiting a suggestion of ways to recognize milestones for master gardeners

Continuing Education Committee Update

Tova Martin has been confirmed for the annual meeting with a presentation about houseplants. The date for the annual meeting is December 1, 2022.

Ideas for speakers are lined up for 2023.

Communications Committee

A meeting will be held next week, with the idea to break everyone into three groups to handle social, newsletter, and website; website redesign is high on the list to do. Committee members can be just master gardener volunteers.

By Laws Committee

The committee met and did an overview of what items need to be updated to match the changing environment. The treasurer position seems to be very specialized and might be something to reconsider to find someone. Dues should be going to Diane Kachel at this time. The plan is to tackle the easier items first; and then to think creatively about solutions.

Review of Treasurer Job Responsibilities

Discussion about having committees for finalizing the responsibly; membership; and grants would be permanent for as needed. Should we add an assistant treasurer, what would this position look like? Auditing – a committee is appointed each by the board to do the audit each year. Insurance is another topic to be reviewed.

District Director Position

The person has to be an association WIMG rep to be a district director. Looking for a list of the districts and which counties are in each one. Another project is to update the handbook in the future. These types of documents could reside on the website in electronic form.

New Business

A conversation between Marilyn G, Hali D and Mary Wolverton about SEW having a conference in the future – possibility fall of 2023. One of the concerns is looking at the financial risk and how to avoid this. The possibility of doing a one day seminar; open to the public at a higher fee; holding the WIMGA annual meeting after the seminar; meals are an issue, perhaps finding someone to sponsor these; finding volunteers to help with the event.

Adjournment

Diane T made a motion to adjourn, second by Jackie S. Approved.

Adjourned at 5:33 pm.