

AMGA Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

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April 5, 2022

The AMGA Advisory Council met on April 5, 2022, at 10 am on ZOOM. The meeting had been rescheduled due to a conflict with the State Conference and was a ZOOM meeting due to inclement weather around the state. Advisory Council Chair, Debbie Boutelier, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

ROLL CALL: There were 25 County Associations represented with a total of 56 on the ZOOM meeting.

AC Chair, Debbie Boutelier, thanked Caroline Etheriedge, Webmaster for posting the February meeting minutes on the website. Cynthia Kershaw, Shoals MG, moved to accept the minutes as posted on the website, Mary Eleanor Hines, Capital City MG, seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

AMGA CONFERENCE: Devonne Ellis, AMGA Vice President, reminded members of the upcoming 2022 conference, May 2-4, 2022 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, Montgomery, AL

2022 Conference: Janice Jackson, Capital City MG, announced that regular registration ended March 31, 2022. There are currently 256 members who have registered. Late registration is open until April 20, 2022. A tour to "Lilly's Garden" has been added at 12:45 pm on Tuesday. No registration is required. The Conference will start at 8:45 am on May 3, 2022, instead of 9 am. There will be vendors in the building for 3 days. On May 3, 2022, vendors will be available from 7:30 am until 5 pm. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted for the Silent Auction. Ms. Jackson thanked Mobile, Calhoun and Chilton County Master Gardeners for their support and assistance.

2023 Conference: Don Sutton, Tuscaloosa County Master Gardeners, reported the committee is meeting regularly. Speakers have been confirmed and the site has been booked. They are inviting local hotels/motels to provide group rates.

2024 Conference: The Conference will be in Baldwin County in Daphne.

ACES REPORT: Kerry Smith

Kerry Smith reported two Search for Excellence winners will have tables on display at the State Conference. The Volunteer Opps bulletin is available to anyone who subscribes. Information on the Citrus Canker disease in South Carolina is forthcoming. Kerry thanked those who contribute.

LMGA GENERAL DISCUSSION: Exchange of Ideas

Members shared experiences and ideas on the following topics:

1. Developing Community Projects
2. Ideas for Workshops and Speakers
3. List of Master Gardener Sponsored Gardens

A questionnaire for names/addresses of MG maintained gardens will be sent out to the membership.

4. All Work-No Fun-Developing Social Activities

Information will be compiled and distributed to members as a resource.

5 Bookkeeping/Budgeting Tools

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Spring Pathways is on the website.

The next meeting is planned for August 2, 2022, at 10 am at Petals from the Past, Jemison, AL

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda J. Redman

Advisory Council Secretary