

**Dallas County Master Gardener Association
Business Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2024**

The 2024 DCMGA Business Meeting was held on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at the Care Church, Richardson, Texas.

Monica Nagle, DCMGA President, thanked the following retiring Board members for their service on the 2023-2024 Board:

- Monica Nagle, President
- Abbe Bolich, Past President
- Sue John, Treasurer
- Leslie Densmore, Secretary
- Nancy Black, 1st VP Fundraising
- Sue Smith, 2nd VP, Membership
- Glen McGee, Director at Large - Projects and Volunteer Engagement
- Neal Howard, Director at Large - Innovation and Technology

Abbe Bolich, Nominating Committee chair, thanked the following members for their work and assistance: Fern Brown, Helen Dulac, Lewis Frias, Cynthia Jones.

Abbe presented the following slate of candidates for the 2025 – 2026 DCMGA Board (January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026):

- President - Glen McGee
- 1st VP, Fundraising - Lisa Loughmiller
- 2nd VP, Member Services - Janet Lane
- Secretary - Christine Lichtenwalter
- Treasurer - AnneMarie Krupa
- Director-at-Large Project Maintenance and Volunteer Engagement - Lorraine Hellinghausen
- Director-at-Large Innovation and Technology - Tamara Luce

The following members were presented for the 2025-2026 Slate of Non-Board Candidates:

- TMGA Director - Don Heaberlin
- TMGA Director - Shea Mayberry
- TMGA Alternate Director - Lisa Laclede
- TMGA Alternate Director - Joellyn Nobbe
- Nominating Committee member - Margaret Hranitzky
- Nominating Committee member - Ned Buxton

A quorum was present; Tig Thompson verified that all candidates were in good standing as stipulated in the DCMGA Bylaws.

Beverly Barry made a motion to accept the proposed candidates; Monica Nagle seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Monica Nagle thanked the following members for all their contributions to DCMGA over the last two years:

- Rick Coke - Budget/Financial Policies
- Cynthia Jones and Zandra Faris - Communications
- Cindy Large - Continuing Education
- Barry Bloom - Garden Consultation Team
- Elaine Webster and Team - Garden Tour
- Rick Coke and Cindy Large - Help Desk
- Joellyn Nobbe – Investments; TMGA
- Dorothy Thompson - Media IT
- Barbara Anderson - Parliamentarian, Bylaws
- Cookie Peadon - Speakers Bureau
- Tig Thompson - Statistics
- Janet Lane - Taste of the Garden
- DCMGA Finance

DCMGA Account Balances as of 9/30/24:

• Bank CD @4.95% due 11/17/25	\$199,548.36
• Oakwood Bank – money market	\$147, 178.42
• Raymond James – investments	\$ 61, 370.22
• Bank of America – checking	\$ 54,957.27
• Petty Cash	\$ 128.00
• Inventory (Merchandise)	\$ 4,081.00
TOTAL	\$467,263.57

PKS Update

While all DCMGs are encouraged to provide research-based horticulture knowledge to the public, effective immediately, there is no longer a minimum number of PKS hours required for certification.

DCMGA Dues:

- No change in dues amount for 2025
- \$30 if paid on or before Dec 31, 2024
- \$40 if paid after Dec 31, 2024

DCMGA Membership Benefits:

- Limited accident and liability insurance coverage when working at the projects or an approved event.
- Cover the initial cost of graduation and anniversary badges (\$14.50).
- Cover the cost of recognition awards.
- State-level (TMGA) membership dues (\$5).
- Eligible to serve as a board member, committee chair, or committee member.
- Lunch at the annual business meeting in October.

DCMG & Community Support

- Funding for the DCMG website
- \$5000 annual scholarship to a Dallas County student with a horticulture major.
(Increased from \$2500 in 2024)
- Funding for DCMG projects.
- Funding for horticulture outreach.

TMGA Mandated Fees

- All Texas Master Gardeners are required to pay \$12 every 3 years for their background check and Volunteer Engagement training.
- This is outside of the DCMGA membership dues.
- Approximately 2/3 of Dallas County Master Gardeners will be notified to participate this year.
- You will be notified through email for any action needed on your part.

WEBSITE Changes

The Members Only section of the DCMGA website has been changed to DCMG only. This clarifies that ALL Master Gardeners can go into this section to obtain News, Association Documents, Resources, and 2024 changes to Hours reporting.

Thank you for your support.