From the President's Desk

Master Gardener Association on the move and Gathering Steam
by Steve Stacey, President, 2012 MOMGA President

A lot has happened in the last several months with the newly developed Missouri Master Gardener Association, Inc.
- We have independently incorporated
- We have become a 501c3 organization
- We have developed a new web site www.momga.org
- We have changed our board representation structure (Every chapter has representation)
- We have improved communications links with MG chapters
- We have kicked off a new membership drive.

All these changes mark a new era in the Missouri Master Garden Program.

We 100% support the University of Missouri Extension Master Gardener program. In fact that is why we exist. Here is an excerpt from our By-Laws:

II Purpose
The purpose of this Association is exclusively for horticultural education to supplement the effort of the University of Missouri Extension Program and thereby provide education and information on horticultural and environmental stewardship to the residents of Missouri. The Association will:
A. Support local Master Gardener Chapters.
B. Provide a centralized method for information exchange among the members.
C. Facilitate Missouri Master Gardener educational opportunities, partnerships, training sessions, fundraising efforts, conferences and association meetings; as well as coordination with other agricultural associations, gardening associations, and public and private gardens as determined by the board.
D. This organization is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
The last half of June of this year all MG chapter presidents and extension specialists have received our latest communiqué. This was our kick-off of MOMGA’s first membership drive. Already several chapters have signed up their members to become part of the association. Individual membership costs are only $2.00 per year. If you have not heard word about the association yet please contact your MG chapter president.

As chapters and others become part of this necessary move to an association we become stronger as a Master Gardener program statewide. When state and county funding for MU Extension continues to dwindle the MG Association can assure the continuance of this great program. Your will find that support of the Missouri Master Gardener Association will not only benefit your chapter but can have an impact on thousands of Missourians across this state.

The Missouri Master Gardeners program is on the move and gathering steam. You can contact us through our website: www.momga.org with any questions or comments.

Steven L. Stacey 2012 President

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events at a Glance

- July 13-14, Master Gardeners of the Ozarks Annual Garden Tour, Stone County
- July 21, Springfield Botanical Gardens Butterfly Festival, Springfield now through August 19th, MOBOT Lighting of the Chinese Lanterns, St. Louis
- August 3-5 and 10-12, Powell Gardens Annual Festival of Butterflies, Kansas City
- August 25-26, Homegrown Farm Tour, Potosi, MO
- September 7-9, Springfield Botanical Garden Japanese Fall Festival, Springfield
- September 14-16, State Master Gardener Conference, Sedalia, MO

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Editor’s Note

Do you have information on Master Gardener projects or upcoming events that you believe would be of interest to your fellow Master Gardeners from across the state?

If so, please send them to your representative on the Missouri Master Gardener Association Board. For a listing of the representatives from each region, please visit MOMGA Board Members.
Annual Garden Tour in Stone County is July 13 - 14

by Tim Schnakenberg, agronomy specialist, Stone County

The Master Gardeners of the Ozarks Annual Garden Tour runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, July 13 and Saturday, July 14 in northern Stone County. This is a self-driving tour featuring gardens and it may be done in only one day or broken up over two.

This year’s self-guided tour has the theme of “Home Grown in the Ozarks” and features 10 different gardens, each with its own personality. There will be vegetable gardens as well as gardens that feature the owner’s own unique interest or hobby, like raising free range chickens, ponds, flowers and raising honey bees.

The tour is presented by the "Master Gardeners of the Ozarks" in conjunction with the Stone County University of Missouri Extension Center. Several restaurants along the tour are offering 10-15 percent discounts to people showing them their tour tickets for those two days. Proceeds Benefit "College of the Ozarks" Horticulture Scholarship Fund.

Tickets for the tour cost $10. For more information, or to sign up, go online to www.mgozarks.com or call the Stone County Extension Center at (417) 357-6812.

Springfield Botanical Gardens Butterfly Festival

Free and open to the public- July 21st 9:00 am- 6:00 pm

Beginning with a silent auction from 10 am- noon- find lots of great items with all proceeds benefiting the new Butterfly Nursery Garden! Festival includes vendors, photo, quilt and costume contests, face painting, balloons, story time, classes, passport/map activity, recognition for FOG members and of course lots of butterflies in and around the Butterfly House. Butterfly release at 10:30 am near the Butterfly House. In the evening great music in the park. Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy music up on the roof!

MOBOT Lighting of the Chinese Lanterns - thru August 19th

Come to MOBOT and see the beautiful Lighting of the Chinese Lanterns! The Lanterns are a gift to the Garden for 25 years of aiding the Chinese in cataloging their flora. What a thank you! This display will not appear anywhere in the US. People are traveling from all over the US to view this spectacle!

Cost is $22 per person or $15 for garden members and can be purchased at the ticket counter. Gates open for the evening at 6:00 pm when the garden and it's Chinese sculptures can be viewed with daylight. At 8:00, the sculptures are lit creating a spectacular display. We hope everyone will take this opportunity to see this once in a lifetime presentation. More information can be found on MOBOT website.
Powell Gardens 16th Annual Festival of Butterflies

*featuring Tropical Treasures*

Powell Gardens' signature festival returns for its 16th year with brand new scene-stealing stars from Costa Rica. If you've enjoyed the sparkling beauty of the Blue Morpho, you'll appreciate new treasures from Costa Rica including the White Morpho, Stoplight Catone, and the "see through" butterfly called the Thick-tipped Greta or "Costa Rica Clearwing."

These beauties join hundreds of other free-flying butterflies from tropical parts of the United States in the indoor butterfly conservatory. The festival also includes two outdoor butterfly breezeways aflutter with native species, children's activities, an art exhibit and more. Visit the [Powell Gardens](http://powellgardens.org) website for more information.

**Homegrown Farm Tour**

*by Mary Wilson, Parkland Master Gardener*

On Saturday and Sunday, August 25th and 26th, the Washington County tourism board is holding their annual Homegrown Farm Tour at different locations in and around Potosi, MO. Master Gardener, Mary Wilson, will be giving a MG presentation on how to grow vegetables in a natural way and will be available to answer garden related questions at the "Ask a Master Gardener a Question" table during these 2 days. This is a free self-guided tour of various venues in Washington County and will feature a Harvest Field Dinner on Saturday evening using locally grown produce from some of our local gardens.

More information can be found on the [www.homegrownfarmtour.com](http://www.homegrownfarmtour.com) website.

**Springfield Botanical Garden Japanese Fall Festival**

**September 7-9:** Annual Japanese Fall Festival with lots of vendors, events and artists at the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden. Celebrate Springfield's culture and diversity and support in part the growth and maintenance of the Japanese Garden!

**2012 Master Gardener Conference - September 14-16, 2012**

"**Our Missouri Heritage**" - Past, Present, and Future

*by Todd Lorenz, Regional Horticulture/Agronomy Specialist*

Registration is now available at:

[http://extension.missouri.edu/pettis](http://extension.missouri.edu/pettis)

[http://extension.missouri.edu/pettis/mastergardener.aspx](http://extension.missouri.edu/pettis/mastergardener.aspx)

The Quad-County group has put in a lot of hours and I know that you will enjoy what they have to offer. Hope to see you in September!
2012
MASTER GARDENER
CONFERENCE
September 14 - 16, 2012
Sedalia, MO

Morgan County (573-378-5358)
Located in central Missouri, Morgan County is a rural county. A large portion of this agribusiness is operated within the Mennonite Community. With its rich cultural and religious heritage, the Mennonite Community conducts its business using a blend of old traditions and modern innovation. Observe how Mennonites use diversified farming/gardening along with innovative agribusiness ventures to support their families and serve customers throughout Missouri and the United States. Other tour stops include Leid's Produce Farm, Lunch at Providence School, Morgan County Seed and Weaver's Country Market.

Central MO Produce Auction

Benton County (660-438-5012)
Antique and unique shops throughout the Downtown / Main Street area invite shoppers inside to discover bargains and collectibles, reminiscent of Warsaw's historic past. Drake Harbor is part of the Corps of Engineers leased-property that the City acquired after Truman Dam was built. Steamboat Landing is a beautiful elevated boardwalk 10 feet wide by approximately 1000 feet long. In the early to mid 1800's, Warsaw was a thriving river town. Harry S. Truman Dam and Reservoir encompasses 259 square miles of land and water. The Lost Valley Fish Hatchery produces nearly 15 million fish annually. The 12,700 gallon aquarium in the Hatchery's Visitors Center is home to several species of Missouri's fish.

Cooper County (660-882-5661)
Historical homes, beautiful gardens and parks will be featured on this tour. The Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Center located at New Franklin, MO, is the primary research site for MU. This 660 acre farm includes several experimental fruit and nut orchards; forest farming, riparian buffer and silvopasture demonstrations; forage shade trials; greenhouses and the Thomas Hickman House. Take a guided tour through the 25,000 square foot breeding facility and 300 plus acres of pastures that together make up the headquarters of the Budweiser Clydesdales breeding operation. This behind the scenes tour allows guests to meet and interact with foals, mares and stallions.

Pettis County (660-827-0591)
The Show-Me Master Gardeners invites you to visit historic Sedalia and all its attractions. Sedalia is the home of the Liberty Center for the Arts, the historic Katy Depot, Liberty Park (the home of the first Sedalia Fair) the Scott Joplin Festival, the Missouri State Fair Grounds, the Daum Museum, and State Fair Community College. We'll have many of these attractions on either the all day tour or the half day tour. We look forward to showing you the sights of Sedalia.

"Equal opportunity is and shall be provided to all participants in Extension programs and activities, and for all employees and applicants for employment on the basis of their demonstrated ability and competence without discrimination on the basis of their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or status as a Vietnam-era veteran. This policy shall not be interpreted in such a manner as to violate the legal rights of religious organizations or military organizations associated with the armed forces of the United States of America."

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MOMGA Board Meeting Minutes - June 1, 2012

President Steve Stacey called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Welcome and introductions. We have a quorum. Fourteen board members attended and 17 representatives from other Chapters attended, as well as Dr. Dave Trinklein; specialist Jim Quinn and specialist Molly Fusselman; and one guest.

Secretary Laura Redfield-Jacobs read the minutes from the March meeting. Corrections were suggested. Vice President Elaine Fix made a motion to accept the March Minutes with the corrections. Seconded and approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Patrick Farrell said the group still has $425 in the account.
- Seed money was mentioned in the reading of the Minutes. The University has forwarded to us $5,000 on April 9, 2012.
- Master Gardeners of the Ozarks is the first Chapter to pay dues for all 92 members for a total of $184.
- The chapter has the option of collecting the fees and forwarding the payments to us or just paying the fees.

Farrell said he is happy to make payment arrangements for those who want lifetime memberships.

Farrell made a motion that the President and Treasurer should have signing privileges on the Association bank account. Motion seconded and approved. America’s Community Bank, Blue Springs, Mo., is the Association’s bank.

Farrell: I move that we establish a statewide conference account to be a flow-through account at the bank for the statewide conference. We will set it up so we can do electronic payments. Seconded by Carolyn Morgret. Discussion. This will assist chapters with on-line payment for conference registration. There will be a charge per transaction charge or an account charge of 1% to 2% of fees collected. Members of the 2012 conference committee were concerned about setting it up for this year—they did not plan to take on-line registrations. Farrell said the electronic payments will go through the bank, not us. People can still pay by check if they choose. Christine Chui said the Sedalia Conference group can choose not to use the system. But we should set it up so it is ready for the 2013 State Conference.

Motion approved.

Farrell’s proposal to change the bylaws was read in the minutes from the last meeting and was given to current Board Members more than 60 days before this meeting. His motion is to change the section of the MoMGA, Inc., Bylaws regarding membership on the Board of Directors. Farrell’s motion is:

Members of the Board of Directors shall consist of representatives selected or appointed by the local Master Gardener Chapters throughout the state of Missouri.

Each Chapter may have a member on the Board of Directors. If a Chapter decides to have a member on the Board, it will be the responsibility of the member to hold the position for a minimum of one year and:

1. Attend the state meetings, usually three to four times a year, mostly convened in Columbia, Mo.
2. Be an active member of a state-wide committee or task force for the purposes of completing work on a project or program. This may include the State Conference and projects for the annual meeting where attendance would be required to report the committee’s progress and results. These committees may
meet three to five times a year, and the meeting location would vary depending on membership. Other formats for meetings may be conference calls or Skype meetings.

3. Communicate the Association’s plans, programs, projects to their local Chapters, and to other Chapters that may not have a member on the Board.

4. Be willing to offer his/her time to plan events, raise funds for the Association, teach or train other Master Gardeners or the public, write articles, complete projects, do administrative tasks, and/or other duties assigned by the Association.

In Chapters where Master Gardener volunteer hours exceed 5,000 total Chapter volunteer hours in a calendar year, two local Chapter members may be members of the Board of Directors.

A member of the Board of Directors has to be a Master Gardener in good standing.

The officers of the Association shall not represent a local chapter.

Farrell said the Regional representatives are an arbitrary designation under the old University system. Now, the Chapters are the focus. We have 59 Chapters. Once we establish the Association as Chapter-based, benefits occur under the umbrella of the Association. Under the Association’s 501(c)3, Chapters can establish their own bank accounts. There are requirements to set up those separate accounts. The group has to file a name and a 509 response post card. Each Chapter will have to establish a separate EIN. Farrell said he would help Chapters that want to do this, set it up. Quinn said this allows Chapters to move out from under Extension control. It sets us up as an Association of Chapters.

Chapters can still keep their financial accounts through their Extension Office if they choose. The Chapter decides how to spend their local money. The downside with managing your own accounts is if you have people that are less than reputable, there is exposure. The bank is not liable.

Carol Buck said when your money is in Extension you have to wait for your money. If it is your own account, you do not have to wait.

Fix said we are talking about having Chapter representation on the Board. Your Chapter votes yes or no to send a representative to the Board. If a Chapter votes no, they will not be a member. We want all of you to have a say. We can then learn from each other, and you can take information back to your Chapters. The Southeast has no representation. There are 114 counties, but only 59 chapters. Why?

Melissa Beal said her area serves two counties. Whether or not they join is a moot point. There is a lack of people wanting to lead. They are more interested in going to help at Powell Gardens. She thinks it would better if we work on a regional base. People do not want to go to meetings. She said she did not find much interest in this Association.

Farrell said our old set up was based on how the University had us set up. This gives us the chance to have the focus be on the Chapter.

Marie Pasley asked if we are voting on the 5,000 hours rule right now. Have we discussed it?

Jefferson County, Jefferson City, Kansas City, and St. Louis are Chapters that will be affected by this rule.

Farrell’s motion was re-read. Carol Buck seconded. Approved with one dissent.
Don Bjuland made a motion that this bylaw change replace Item IV, Section 1, Part B with Patrick Farrell’s proposals. Karen Danuser seconded. Approved.

Pasley asked if this change needs to be reported 60 days in advance. It was decided that it was part of the 60-day notice for the original motion, since that motion effectively replaces the section in question.

Brief Break

Trinklein gave an update on the on-line training. We are not trying to replace the face-to-face training. The goal is to have it ready in August of this year. We may ask this group to take the program to make sure it makes sense. Quinn said it may not make the August deadline.

Trinklein said the Assessment Resource Center is putting the final touches on a questionnaire that will be sent out to assess the value of the Master Gardener program. They are in the final stage of setting this up on-line. He plans to have it ready in June. You will get an e-mail from the Assessment Resource Center. They will remind you a couple of times if you have not responded. You will be given a web address. The survey takes about 10 minutes. Folks from that center know about surveys. Then they do the data mining. We will have it done ASAP.

Quinn said he completed a survey with the ARC for something else. The report was outstanding. Security is high at the place.

Question: Will the information be collated by chapter? Trinklein said he could ask them to. The survey will ask for your Chapter name. We could ask them to sort answers by Chapter.

Beal said she did not think her group is on the Master Gardener Listserv.

Molly Fusselman, an Extension Specialist asked what the price of the on-line training is. Trinklein said the price has not been set, but that they want to make it competitive with face-to-face training. The topics will be exactly the same as the current core manual. The policies and procedures require a minimum of 14 chapters in the core manual. It is OK to have more in your area.

Beal said her area has people who take the class and walk away. She gets people from the K.C. area who take the training in her area because they were not accepted for the program in their own area. Trinklein said it is up to the integrity of the person. In Minnesota you pay $250 more for training and get no Master Gardener designation. It is almost impossible to prevent people from attending and then not volunteering. We encourage local coordinators not to award a badge until hours are completed.

Janice Georg asked if someone misses a class, can they take that class on-line? Trinklein said they are working on that—a temporary password.

Donna Lindsey, Warren County, said she waited two years for training because there were not enough people for a class. She had to go to St. Charles County for training. This would be a good resource.

Trinklein mentioned that he judged the Texas Master Gardener awards. He said there were scholarships available for people who could not afford the Master Gardener training. We want to keep the training as bare
bones cost as possible. But University Administration wants more money raised from classes. He said 625 people took the training in 2011.

Marilyn Fox, Phelps County said her group got tired of people taking the class and vanishing. She said they paid extra if they did not intend to do the hours.

Vicki Stark said she would like to see our Association fund a children’s garden.

Trinklein said a lot of the projects he judged were aimed at youngsters. He said we do have a Garden and Grow program, subsidized by Monsanto. There is money available to help purchase seed and supplies. It is in conjunction with 4-H. Contact Ben Gallup for information.

Beal said her Extension coordinator left (Lafayette/Ray Counties). Quinn said sometimes when someone leaves, a secretary will step up.

George Hibbard said our overall purpose is to provide horticulture education. He hopes we will find a way that existing Master Gardeners can access the on-line training as a refresher course. Quinn said there is no way to copy it and send it out. But there may be a way to have access for active Master Gardeners.

Chiu said in Greene County they have a conference series offered by Master Gardeners. They had 80 people come to the orientation. They made every effort to be clear that if you do not plan to volunteer, you are not wanted. There was a concurrent session that did not require volunteer requirements. Within 24 to 48 hours, people signed up for the concurrent series.

Stacey handed out a Policies and Procedures proposal for Lifetime Memberships. A subcommittee came up with it. It read as follows:

**Lifetime memberships**

Names to be placed on plaque (the group discussed this and decided against it).

- **Bronze** $50
  - Pay only once
  - Special nametags given to lifetime members
  - Future benefits at Missouri Botanical Gardens
  - Discounts on books, publications and other Hort. Items, vendor discounts.
  - 5% off at State Conference

- **Silver** $100
  - Pay only once
  - Special nametags given to lifetime members
  - Future benefits at Missouri Botanical Gardens
  - Discounts on books, publications and other Hort. Items, vendor discounts.
  - 10% off at State Conference

- **Gold** $200
  - Pay only once
  - Special nametags given to lifetime members
  - Future benefits at Missouri Botanical Gardens
  - Discounts on books, publications and other Hort. Items, vendor discounts.
  - 15% off at State Conference
Preferred seating at conference meals
Special discounts on conference events and training

If someone signs up for a lifetime membership at a lower level and later wants to upgrade, they can by paying the difference between the level they are at and the current cost of the higher level.

Statewide Century Club: Master Gardeners who put in 100 hours in each year get recognized.

Emeritus Master Gardener recognition.

Chapter presidents or their representatives of the Board do not have to pay the annual membership as long as they are president (or rep), but still can pay for lifetime memberships.

These policies were discussed. The idea of a plaque was defeated. All of the duties of keeping track of lifetime membership status falls under the Treasurer. Lifetime members can be recognized on the MoMGA, Inc., web site (but people can opt out if they choose).

Emeritus Master Gardener recognition will be that they do not have to pay the annual $2 membership. Stacey said the majority of Master Gardeners do not last 10 years. Only a handful become emeritus. It should not be a drain on the Association.

Hibbard asked how will the Association know who qualifies for the Century Club? Chiu said there is something like 3,400 people on the listserv. If you turn in your hours on-line, you should be on the listserv. Redfield-Jacobs suggested that people who achieve 100 hours should let their Chapter president know. The Chapter president can send a list in to the Association with people who qualify. Discussion. It was left open ended for now.

Farrell said he will keep track of who are Bronze, Silver, and Gold lifetime members.

**Beal made a motion we accept the proposals with deletion of the plaque but have on-line recognition, no annual membership fee charged to emeritus, and Chapter presidents or their representatives do not have to pay the annual fee (they have the option to buy lifetime memberships). All these duties will be under the Treasurer. Marilyn Fox seconded. Approved.**

**Carolyn Morgret made a motion we give George Hibbard Gold membership since he has done so much for the Association and donated money to start it. Carol Buck seconded. Approved.**

**2012 Conference Update**

Janice Simpson and Carol Buck said the Conference Center has been reserved. Registration forms will be available July 1. September 14 is the Morgan County tour, with an extra charge of $30. September 15 and 16 is the State Master Gardener Conference at the State Fair College Multipurpose Center. The hotel is the State Fair Best Western. There will be special room rates. Advanced training will be on Sunday. There will be three Advanced Training classes for $5 each. Participants can take all three classes. The Conference cost has not been determined yet. There will be one tour with four stops on Sept. 14. There will be three tours on Sept. 15. There is a maximum of 50 people for the Friday tours. Pettis County is limited to 56.
Conference Update

Lisa Bakerink said the Ramada Oasis in Springfield will be the location. They have a key note speaker.

State Membership Business Meeting

Elaine Fix said when you pay your Association dues; we will coordinate with the Conference registration to get special nametags so we will know who is a voting member. Hibbard said if the business meeting is at the Sunday lunch make the meeting as short as possible. Fix said she will coordinate with the Conference organizers to figure out where the State Membership Business Meeting will fit.

New Logo

Stacey said MU has changed the logo of the Master Gardener program. The Association has been using the national logo. Is there interest to change this to the new state logo? A couple of people said we should have the same logo as the Chapters. Pasley said 4-H is recognized because it has one logo. We need to have one logo for the program. Chiu, who said she has a graphics background, said the national logo is graphically better. The new logo MU has chosen for the Master Gardener program will not shrink down properly. Stacey said we are in a supportive role of MU, not part of it. One person suggested we super impose the image of the state of Missouri onto the national Master Gardener logo.

Marilyn Fox made a motion to form a committee to discuss the logo and meet at the state conference. Kay Moore seconded. Discussion. Hibbard said the group should use the current logo. This issue will cause confusion at the State Conference. Fox withdrew her motion.

Farrell moved we adjourn for lunch. Seconded and approved at 12:15 p.m.

The group returned to discussion at 12:55 p.m.

Farrell recognized people who turned in lifetime memberships during lunch: Three Gold and one Silver.

He said he will send out a communication to all Chapter presidents. They will submit a roster and the dues (either collected dues from individuals or send a check from the Chapter). Farrell said what he sends out should meet the requirements Chapters may have for an invoice.

Earlene Britton asked, if a Chapter has new members come in, do they send in $2? Stacey said, yes, they can join as a Friend of Master Gardeners.

Hibbard asked if there is a different official presentation on why someone should support the Missouri Master Gardener Association. Stacey said he planned to have something come out within a week.

Don Bjuland was on the Agenda with “Things that need looking at.”

1. Name tags for state conference?
2. Bank account now has two names.
3. Who are the current voting reps to the Association? Stacey said that is the question. Discussion. Hibbard said he thinks if someone has been a regional representative and wants to remain on the Board, their Chapter may want them to stay on the Board. Carolyn Morgret said she is serving on the Board for the third time. No one
from her 16 counties has stepped up to serve as their rep. She is ready to come off. Stacey said every Chapter now has the option to send a representative. Britton said we need to have the original Board another year. This is her first meeting. You need the history. How will you get a quorum? You need to keep your Board in place for at least one full year. Keep current members on until June 30, 2013 as advisory, not as voters. Only your voters count toward your quorum. Morget asked what if only one person in a Chapter joins? Does that person get to represent the Chapter and be on this Board? Farrell said yes—the person should ask their Chapter president if they can be the representative. Fix said once we get the rosters in, we will make lists and contact people. Beal suggested we meet with people in person. People are more likely to join if they see your face. Britton said she hates to throw a wrench in this. By the Bylaws, officers serve one year and Chapter presidents usually serve one year. There is a possibility that you will have a completely new Board each year. Bjuland said changes made today to MoMGA Bylaws IV B does not change C. Farrell said the item we approved today replaces C automatically. Beal said this Board has washed its hand of term limits according to what is written. So C is a moot point. Britton said officers of the Board may need to have longer terms. Stacey said we plan to have a bylaws committee review the bylaws. Volunteers for the bylaw committee are Marie Pasley, Don Bjuland, Patrick Farrell, Laura Redfield-Jacobs, and Melissa Beal.

4. How are the Extension offices to be kept updated? Currently, we send them e-mails

5. Insurance: In the past Extension has maintained liability insurance policies on the Master Gardener members during Master Gardener activities. Will this insurance continue for Association activities such as travel to state Association meetings? Farrell said the policy is the second or third policy in effect.

6. VIII. Indemnification in the bylaws, what does it mean? Is it an insurance policy of some form?

Stacey said the group has set up a committee to deal with the bylaws. Bjuland agreed to bring his ideas to the bylaws committee.

Quinn explained the insurance question. Indemnity Insurance is for an active Master Gardener who is working on a Master Gardener activity and is injured -- yes, they are covered. But what if you invite a friend or spouse and they get hurt? No. A Master Gardener being injured on a project has happened twice in Jefferson City. The person used their own insurance, sent in a little report, and MU reimbursed the insurance company. Quinn said Indemnification means you cannot be sued as officers. Britton said she bought a rider from the University for 4-H events. It is just 20 cents per person.

Pasley had bylaw concerns listed on the agenda. She agreed to have the Bylaw Committee meet and report at the November meeting.

Stacey we will e-mail membership cards which will show membership levels.

Beal said the group sounds like a fundraising group. Is it more than that? Redfield-Jacobs said the Master Gardener program is in danger. The University asked the Advisory Board to form an Association. The Master Gardener coordinator position will not be filled for years. This Association is to keep the Master Gardener Program going. We must prove Public Value, like 4-H can, or there will not be a Master Gardener Program in the future. Stacey said the Association was formed to make sure the Master Gardener program does not go away. Pasley said if Extension folds—where does that leave this group? We need to support Extension. We are intertwined.

Melissa Beal made a motion to adjourn. Karen Danuser seconded. Approved, about 2 p.m.