



# Master Gardener Foundation

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## Minutes of the Annual MGFWS Board Meeting

October 30, 2021  
Zoom Call

Attending this meeting as part of this year's Advanced Education Conference were over 95 Master Gardeners and guests. At least 15 chapters were represented, establishing a quorum.

### OPENING:

The meeting was called to order by President Don Enstrom at 5:00 p.m. who immediately introduced our special guest, Ciscoe Morris, who entertained the crowd with tales of his history with the Master Gardener Program, and his career as a gardening personality in the Pacific Northwest.

Following Ciscoe's presentation, the Secretary confirmed the presence of a quorum. Minutes and Agenda were adopted without changes or additions.

Don reported on the State of the Foundation, discussing our mission, our purpose and commitments. Giving the Foundation letter grades in the key areas, he highlighted our successes and our challenges.

Share Best Practices	C-
Facilitate Communications	C+
Provide Unifying Leadership	B
Raise Funds - Near Term	B
Raise Funds - Long Term	D
Recognition	A
Advanced Education Conf.	A

He explained the organization of chapters around the state, both independent and dependent, and how the board has grown with the encouragement of up to three representatives from each chapter, and a focus on all representatives being working members.

He reviewed the statement of our finances with a YTD Budget vs Actual report, showing a marked improvement in revenue and reduction in expenses.

The roster of officers and committee chairs was presented. Officers will complete their terms at the end of 2022. Two positions remain open (Financial Officer and Historian), and Don expressed the urgency to fill them; in particular, the Financial Officer. All MGs from around the state are encouraged to volunteer or recommend candidates for these positions.

Don explained that an important role of the State Foundation is the recognition of MGs who have contributed to the statewide success of the program. We do that by sponsoring the President's Volunteer Service awards, and by presenting awards to the Master Gardener of the Year, the Media Award, and the Ed LaCrosse Distinguished Service Award.



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Planning for the 2022 Advanced Education Conference has begun, with Melody Westmoreland of Yakima serving as Conference Director. The conference will be held at the Olympia Hotel at Capital Lake from September 29th to October 2nd, 2022. All MGs who are interested in participating in the planning for the conference should contact Melody.

There being no further business, the Annual meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

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John Strong, Sec.

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Don Enstrom, Pres.