

The Lake Minnetonka Garden Club

Membership, Nominating and ByLaws Chairman Report for 2016-2017 Pam Ulvestad

As immediate Past President I served as the Chair of the Membership, Nominating and Bylaws Committee.

Membership

In early March I sent out a mailing requesting New Member nominations (as well as Member status changes and LMGC directory updates). I had been reminding the membership at member meetings to please consider who they might nominate for membership in LMGC. The deadline is now April 15th. (Refer to LMGC Yearbook under Policies of the Lake Minnetonka Garden Club, Section III. Election of Members.)

At the April LMGC Board meeting I submitted the new members list, read the letters of proposal and seconding following the procedures in the Standing Committee Chairperson's Duties and Terms of Office document, and took a vote by written ballot on each of the proposed new members. All 7 proposed new members were unanimously voted in. I then informed all the proposers and seconders as to the acceptance of the new members and thanked them for participating in the process. All proposed new members received a letter of invitation from the LMGC Corresponding Secretary and all accepted the invitation.

Attached is a list of all new members and their proposers and seconders.

Nominating

The committee consisting of Kathy Coward (current President), Mimi Keating (Vice President), Betsy Massie (member at large) and Pam Ulvestad (immediate Past President), met in February 2017 to determine candidates for a proposed slate of new officers and assistants.

I personally placed a call to everyone identified for a job, explained the duties of the job and asked them to accept the position being offered. For the most part things went smoothly. Some jobs are more difficult to fill than others, but eventually a full slate was arrived at.

The Slate of Officers and Standing Committee Chairs and Assistants was presented at the April board meeting. The slate will be voted on as a whole by the full membership at the June Annual Meeting.

Bylaws

Little work was done on the bylaws this year. There was a change in Committee titles and responsibilities moving Visiting Gardens from Horticulture to Garden History and Design. It was felt that the fit was much better with this combination. Now Horticulture stands alone and Garden History and Design adds Visiting Gardens.

Several Committees duties and responsibilities were changed or modified.

Treasurer was updated due to the addition of a paid bookkeeper.

Recommendations for next year

Next year would be a good time to take a survey of members interests, especially related as to what areas they would like to serve as chair.

It is important to point out to the membership that it is a duty and honor to be asked to serve the LMGC in a leadership position when asked.