

**The Lake Minnetonka Garden Club  
Membership, Nominating and Bylaws  
Chair Report 2019-2020  
Elizabeth Winton**

## **Membership**

The club has 60 Active Members with a maximum number of 70. There are 54 Associate members with the maximum number being 60.

Eight members moved to Associate status. Five members resigned (two Active and three Associate). There were two member deaths. There are 2 Secondary club members and 3 Honorary members.

Two notices requesting ideas for new members were sent to the general membership- one in the October Bulletin and one in the April Bulletin. The April notice also included a request for changes in membership status to be reported to the Corresponding Secretary. The President followed up with an email request in early April as we had only received one completed new member application. We ended up with three new members - but two candidate applications were organized in the last week.

At the April Board meeting, I submitted the new members list, read the letters of proposal and seconding members, and took a voice vote on the proposed group of new members. A voice vote was used rather than an anonymous written vote because of the circumstances of our online meeting. All three were unanimously voted in.

The three proposed members received a letter of invitation from the LMGC Corresponding Secretary and all accepted the invitation. The list of new members and their proposers is attached.

## **Nominating**

The Nominating Committee consisted of Mimi Keating (President), Mitzi Magid (Vice President), Betsy Massie and Mimi Rae. We met in February 2020 to determine candidates for a proposed slate of chairs and assistants. I reached out to the group periodically by email to get support and insight for challenging assignments.

Prior to our meeting, I sent out a short survey to the Active membership asking for job placement preferences. I received thirty responses. The survey was created in Google Forms— and was easy to create, send and tabulate. This and the 2019 general membership survey were helpful in identifying potential candidates.

I called everyone identified for a slated job, explained the duties of the job and asked them to accept the position being offered. For the most part, members accepted the positions enthusiastically. Two positions were extremely difficult to fill: Depot Garden

and Photography. Depot Garden is the only position currently without an assistant co-chair. The necessity of the Historian position as an Active Board position was discussed at our initial nominating meeting- and the assistant position was not filled as such.

The Vice President placed calls to those persons who were in appointed positions: Associate Member Chair and a new position Endowment Research Chair.

The 2020-21 Nominating Slate is attached.

### **Bylaws**

No work was needed this year regarding the Bylaws.

### **Recommendations**

- \* Identifying potential new members must be a priority for the board. The goal should be to create a larger new member class - possibly focusing on younger members. This year, eight Active members moved to Associate status and two Actives resigned and yet, we only invited three new members in. This is not sustainable for our Active membership.
- \* Study the Depot Garden job description to determine if changes need to be made to how our club organizes oversight of garden maintenance and volunteers. In the larger picture, is the Depot Garden still priority as a community project for our club?
- \* Discuss the Historian position — would this be better filled as an Associate position rather than an Active Board position? Photography Chair needs to be studied as well.
- \* Consider other club leadership positions that might be filled by Associate members. With 19 board positions most with assistant positions and an Active membership of 60, there are very few Active members from which to choose new leadership.
- \* Use the short Google Forms survey again in January to query membership about work and leadership assignments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Winton

**LMGC Nominating  
Slate of Officers**

President  
Mitzi Magid

Vice President  
Kate Bryant

Recording Secretary (2 yr)  
Larey Anne Swanson  
Asst: Maddy Frecon (2021)

Treasurer (2 yr)  
Sarah Lindahl  
Asst: Emmie Hester (2021)

Corresponding Secretary (2 yr)  
Mimi Rae  
Connie Linder (2021)

**Slate of Chairpersons**

Awards  
Meredith Howell  
Assistant: Alison Humphrey

Communication  
Michelle Mitchell  
Assistant: Mary Morrison

Conservation (2 yr)  
Samantha Muldoon  
Assistant: Larey Anne Swanson (2022)

Depot Garden  
Christine Bergman and Nancy Guldberg  
Assistants: TBD

Floral Design  
Wendy Lee  
Assistant: Kathy Kessler

Flower Show  
Kathy Kessler and Kathy Murphy

Garden History and Design and Visiting Gardens  
Sharon Hawkins  
Assistant: Kitty Petit

Historian  
Deb Bryant  
Assistant: TBD

Horticulture (2 yr)  
Harriet Chute  
Assistant: Heidi Heiland (2022)

Photography  
Andria Moldzio

Program  
Mary Meyer  
Assistant: Lockie Markusen

Scholarship  
Laura Inglis  
Assistant: Heather Haig

### **Appointed Chairpersons 2020-21**

Ways and Means  
Melissa Johnson  
Assistant: Holly Adams

Membership/Governance/New Members  
Mimi Keating

Associate Member  
Cindy Pratt

Endowment Fund  
Bobbie Dressen

## **LMGC New Members**

### **Anne Kaufman**

Sponsor: Nancy Guldborg

Secunder: Mary Raymond

### **Cheryl Kelsey**

Sponsor: Samantha Muldoon

Secunder: Elizabeth Winton

### **Debbie Vorpahl**

Sponsor: Mary Upjohn

Secunder: Kathy Doerr