

**Benton County Master Gardener Association
Association Membership Meeting
Minutes April 20, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Tovar at 7:05 p.m. The meeting was held using the Zoom internet service. Twenty-five members attended.

Nancy Tovar informed the members that several OMGA grant/awards opportunities were available to chapters and that members could also donate to the Send a Friend to Mini College program that provides assistance to Master Gardeners who would like to attend.

Paula Lupcho, Parliamentarian, gave a brief explanation of the proposed bylaws change that would allow the board of directors to complete urgent association business using electronic voting. The proposed change (below) was visible to the attendees.

Article IV – The Board

Section 7. Action without Meeting (Electronic Voting)

- a. In accordance with Oregon State Statutes governing charitable organizations, an electronic vote may be taken by the board of directors.
- b. Such action shall only be taken when prompt action on an issue is in the best interest of the association.
- c. A written description of the action to be taken shall be sent to all voting board members. All voting members must respond and consent to the action. Without unanimous consent, the action may not be taken. A written description of the action and all responses from board members shall be retained and included in the minutes. This has the effect of a meeting vote and may be described as such in any document.

It was moved that the bylaws change be approved. The motion was seconded and passed with a vote of 23 in favor and 1 opposed.

Vice President Allan Taylor introduced the speaker for the evening, Bill Proebsting. The topic was creating a garden landscape that welcomes birds.

The meeting concluded at 8:20.

Paula Lupcho, Secretary *pro tem*