

MA/RI-TACF 20th Annual Meeting

Westborough Senior Center, 4 Rogers Road, Westborough, MA 01581

Saturday, 12/07/2019 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Elections & Board Meeting 10:15 AM

Business Board Meeting 10:20 AM

Board Members Present: Kathy Desjardin, Rufin Van Bossuyt, Karen Jones, Jamie Donalds, Gray Curtis, Mike Grames, Michael Novack, Paul Wetzel, Yvonne Federowicz, Brian Clark, Brad Smith, John Meiklejohn, Josh Soojian, Rich Hoffman

Election - Distributed 2019-20 Ballot of Nominations for the Board of Directors..

Communications: Kathy read a note from Nelson Calkins, a founding member of our chapter. He has always been interested in the progress we're making and was very active for many years. Now at the age of 99 he's still enjoying chestnuts from his trees and enjoys reminiscing with a very keen memory.

Honorarium for Paul Sisco, our keynote presenter, at this 2019 MA/RI-TACF Annual Meeting. We are covering his flight and need to decide on an honorarium.

Motion: Paul's honorarium will be \$250 for today.

Passed unanimously.

Logo: Karen presented several options for changing the current logo. She presented a version with MA/RI-TACF vs. Massachusetts and Rhode Island Chapter - spelled out version.

Kathy suggests that we view logos of other chapters before making any decisions.

After a brief discussion we agreed to make a decision by March.

Education & Outreach: Curt Laffin did a presentation at the Lancaster Public Library in November. Since then Kathy has had 10 libraries request presentations. Board members who have offered to do presentations are - Jaime, Paul, Brad, John Meiklejohn & Yvonne (in RI). Kathy has a list of people who have signed up to volunteer with education and outreach. Michael Novack has received checks from garden clubs etc. for past presentations. Paul Wetzel suggests that "donations to Chapter for giving talk are appreciated" OR "donations and volunteers are appreciated" - volunteers are strongly needed. Curt will give his list of attendees to Kathy. These presentations keep us engaged and hopefully will get more members & volunteers

Presentation Policies

Our policy for presentations for garden clubs, libraries, etc. is to state "Donations and Volunteers are Appreciated" - Libraries do not typically have a budget for speakers.

Date and Location for Upcoming MA/RI-TACF Meetings

Jan. 26, Sunday, Macleish Field Station 10am - 3pm

April 26, 10am - 3pm Sunday hopefully in RI -- Roger Williams Park, Yvonne will check on this venue. Another option would be Broad Meadow Brook in Worcester.

Publicity: Kathy mentioned we need to create articles for the TACF magazine, e-Sprout & Social Media. Jaime will see if Bill Davis is interested in writing an article. Jesse Green has submitted articles to TACF, which were very well written.

Yvonne will ask Rudi Hempe or other URI Master Gardeners if they are interested in writing articles.

Election results: unanimously re-elected

11:01 PM. - Business Meeting adjourned.