

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 4, 2025

Start Time: 4:29 p.m.

End Time: 5:37 p.m.

Location: Germantown Library meeting room

Board Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Terry Merriweather	President
Rick Clayton	Vice President
Cindy Smith	Treasurer
Paula Pilgrim	Recording Secretary
Suzanne Shown	Corresponding Secretary
Cheryl Lockhart	Ten Plus Director
Barbara Hodges	Senior Director
Christy Gann	Junior Director
Steve Scheer	Past President

Guests Present: Dr. Chris Cooper, Jan Orick

Presiding Chair: Terry Merriweather, President

Minutes: Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary

- A. Call to order:** Terry Merriweather called the meeting to order.
- B. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the August 7, 2025, board meeting were approved, as published.
- C. Extension Report and Announcements:** Dr. Cooper reported that intern graduation on August 21, 2025, was a success. Interns and their guests were appreciative of the respect and honor that they received as well as the reception that followed. Dr. Cooper also expressed thanks to the members who are serving at the Delta Fair in various capacities. He updated the Board on the progress of application and interviews for the 2026 MAMG class. He also reminded that Dr. Bumgarner's survey is due September 9, 2025.
- D. President:** Terry Merriweather reminded that the process for responding to notifications of illness or death within the membership is specified in the MAMG Bylaws.
- E. Vice President:** Rick Clayton reported that Dr. Mark Follis, a tree preservationist, will be the speaker for the September membership meeting. He will speak about "Problems We Have Seen This Summer". Rick also reminded that the October membership meeting will be Fall Festival at Harden Hall, Memphis Botanic Garden from 6 to 9 pm. This will

include celebration of the 30th Anniversary of MAMG in Shelby County and recognition of the contributions of Booker T. Lee, Dale Skaggs, and Mary Wade.

- F. Treasurer:** Cindy Smith presented the financial report. She plans to give a report from Spring Fling at the September membership meeting.
- G. Corresponding Secretary:** Condolence cards were sent to members who have suffered a loss. The recent loss of Kelly Grayson's husband was mentioned. The duties of the corresponding secretary relative to donations was also clarified.
- H. Directors:** No report
- I. Committee Reports:**
 - a. Bylaws and Rules Special Committee-**Steve Scheer reported that this work is ongoing. The proposed changes to the bylaws will be presented in the newsletter in the month prior to the vote, currently planned to occur in December.
 - b. Membership Committee-**There are currently 382 active members.

Adjournment: Terry Merriweather, President, declared the meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: October 2, 2025

Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary

Terry Merriweather, President