

RAMGA BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

Officers Present:

Co-Presidents:	Jan Smith Vicki Hall - absent
Co-Vice Presidents:	Bugs Utsey - absent Laurie Bassi - absent
Co-Secretaries:	Shana Shutler Barbara Walker
Co-Treasurers:	Karen Lyons Natalie Garvis
Co-VMGA Representatives:	Anita Tuttle Karen Carleton - absent

Members Present:

Tamara Teaff, Bob Kovach, Marybeth Sharkey, Becky Herndon, Peggy Agnor, Kaila Holmes, Mackenzie Brooks

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Review of the Minutes: *Motion: The Board approved the minutes of the May 21, 2025 Board meeting.*

Discussion:

Timber Framers Project: Kaila explained that twice a year people who are timber framers travel from all over the country to participate in a timber frame project. This year they are coming the second weekend in October to participate in a build for the Community Garden in Buena Vista. RAMGA has been asked to provide lunch for either Friday October 10 or Saturday October 11. They are requesting bread, soup, sandwiches, etc. It was pointed out that RAMGA will be having a booth at Buena Vista Mountain Day on October 11, so it was decided to volunteer for Friday the 10th. Jenny Childress will help Kaila set up a SignUp Genius to recruit volunteers. Kaila will have this put in the Tuesday e-Blast.

Emerita/Leadership: Jan listed the following members who have achieved Emeritus status recently: Peggy Bateson, Faith Vosburgh, Maureen Becker, Anne Riffey-Buckner, and Bob Kovach. As Emeritus members cannot be officers or project leaders, some new leadership is required. Jan said that Natalie Stevens and Margaret Herman will head up the Habitat for Humanity project. Catherine Campbell, Jan Smith, and Diane

McLain-Skillicom will handle Records, and Mackenzie Brooks will run IT. Natalie Stevens and Diane McLain-Skillicom will be invited to join the Board.

Library Donation: Karen suggested that RAMGA make a donation to the library. The library has been a good partner to RAMGA, letting us hold meetings there, printing labels and literature for us, tracking seed packets that are checked out, and helping with publicity. The library has had budget cutbacks this year so they could use the help. Our grant process does not lend itself to use by the library, so Karen suggests a one-time donation. The amount and frequency of such a donation was discussed. It was decided that a one-time donation would be made, and the question of future donations could be revisited later. Karen will write a letter and send a check to the library. *Motion: The Board approved a one-time donation of \$600 to the Rockbridge Regional Library.*

Class Training: Peggy reported that RAMGA is now recruiting for next year's class. Several people signed up at the Community Festival. Registration will go online on Sunday, October 26 at noon. Shana, Mackenzie, and Peggy are working on slide presentations for the class, and people are signing up as lab organizers. The class schedule should be ready soon.

Fund-Raising Committee: Jan reported that the Fundraising Committee will be disbanded because RAMGA has plenty of money and does not need to raise any funds. MaryBeth suggested that if, in the far future, when funds are needed, we can ask Denise Meredith to let us know if she sees any grant opportunities that apply to our projects. The need for fundraising can be revisited in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Walker and Shana Shutler