

**ECAMGA Board Meeting Agenda, Thursday September 17th, 2026, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM, Google Meet
(backup: Zoom)**

Attendees: Paul Wagner, Sue Waits, Sue Crisp, Tracy Hirsch, Kris Nelson, Lola Switchenberg, Nadine Nixon

Item	Discussion Points	Present – Follow-up
Call to Order		Paul
Minutes	Motion to accept minutes: Sue Crisp 2nd by: Paul Wagner Motion Passes Not much to report for August Financials. Waiting for check from the Wisconsin Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy. Once receive check will reimburse Jane Mohler for Bee Haven expenses.	Paul, all Sue C.
Committees	Education Need a few extra people on Education Committee. Kris Nelson and Sue Waits volunteered to serve on this committee. Paul to train someone from the committee on how to post events to the website. Currently, Ellen does this and she will be leaving the committee. Membership Tracy Hirsch volunteered to join the committee. Tracy will take the place of Jo Olson. Emphasized the need to get younger people involved. Paul to generate a list of names of new “young” master gardeners for future outreach.	Lola Tracy
Old Business	Initial report on committee restructuring. Paul sent a note about proposal to split social and technical membership and got positive feedback. Chris Southworth who leads the current Membership Committee was receptive. How to divide technical and social membership: Technical to be focused on data with regards to new members, who has left, etc. Hand this info off to Social Membership Possible texting software: Discussed two options proposed by Brittany. Group recommends software Remind that has no monthly charge.	Paul Brittany
New Business	Decide on desired number of board members for next year (must be in 5 to 9 range): Nadine, Kris resigning. Sue Waits goes off board due to term limits. Paul, Lola, Sue Crisp, Brittany will remain on the Board. Propose going with at least 7 Board Members so would need 2 new members at a minimum, but could shoot for 9 members or 4 new members.	Paul/All Paul/All All

	Form nominating committee: The Nominating Committee could develop criteria for new Board Members. . By mid November, need candidates set so can vote on new Board members. Members of Nominating: Paul, Brittany. Develop draft agenda for November (2-hour) meeting, with 2-4 topics to discuss: 1 - General member recruitment and retention (Paul to put member data together), 2 - meeting location, 3 - How to maintain ECAMGV organization yet collaborate with other groups - do we need a community outreach committee or board member, 4 - Dues and what balance do we need to maintain (Paul and Sue Crisp to put expenses together) Meeting reminder by text each month? Brittany is willing to do this.	Paul/All
Announcements	Christmas party/Annual meeting on Monday December 7th, more information to come from Membership Committee	Paul
Next Board Meeting	Confirm Thursday, November 19th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM (no October board meeting)	Paul, all
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Other Issues for Future Discussion	-General liability insurance purchased for 2026-2027, further investigation needs to be done (Paul to meet with agent to better understand the issue. Table this until 2027 Board) - Discuss rental/usage of Plymouth UCC church as meeting place for non-summer months - everyone look for options - Documenting and standardizing new member process (incl. aprons). Paul to send a proposed committee structure to the Board and ask for everyone to review prior to November meeting. - Moving web accounts away from personal email addresses - Member recruitment / retention - Dues (amount, due dates)	

