

RAMGA BOARD MEETING
MAY 21, 2025

Officers Present:

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

Members Present:

Tamara Teaff, Bob Kovach, Marybeth Sharkey, Becky Herndon, Barbara Ekin, Peggy Agnor

Call to Order: 5:30 pm

Motion: *The Board approved the minutes of the March 13, 2025 Board meeting.*

Class Training: Peggy reported that the Potluck Graduation Celebration for the class of 2025 will be held on June 21 from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. A save-the-date and signups will be put on SignUp Genius. Tam will send personal invitations to the ten graduating trainees. Centerpieces will be made only for the trainees' tables. Peggy will recognize the trainees and our two new Emerita, Maureen Becker and Faith Vosburgh, during dessert. She will also acknowledge Project and Program leaders. Becky Herndon passed around a very nice thank-you book from Natural Bridge Elementary School given to the RAMGA volunteers there.

Treasurer: Project leaders need to submit their receipts to the Treasure for reimbursement.

Disposition of Plant Sale Equipment: Since we are no longer having a large plant sale in the near future, Jan would like to clear tables and other miscellaneous equipment out of her barn. She suggested that we try to sell the tables. However, Bugs said he had space to store them and could keep them at his place for future events when they might be needed. It was agreed that he would take the tables, Jan would

advertise the other equipment as well as unused party supplies to RAMGA members, then give anything remaining to Goodwill.

Upcoming Vacancies: The Board had a lengthy discussion about the need to get members to fill vacancies for RAMGA officers and project leaders. Recruiting new members to serve has become more difficult as the trainee classes for the past several years have consisted mostly of young people still working and raising families, as opposed to the retirees who made up most of the membership in the past. Officers serve for one two-year term, but that can be extended if there is a lack of successors stepping forward. Therefore, Jan agreed to serve as President for one more year. Bugs and Laurie agreed to continue as Co-Vice Presidents; Karen agreed to continue to serve as Treasurer; Barbara agreed to continue to serve as Secretary. Officers who were absent from today's meeting will need to be contacted. Barbara Ekin said she needs a project leader for Habitat for Humanity.

Miscellaneous: A witch-hazel was planted at the Quaker Meeting House in memory of Katherine Smith.

Bugs reported that he is working with Project Horizon to build transitional housing that will accommodate a mother and up to two children. He has purchased the plants and will be scheduling a workday for early June. He will reach out to RAMGA members for volunteers but noted that the manual labor would be done by volunteers from W&L and VMI.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Walker and Shana Shutler