

**NSVMGA Special Board Meeting**  
**Blandy Arboretum, Clarke County**  
May 15, 2011

President Cy Haley brought the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those present were: Cy Haley, President; Angie Hutchinson, Vice President; Anita Harris, Treasurer; Bob Carlton, 2010 President; Suzanne Boag, Secretary; and Randy Langford, Volunteer Coordinator.

**Volunteers for Green Line/ Farmers' Market:** The Board discussed the difficulties that Clarke and Frederick counties are having recruiting volunteers for green line/farmers' market. The group came to a consensus that the Bylaws/Guidelines could be modified to include the addition of 6 hours of green line/farmers' market in order to be a MG in good standing within the NSVMGA. This would be in addition to the current requirements for MGs, which are 20 project and 8 education hours for annual MG certification. Bob suggested that County Coordinators having difficulty recruiting volunteers for green lines/farmers' markets simply schedule Interns for green lines or farmers' markets as part of their 50 hour requirement to become a Master Gardener. The Bylaws/Guidelines Committees will need to meet to draft the language for the addition to the Bylaws/Guidelines of 6 hours of green line/farmers' market and then present it to the Board. The change will need to be voted on by the general membership at an Association meeting 30 days after having been circulated.

**Project Applications:** Randy discussed a number of emails he has received from MGs/Interns in Clarke who are interested in a project involving the Millwood Community Garden, which is not currently an approved project. The Board consensus was that all project applications should be submitted to the County Coordinator first, and then to the Volunteer Coordinator, which is the normal process as outlined in the Guidelines. The County Coordinator will evaluate the merits of the proposed project and whether there is enough MG interest to sustain the project over time. The Board also agreed that no project applications should be submitted by Interns wishing to use the project to complete their 50 volunteer hours requirement. The Board decided to request that the Bylaws/Guidelines Committees draft language for the addition to the Bylaws/Guidelines of a requirement that Interns earn their 50 hours working on existing NSVMGA projects. The Bylaws/Guidelines Committees can work on both of the Board's proposed changes to the Bylaws/Guidelines and then present them to the Board. The proposed changes will need to be voted on by the general membership at an Association meeting 30 days after having been circulated.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Boag  
Secretary, NSVMGA