



Newsletter of the Master Gardeners of Ontario

Inside

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Welcome to the February edition of *Inside MGOI*, the Master Gardeners of Ontario, Inc. (MGOI) newsletter.

The Newsletter focuses on you, Master Gardeners! This is your venue for providing updates, insights and the inside scoop from MGOI Board & Committee members, Directors, and the 27 Master Gardener groups throughout Ontario. The Newsletter features member milestones, group projects and activities, short member profiles, upcoming events such as regional technical updates – anything about the functioning and happenings of our groups and our members. Please feel free to submit pictures – they are most welcome!

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Editor: Isabel Belanger, Halton

Milestones

Algoma Master Gardeners

35 Year Anniversary

Maria Smith

Maria has received her 35 year badge. She joined MGs when the Algoma groups was formed, the second year after Master Gardeners of Ontario was founded. Maria is the coordinator of the group, a position she has held for many years.

Congratulations Maria!

25 Year Anniversary

Susan Milne

Master Gardener Status Achieved

Tracy Spurway

Tracy followed the Self Study Path to achieve MG status in January 2021.



Brantford Master Gardeners

Member Transfers

Kevin Kavanagh – from Norfolk MG

New Member

John Sinclair



Stratford Master Gardeners

New Master Gardener in Training

Dianne Wheler



Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

Retirement

Edythe Falconer

Edythe announced her retirement from MGOC to take on new challenges caring for her husband. She played a large role as a MG from 1999-2020. The following are some of her achievements:

Coordinator MGOC (2006-2007); Edythe started *The Edible Garden* newsletter (2014); she led several MGOC Technical Updates; she won a MGOI team award for *The Edible Garden* (2016); Edythe created the *Ambassador's All Initiative* to promote recruitment (2014); and her name gets about 22,800 Google 'hits' from talks and presentations.

Thanks Edythe for your many contributions to MGOC!



Lanark County Master Gardeners

25 Year Anniversary

Renai Rennick

Renai has been a very active member of Lanark County Master Gardeners since January 1996. She readily volunteers for all our Advice Clinics, Seedy Saturdays and Sundays and is a real regular at the Perth Farmers' Market. She is one of our top plant identifiers and we all rely on her to set us straight.

This is a photo of Coordinator Dale Odorizzi, right, presenting Renai with her 20 Year pin 5 years ago. Hopefully soon, we can meet and celebrate her 25th Anniversary.



New Master Gardener in Training

Jessica Barter

Jess is a recent graduate with honours from the Algonquin College Horticulture program. She is currently working for Greenlife Nursery and Landscaping to gain more practical knowledge before moving on to university.

Welcome to our Group, Jess!



A Reminder from the President

Karen Sciuk, President MGOI



ANNUAL REVIEW FOR 2020 – DUE MARCH 1st

Information for the Annual Review will be collected in two parts this year. Coordinators are responsible for submissions.

1. The Annual Review 2020 Part 1 Online Form must include your Membership list and Financial statement.
 - Provide the name of your Group, the name and email address of the person completing the form, and information regarding who joined, resigned, retired and who became certified.
 - The link to the Part 1 Online Form can be found on the members' side of www.mgoi.ca under Annual Review & Documents in Part D.
 - Once our database manager has confirmed your member numbers and dues amount, she will send you the Annual Dues Mail-In Form with instructions on how to pay. (Please note that the MGOI bank account cannot accept e-transfers while we have an interim treasurer.)

The deadline is March 1st this year (2021); please make every effort to send this in on time.

THANKS to all the coordinators who have already completed this important task!!

2. Later in March, you will receive a link to the Part 2 Survey which will ask for information on the various volunteer activities and services your group undertook in this COVID-19 year.
 - Note that the Part 2 survey will take into account that the minimum number of volunteer hours and education credits were not required in 2020.
 - However, we would like details about how everyone managed this year despite the challenges, and where you wanted more guidance.

Master Gardener Group Websites / Links

A Message from Jim Cook, MGOI Webmaster

The MGOI website lists current links to group websites and social media, such as Facebook and Instagram:

<https://www.mgoi.ca/groups/groups.html>.



<https://smejoinup.com/s-google-webmaster-tools-alternatives/>

This is a reminder to please inform me, Jim Cook, MGOI webmaster, of any changes to your links to keep them up-to-date. My address is: webmaster@mgoi.ca.

Thanks



Wanted – MGOI Treasurer

MGOI is currently without a treasurer!

The treasurer is an essential position in our organization and we need to fill this position ASAP! Without a treasurer, we are unable to pay bills or process donations and other transactions. (Please see application and role description at the end of the Newsletter.)

Qualifications and Workload

A Treasurer doesn't have to be an accountant or bookkeeper, but it certainly helps. If you are particular about how reports are prepared, are detail oriented and like things to add up, we'd love to hear from you.

The accounting records are maintained using QuickBooks software. This software is used to print cheques, enter deposits and journal entries and prepare monthly bank reconciliations. The busiest time of year for the treasurer is the first half of the year. Group membership fees are received in January and February. "Good News to Grow On" funds (if offered) are distributed in March. Year-end is April 30 when everything has to be tidied up and balanced. Records are sent/taken to our accountant in late June or July for him to prepare the Review Engagement financial statements and the Charities Return. In October, it is time to prepare a short summary for the Annual General Meeting informing members of the financial transactions undertaken by the Board during the fiscal year.

Are you interested? Feel free to email me for more details or questions (please see below).

Interested, but not sure if you have the time? How about job sharing?

If the time commitment or responsibilities are holding you back from stepping up to help as Treasurer, consider sharing this position. Two people could divide the duties and share attendance at meetings, or the position can be broken down into a "treasurer" and a "bookkeeper". The treasurer member could attend Board meetings and hold the vote on motions. The bookkeeper could do the day-to-day work or journal entries/bank accounts. They would support each other and work together to fulfil these essential duties.

Know someone who would make a great treasurer?

Please recommend the name of a fellow member who might really enjoy this role and we'll reach out to them. We can't do this without you!

To apply, ask questions or recommend someone, please email Past President Claudette Sims at: pastpresident@mgoi.ca.

Thanks for your support,

Claudette Sims, Past President, MGOI



Toronto Master Gardeners Launch Strategic Plan 2021-2023

by Joyce Tan, Toronto Master Gardeners

With the continuing social isolation during the Covid crisis, Toronto MGs decided to take advantage of this opportunity to pause, take stock, reflect, and adjust our course to adapt to these changing times. First, we

invited member feedback via a detailed survey. Building upon our existing Strategic Plan (2012), the Strategic Planning Committee then reviewed and drafted the TMG Strategic Plan 2021-2023.



TMG SP2021 celebrates what we have achieved together since 2012, and looks forward to exploring better ways to bring horticultural advice to the public. It contains detailed action plans for the next three years, organized under three strategic imperatives:

- reaching out to the world (external focus);
- supporting our members (internal focus);
- and strengthening our framework and operations (organizational focus).

TMG SP2021 was introduced to our members at the February monthly meeting. Efforts are well underway to begin implementing the strategic imperatives, under the leadership of Strategic Plan Co-ordinator Dianne Azzarello.

We will be refining and strengthening our brand, conducting client surveys to better assess the horticultural needs of the public,

reducing financial barriers to entry for MGITs ... plus fulfilling the many other initiatives articulated in SP2021. We are determined to make the most of the next three years to further realize our vision to “sustain the organization and our committed volunteers, support and inspire the community, and continually update the sound knowledge required to help them.”



Master Gardeners Out & About: Projects & Events

Brantford Master Gardeners

Name: Ongoing Activities Thru This Pandemic

Details: BMGs continue to hold monthly meetings via Zoom. The group will probably continue with this format and have a couple of in-person meetings during the summer months. At each meeting we have a members' chat, where we catch up on what is going on in our gardens or what plans we have for this growing season.

BMGs have established Committees to carry on with what we can – activities we can do at the moment. We are also discussing other activities in preparation for when COVID restrictions are finally lifted.

We started a monthly photo contest to keep members engaged. MG Anne Saunders is heading our book club program and mentoring MGITs with their course materials.

We have our community 'Ask A MG' on our website to answer questions from the public. The BMGs have also started a 'MG Tips from the Watering Can' article that gets sent out to area horticultural societies. It is then added into their newsletters and sent out to their membership.



Stratford Master Gardeners

Name: Carolyn Schmidt Presentation & Garden Chat

Dates: 10 February, 2021 and 17 February, 2021

Details: Carolyn gave a very interesting presentation to Stratford MGs at their February meeting. The subject was creating ideal habitats in Stratford gardens, for mason and leafcutter bees (both native to Ontario). Carolyn gave very clear information about the appearance, life cycles and nesting habits of the bees. This was helpful to the audience who wanted to be able to provide nesting sites, plan beneficial planting schemes, and have plants flowering at times that would nurture the bees.

Participants found it really useful to know when they could cut back plants used for nesting and by how much. They were anxious to plant species that would flower at appropriate times.

Links to resources can be found below as they are also common to Carolyn's Garden Chat the following week.

Carolyn led a garden chat titled *A Bumblebee's Guide to Gardening* for members of Garden Ontario. It was very interesting and informative and gave the audience a lot to think about. Habitat loss, competition from invasive plant species, biodiversity decline and fragmentation have made life difficult for the 28 species of bumblebees found in Ontario. Bumblebees are generalist foragers and need clusters (5-7 plants) of different species of plants flowering at different times (spring to late fall) to survive. They only forage up to 100 feet from home. An interesting question is: Do cultivars of native plants that attract pollinators offer the same nutritional value as the straight species, for example in the case of *Echinacea*?

Members' questions at the end of the Zoom call showed their interest in using the information to improve conditions for bumblebees in their gardens. Everybody learned a lot and valued the opportunity to discuss and learn from Carolyn and other members. Good references provided opportunities for follow up.

Links:

Bees: An Identification and Native Plant Forage Guide by Heather Holm:

<https://www.pollinationpress.com/beespreview.html>

Pollinators of Native Plants by Heather Holm:

<https://www.pollinationpress.com/pollinatorspreview.html>



Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton

Name: New Trowel Talk Newsletter

Details: Last year, MGOC launched a new version of *Trowel Talk* – combining *Trowel Talk* with *The Edible Garden*. The newsletter is approaching the one year mark and we have good participation from our members. We're writing about some important topics including native plants, invasive species and vegetable growing. This newsletter is a partnership between Ottawa-Carleton MGs and Lanark MGs.



Grey County Master Gardeners

Name: The Eco-Responsible Gardener

Details: Grey County MGs began a series of three virtual seminars to help gardeners create and maintain an environmentally sustainable and beautiful garden on January 30th, 2021.

Approximately 250 “Zoomers” were educated and entertained by Lorraine Johnson at the first of our three seminars, “Native Plants for Grey/Bruce Counties.” Lorraine talked about the many important benefits of using native species in our gardens and gave recommendations on specific plants and how to use them effectively.

The second in the series took place on Saturday, February 27th at 1:00 p.m. Julie Anne Lamberts, founder and operator of “By the Bluffs”, an ecological plant nursery and permaculture orchard near Wiarton spoke on “Gardening with Nature – Building Gardens from the Ground Up”. The response has again been tremendous and, as with our first, this seminar was fully subscribed.

Our series ends on Sunday, April 11th with Jennifer Llewellyn, Nursery and Landscape Specialist at OMAFRA (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs) presenting on “If Only Trees Could Talk”. Jennifer’s presentation will provide insights into the underlying site conditions – environmental, cultural, and pest issues facing trees and shrubs in the Ontario landscape. Additional details of Jennifer’s presentation and the registration link will be on our website <https://greycountymastergardeners.com/> at the beginning of March.

Name: Column in the Owen Sound Hub

Details: Grey County MGs will be writing a regular column in the Owen Sound Hub on ecologically responsible gardening.

The purpose of the column, as set out in the introductory article written by our co-Coordinator Vicky Thompson, is to provide information that will help home gardeners make choices that support a healthy world. We’re excited about this opportunity!



Muskoka Master Gardeners

Name: Seed Lending Program

Details: Muskoka MGs have agreed to help the Dunchurch Public Library with their newly developing Seed Lending Program and we are looking forward to participating. We also plan to help rebuild their gardens and hopefully have a native plants garden with a beneficial insect hotel, and if possible a community garden bed.

We have been meeting virtually but are really looking forward to better weather so we can meet outside in a park or garden.



Halton Master Gardeners

Name: Meet Kramer, aka *Amorphophallus titanum*, Titan arum or Corpse Flower

by Isabel Belanger, Halton Master Gardener

Details: On February 19th I visited the Gage Park Tropical Greenhouse on its grand reopening to view Kramer who bloomed on February 18th, 2021. The flower only lasts for 24 – 48 hours. Kramer topped out at 75” with a circumference of 45”; he had already started to die back on February 19th. Niagara Parks gifted Kramer to the Gage Park greenhouse in August 2019.

Titan arums are quite rare and unusual. They grow from corms (which can weigh 200 pounds or more) and are members of the Araceae family which also includes Jack-in-the-Pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*), Calla Lily (*Zantedeschia spp.*), and Voodoo Lily (*Sauromatum venosum*), among others.



The light brown structure arising from the base is the spadix and is surrounded by a spathe that is dark maroon (the colour of dried blood). The spathe looks like velvet. Both the male and female flowers are at the base of the plant inside the spadix.

When the spathe opens to fully reveal the spadix it smells like rotting flesh (hence the nickname). The smell peaks for a few hours in the very early hours of the morning when its pollinators are most active. Carrion flies and beetles are attracted to the rotting smell and crawl inside where they transfer pollen from the anthers to the stigmas.

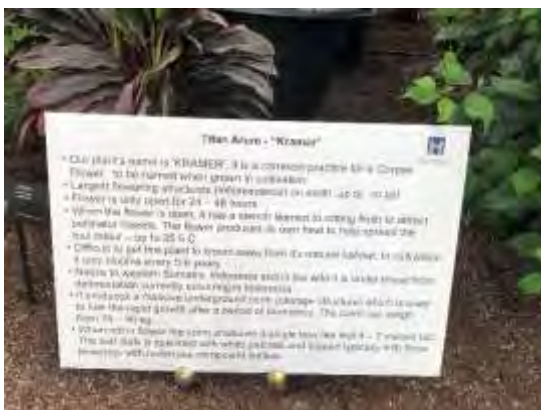
The spadix produces its own heat to help spread the smell – rising from about 25°C to 35.6°C. The smell then generally dissipates within 24 – 36 hours. There



A greenhouse employee had cut open Kramer in order to extract pollen

was just a mild lingering odour (through a mask with 4 layers of polypropylene) when I visited at around 3pm. A greenhouse employee mentioned that the odour, at its peak, had permeated the entire greenhouse.

When the plant first begins the flowering process it's not known whether the plant will break dormancy by producing a leaf or a flower. When the 2 bracts at the bottom of the plant die this signals that an inflorescence will come next. After booming the flower will collapse. The plant then enters a dormant phase and the corm will wait to begin a new cycle. Titan arums often bloom only every 3 to 7 years, but some like Kramer have been known to bloom every 2 years (Kramer last bloomed in 2019 at Niagara Parks).



The leaf itself is quite interesting. It looks like a tree with leaves but is actually a petiole with rachises supporting numerous leaflets.

This is a picture of Kramer's leaf in 2020, however the picture is too dark to show the white speckles on the

petiole. The leaves can grow to about 15' tall.



Young Titans – note the speckled petioles

I used the following websites to glean more information about this incredible plant:

<https://youtu.be/dcK4Wr4PFCM>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amorphophallus_titanum

<https://www.chicagobotanic.org/titan/faq>

<https://www.hamilton.ca/attractions/culture/corpse-flower-corm>

http://botit.botany.wisc.edu/Titan_Arum_Archive/

Upcoming Events

London Middlesex Master Gardeners

London's Seedy Saturday is going virtual!

Date: March 6, 2021

Details: 2021 will be the 14th annual Seedy Saturday for London Middlesex Master Gardeners (LMMG) and it will be different from any other Seedy Saturday we have planned!



London's Seedy Saturday roots go

back more than twenty years, from an original gardening forum with 25 attendees in a church basement to the event just this past March with more than 1000 attendees and 70 booths. Seeds of Diversity helped us get started by sharing organizational coaching and support, some advertising, and links to national seed companies. They continue to support this event every year by bringing their seeds to swap and knowledge to share.

Our typical event includes 3 speaker presentations, plus a large marketplace of vendors and educational exhibitors such as garden clubs and environmental groups. We will offer 3 great talks again this year but the format will be virtual.

We did consider cancelling or shifting the event to later in the year when we could hold it outdoors, but have decided to hold onto our 'first Saturday in March' tradition and take the leap to learn how to do it virtually. So... now we are researching and testing various methods of hosting online events. Quite a learning curve! Our plans include advertising on social media, and preregistration for 3 presentations.

We're also exploring ways to include our valued vendors and exhibitors by offering onscreen links to their video ads or educational messages.

Local gardeners look forward to Seedy Saturday every year, and in 2021 we will continue our tradition of sharing some

knowledge to educate and encourage new and experienced gardeners alike...and this year they can enjoy it all from the comfort of their homes! Planning continues for our event on **March 6, 2021**stay tuned!

Registration is now open: Click Here to Register.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/london-middlesex-master-gardeners-seedy-saturday-festival-marketplace-tickets-135892310559>

Vancouver BC Master Gardeners

Technical Update: Spring Back 2021



Dates: Saturday, March 27th, 2021 & Sunday, March 28th, 2021

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm PST (Pacific Standard Time) each day

Cost: Tickets are \$50.

Details: This year, the Vancouver (BC, Canada) Master Gardeners are going digital! **Spring Back 2021** will be held via Zoom.

Because our event is online this year we were able to cast a wider net, and as a result we can bring you renowned gardening experts from the UK and the Pacific Northwest, including: **Dr. Noel Kingsbury, Fergus Garrett, Jonathon Jones, Egan Davis, Dr. Linda-Chalker Scott, Andrea Bellamy, and Lorene Edwards Forkner.**

This year's theme is "resilience". Our speakers will offer advice on growing food in small spaces, the latest trends in natural floral landscapes, plants that triumph over extreme conditions, and plant-protecting tactics in a climate changing world. You will not want to miss it!

For more info go to: <http://mgabc.org/node/2867>

* Feel free to forward this email to colleagues and friends or send us an email with contact information for us and we'll send the email.

Contact email:

spring_back_2021@vancouvermastergardeners.org

Grey County Master Gardeners

Name: Zoom Seminars

Details: As part of our 25th anniversary celebrations, we have been hosting "The Eco-Responsible Gardener", a series of 3 free Zoom seminars, each 90 minutes in length, to help you create and maintain a garden that is both beautiful and sustainable.

Our series ends on **Sunday, April 11th** with Jennifer Llewellyn, Nursery and Landscape Specialist at OMAFRA (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs) presenting on "If Only Trees Could Talk". Jennifer's presentation will provide insights into the underlying site conditions – environmental, cultural, and pest issues facing trees and shrubs in the Ontario landscape. Additional details of Jennifer's presentation and the registration link will be on our website <https://greycountymastergardeners.com/> at the beginning of March.

Etobicoke Master Gardeners

Name: EMG/Humber Arboretum Virtual Gardening Workshops – 2021

Dates & Topics: Further Workshops include:

- Apr. 17 – Growing Your Own Food
- May 15 – Bird Friendly Gardening
- Jun. 12 – Benefits of Gardening
- Oct. 16 – Pruning
- Nov. 13 – Pests & Pathogens

Zoom meeting details will be provided after registration.
Register at <https://humber.ca/arboretum/events>

Join the Etobicoke Master Gardeners and the Humber Arboretum for free VIRTUAL gardening workshops!
Saturdays 10 - 11 am

Soil Health: The Natural Approach - January 16, 2021
Good Bugs - Bad Bugs - February 20, 2021
Growing Your Own Food - April 17, 2021
Bird Friendly Gardening - May 15, 2021
Benefits of Gardening - June 12, 2021 (10:00 - 10:30 am)
Pruning - October 16, 2021
Pests & Pathogens - November 13, 2021

Zoom meeting details will be provided after registration.
We look forward to your participation.
Register at: [Humber.ca/arboretum/events](https://humber.ca/arboretum/events)

Etobicoke Master Gardeners
www.etobicokeemastergardeners.ca

HUMBER ARBORETUM
www.humber.ca/arboretum

Events on Hold until Further Notice

Canada Blooms 2021

On December 5th, 2020 a notice that Canada Blooms has been cancelled for 2021 appeared on the Canada Blooms Website:

https://legacy.horttrades.com/nostylecanada-blooms-newsletter-merry-christmas-2020?utm_source=epic48&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=35792

'Sadly a couple of weeks ago, our Executive Director, Terry Caddo made the decision, "I am heartbroken, after having to cancel 2020, that we are unable to have an in-person event in 2021."

We will re-schedule as soon as the situation becomes clearer. We hope to see you there!

Currently, Canada Blooms has been exploring other options in place of the in-person event, and we will keep you up-to-date via our newsletter and social media once we have any plans finalized.

We thank each and everyone for your support of Canada Blooms and hope to see everyone at our 2022 festival. We miss you, and can hardly wait until we can all be together in person. Until then, please stay safe.



Stratford Master Gardeners

POSTPONED!! Technical Update

Topic: *Gardening for the Planet: Creating Biodiverse Habitats in Our Gardens*

Information: We had asked you to save the date of October 17th, 2020 for our Technical Update. As a result of COVID-19 we postponed the event rather than leave people uncertain as to whether it would go ahead.

Halton Master Gardeners

Postponed! Technical Update! Stay Tuned!

Topic: *Refugia: the future of gardening*

Original Date: Saturday, October 24th, 2020

Location: Waterdown, ON

Speakers:

- Dr. Christina Davy, Research Scientist with the Ministry of Natural Resources
- Catherine Kavassalis, Halton Region Master Gardener
- Paul Gellatly, Director of Horticulture, Toronto Botanical Garden
- Claudette Sims, Past President MGOI
- Other special guests TBA



Name: 2020 Atlantic Master Gardener Conference – Cancelled until Summer 2021 – Stay Tuned!

Topic: *Designing Adaptive Gardens in Atlantic Canada*

Location: Truro, NS originally on July 8th & 9th, 2020

Keynote Speaker: Julie Moir Messervy, award winning landscape designer from Vermont and author of *New Landscaping Ideas that Work* and other books, has indicated that she is willing to come in 2021.

Of Possible Interest to Master Gardeners

University of Guelph Arboretum

Name: 2021 Virtual Workshops

Details: Guelph Arboretum is putting on a number of on-line courses which may be of interest. The next two are:

1. Garden Fundamentals

Tuesdays, March 23 – May 4
7-8 pm

2. Ask the Gardener

March 31, 12-1 pm

Further information is available here:

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/arboretum/educationandevents/workshops>





Master Gardeners of Ontario Inc.
Application for Director, Board Officer or Committee Member

Name: _____

Group: _____

Date: _____

Contact Info (phone and email): _____

How long have you been a member of your Group? _____

What do you like best about being an MG?

How have you been involved in the administration side of your Group? (ex: Roles held, duration, involved in a project, planning of a group activity, etc.)

Which role are you applying for with MGOI and why? Committee or Executive

What skills/strengths/experience do you have that will help with this position?

The Board consists of members across the province and often needs to make decisions via email or teleconference. How would you manage your multiple priorities to respond to Board matters in a timely manner?

What area would you need to work on to be successful as a MGOI Director?

Please forward to pastpresident@mgoi.ca & secretary@mgoi.ca



Treasurer

(Individual or shared position)

The MGOI Treasurer is an essential member of the Board of Directors & a signing officer for the Corporation.

Overview

- The Treasurer shall understand and review the Corporation's finances and report on them to the Board of Directors and the Member Groups.
- This position may be shared, e.g. the responsibilities & vote can be shared between two people, or the responsibilities can be divided into "Treasurer" (attending Board meetings, voting, preparing financial reports) and a 'Bookkeeper" posting transactions & records in an accounting system.
- Term of the position is 2 years. A maximum of 3 terms can be served.

Functions & Duties

- Maintain all necessary financial records of MGOI
- Ensure everyone handling money keeps proper records and documentation
- Conduct all financial transactions, e.g. bank accounts, term deposits, payments of bills, donations
- Receive & process deposits from fundraising, donations, GST/HST rebate and any amounts applicable to the organization that are not received by other board members
- Prepare periodic statements of the financial position of MGOI, or reports to the Board of Directors as requested
- Develop the annual budget with input from Board members
- Conduct business in accordance with the budget, Board motions, financial condition and proper accounting procedures
- Submit accounting reports to the Canada Revenue Agency and Corporations Canada as required
- Cooperate with the chosen accountants in presenting all materials necessary for the financial review engagement report

Qualifications

- Ability to conduct business effectively and efficiently
- Ideally an accounting/bookkeeping background/experience
- Knowledge of QuickBooks software (or willingness to learn)
- Access to a TD branch bank

Communication

- Liaise with MGOI President re issues, concerns or problems
- Reply to correspondence in a timely fashion
- Communicate with Officers/Directors/Groups as necessary

Supports for Board Members

- Eligible for travel expenses relating to the position as described in our MGOI policies/procedures
- Communications Guidelines for Board Members document
- MGOI Governance Guideline document
- Insurance to cover liability of the Corporation & indemnify directors

