

Minutes
Annual Business Meeting
Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.
Via ZOOM, January 21, 2022

The Annual Business Meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM by President Ben Clark. President Clark offered words of welcome to the membership. Thirty-six individuals were present.

Minutes of the January 13, 2021 Annual Business Meeting

The minutes of the previous Annual Business Meeting (January 13, 2021) were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

Secretary's Report

After multiple membership renewal mailings, 165 individuals paid 2021 membership dues. Below are the membership figures for 2015-21. With courtesy and life members, the total membership in 2021 was 183

Category	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Active members	77	81	81	77	83	68	77
Associate members	55	47	48	50	49	55	88
Courtesy members	13	11	13	15	15	16	14
Life members	4	3	4	4	3	3	4
Total	149	142	146	146	150	142	183

The Annual Business Meeting was on January 13, 2021 via Zoom, with 81 individuals in attendance. Directors' Meetings were conducted via Zoom on March 19 and November 30, 2021. The Annual Summer Meeting was at Clarkdale Fruit Farm on July 14, 2021, with approximately 120 people in attendance. The Secretary's Report was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The General Fund began the year with a balance of \$86,680.99. Receipts totaled \$20,083.38, and disbursements totaled \$17,973.07. The balance on December 31, 2021 was \$85,791.19. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$245,658.16. A total of \$500 was disbursed in 2021. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on December 31, 2021 was \$293,085.12, a 19.3% gain for 2021. The Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded and passed unanimously. Details follow on the next page.

The auditor (Nicewicz) stated that he reviewed the financial material and found them in good order. The Auditor's Report was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Other Business

Legislative (Dowse), UMass Fruit Advisory (Carlson), Harvest Labor (Broderick), and Marketing (Nicewicz) committees and the Trustees of the UMass Cold Spring Orchard (Carlson) gave very brief reports.

Motion (Dowse): MFGA will contribute \$1000 to the International Fruit Tree Association Research Fund. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Nominations Committee Report and Elections

On behalf of the Directors, Autio presented a slate of candidates for officers and directors, including Ben Clark for President, Chelcie Martin, Elly Vaughan, and Peter Mitchell for First, Second, and Third Vice Presidents, respectively, Wes Autio for Secretary and Treasurer, and Ken Nicewicz for Auditor. William, Broderick, Alex Dowse, Pat Kriksconaitis, and Andrew Martin were nominated for directors with 3-year terms. Gerry Beirne was nominated for a 2-year term as director, replacing Peter Mitchell, and Susan Conant and Joshua Fitzgerald were nominated for 1-year terms, replacing Chelcie Martin, and Elly Vaughan. Dowse moved that the nominations be accepted and that the secretary be directed to cast a single vote for the entire slate. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Wesley R. Autio, *Secretary/Treasurer*

Treasurer's Report for 2021

GENERAL FUND

Balance -- Bank of America + PayPal, 12/31/20		\$83,680.88
Receipts	Associate member dues -- 2021	\$2,194.85
	Active member dues -- 2021	\$15,381.70
	Summer Meeting	\$2,261.83
	UMass Programs, Publications, general donations	\$245.00
		\$20,083.38
Disbursements	Administration	\$3,868.77
	Secretary/Treasurer salary	\$3,500.00
	Summer meeting	\$2,380.30
	Affiliations	\$70.00
	US Apple Association	\$6,754.00
	Miscellaneous	\$1,400.00
		-\$17,973.07
Balance -- Bank of America & PayPal, 12/31/21		\$85,791.19
HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH FUND		
Balance -- Bank of America, 12/31/20		\$2,912.94
Receipts		\$0.00
		\$0.00
Disbursements	Insurance for UMCSOREC Sprayer	\$500.00
		-\$500.00
Balance -- Bank of America, 12/31/21		\$2,412.94
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Balance -- Merrill Lynch, 12/31/20		\$242,745.22
Cash		\$5,310.37
<i>Equities</i>	AUTOMATIC DATA PROC	\$24,658.00
	BAXTER INTERNTL INC	\$8,584.00
	EXXON MOBIL CORP COM	\$9,178.50
	GENERAL ELEC CO REG SHS	\$8,785.72
	MERCK AND CO INC SHS	\$15,328.00
	OCCIDENTAL PETE CORP CAL	\$2,174.25
	ORGANON AND CO REG SHS	\$609.00
	QUALCOMM INC	\$36,574.00
	RAYTHEON TECHNOLOGIES CORP	\$5,163.60
	WALMART INC	\$17,362.80
<i>Funds</i>	AMERICAN BEACON SMALL CAP VALUE FUND CL Y	\$5,999.78
	BLACKROCK GLOBAL DIVIDEND PORTFOLIO INST	\$5,058.39
	DELAWARE IVY MID CAP GROWTH FD CL I	\$18,043.82
	INVESCO S&P 500 EQUAL WEIGHT ETF	\$32,550.00
	ISHARES MSCI EAFE	\$9,441.60
	ISHARES MSCI EAFE SMALL CAP	\$7,309.00
	ISHARES MSCI EMERGING MKTS	\$2,442.50
	JP MORGAN INCOME BUILDER FUND CL I	\$4,124.36
	SECTOR SPDR CONSMRS STPL	\$11,566.50
	SECTOR SPDR INDUSTRIAL	\$15,871.50
	SELECT SECTOR SPDR TR	\$34,774.00
	SPDR US FINANCIAL SECTOR ETF	\$9,762.50
Balance -- Merrill Lynch, 12/31/21		\$290,672.19
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Total Balance -- Horticultural Research Fund		\$293,085.13
Overall change in value in 2021		19.3%