

Minutes
Annual Business Meeting
Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association, Inc.
New England Vegetable & Fruit Conference, Manchester, NH
December 13, 2022

The Annual Business Meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM by President Ben Clark. President Clark offered words of welcome to the membership. Twenty-five individuals were present, and six others attended via Zoom.

Minutes of the January 21, 2022 Annual Business Meeting

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

Secretary's Report

After multiple membership renewal mailings, 160 individuals paid 2022 membership dues. Below are the membership figures for 2016-22. With courtesy and life members, the total membership in 2022 was 180

Category	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Active members	81	81	77	83	68	77	80
Associate members	47	48	50	49	55	88	80
Courtesy members	11	13	15	15	16	14	15
Life members	3	4	4	3	3	4	5
Total	142	146	146	150	142	183	180

The Annual Business Meeting was on January 21, 2022 via Zoom, with 36 individuals in attendance. Directors' Meetings were conducted on March 11 via Zoom and at the Old Mill Restaurant in Westminster on November 10. The Annual Summer Meeting was at the UMass Cold Spring Orchard on July 14, 2022, with approximately 100 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 \$85,791.19. Receipts totaled \$32,341.01, and disbursements totaled \$20,591.68. The balance on December 31, 2022 was \$97,540.52. The Horticultural Research Fund began the year with a balance of \$293,085.13. A total of \$1,503.52 was disbursed in 2022, and \$24.10 was received as a donation. The balance in the Horticultural Research Fund on December 31, 2022 was \$263,064.25, a 10.2% loss for 2022. 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

UMass Fruit Advisory (Martin), Harvest Labor (Broderick), and Marketing (Nicewicz) committees gave very brief reports.

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

Motion: MFGA will contribute \$1000 as a sponsor of the UMass Fruit Program. 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. Courtney Basil, Glenn Cook, Susan Conant, Joshua Fitzgerald, and Mark Parlee were nominated for directors with 3-year terms. The election followed. All officer nominees were elected, and Courtney Basil, Glenn Cook, Susan Conant, and Mark Parlee were elected to serve 3-year terms as directors at large.

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 PM.

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

Treasurer's Report for 2022

GENERAL FUND

Balance -- Bank of America + PayPal, 12/31/21			\$85,791.19
Receipts	Associate member dues	\$1,965.12	
	Active member dues	\$15,769.15	
	Winter Meeting	\$8,588.59	
	Summer Meeting	\$3,391.56	
	Risk Management	\$2,482.06	
	Horticultural Research Fund Donation	\$24.10	
	UMass Programs, Publications, general donations	\$120.43	\$32,341.01
Disbursements	Administration	\$5,174.20	
	Secretary/Treasurer salary	\$4,000.00	
	Summer meeting	\$2,840.63	
	Affiliations	\$70.00	
	US Apple Association	\$6,838.00	
	Website	\$500.00	
	Horticultural Research Fund Donation transfer	\$24.10	
	Miscellaneous	\$1,144.75	-\$20,591.68
Balance -- Bank of America & PayPal, 12/31/22			\$97,540.52
HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH FUND			
Balance -- Bank of America, 12/31/21			\$2,412.94
Receipts	Donation	\$24.10	\$24.10
Disbursements	Cider jugs for UMCSOREC	\$1,003.52	
	Sprayer insurance for UMCSOREC	\$500.00	-\$1,503.52
Balance -- Bank of America, 12/31/22			\$933.52
Balance -- Merrill Lynch, 12/31/21			\$290,672.19
Cash			\$7,237.36
<i>Equities</i>	AUTOMATIC DATA PROC	\$23,886.00	\$125,851.33
	BAXTER INTERNTL INC	\$5,097.00	
	EXXON MOBIL CORP COM	\$16,545.00	
	GENERAL ELEC CO REG SHS	\$7,792.48	
	MERCK AND CO INC SHS	\$22,190.00	
	OCCIDENTAL PETE CORP CAL	\$4,724.25	
	ORGANON AND CO REG SHS	\$558.60	
	QUALCOMM INC	\$21,988.00	
	RAYTHEON TECHNOLOGIES CORP	\$6,055.20	
	WALMART INC	\$17,014.80	
<i>Funds</i>	AMERICAN BEACON SMALL CAP VALUE FUND CL A	\$5,525.05	\$129,042.04
	BLACKROCK GLOBAL DIVIDEND PORTFOLIO CL A	\$4,359.49	
	DELAWARE IVY MID CAP GROWTH FD CL A	\$12,541.48	
	INVESCO S&P 500 EQUAL WEIGHT ETF	\$28,250.00	
	ISHARES MSCI EAFE	\$7,876.80	
	ISHARES MSCI EAFE SMALL CAP	\$5,648.00	
	ISHARES MSCI EMERGING MKTS	\$1,895.00	
	JP MORGAN INCOME BUILDER FUND CL A	\$3,594.22	
	SECTOR SPDR CONSMRS STPL	\$11,182.50	
	SECTOR SPDR INDUSTRIAL	\$14,731.50	
	SPDR US FINANCIAL SECTOR ETF	\$8,550.00	
	TECHNOLOGY SELECT SECTOR SPDR	\$24,888.00	
Balance -- Merrill Lynch, 12/31/22			\$262,130.73
Total Balance -- Horticultural Research Fund			\$263,064.25
Overall change in value in 2022			-10.2%