

Grow Maine Green Expo
Wednesday, January 20, 2021
Augusta Civic Center
Paul G. Poulin Auditorium

9:30 am- 9:55 am Sign In at Registration Desk Coffee

10:00 am - 11:00 am Seminar – “Invasive Pests Review and Update”

Gary Fish

State Horticulturist, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry

The presentation will cover new insect and disease concerns, quarantines, and the start of the five year review of the terrestrial invasive plant list. Some of the pests to be included are: Spotted lanternfly, emerald ash borer, Amyntas worms, oak wilt, sudden oak death, and chrysanthemum white rust.

11:15 am – 1:15 pm

MELNA ANNUAL MEETING

& Lunch

A. Election of 3 members to Executive Committee.

Nominees (Terms Expire 2024):

Anna Cudmore

Cudmore Curbscapes

Darrell Pelotte

Gagne & Son Concrete

Nominations Welcome From Floor

B. Election of President, Vice-Pres., and Treasurer for 2021 (Terms expire 2022)

President: Ryan Russell

Land Plans, Inc.

Vice-Pres.: Lee Skillin

Skillin's Greenhouses, Inc.

Treasurer: Phil Roberts

Broadway Gardens

C. Recommendations from MELNA Executive Committee:

1. That we produce our 4th Maine Flower Show March 23-27, 2022, subject to final approval of the MELNA Executive Committee by March 23, 2021.

2. That MELNA partners with 3 other organizations to produce the Locally Grown Expo September 30-October 2, 2021 in Augusta.

D. By-Law Amendment

ARTICLE 4. GOVERNING BODY

~~A quorum shall be defined as 20 percent of the total voting members of the Association and shall be required for any action by the Governing Body. Voting privileges shall be determined by the Governing Body. In the event that a quorum of 20% of the total voting members is not present, votes of those present may be taken and tabulated. Within 3 business days of the meeting, all motions considered at the meeting will be sent to all voting members not present via electronic means. Voting members will have 5 business days to submit their votes electronically on the motions. The electronic votes cast shall be combined with the votes cast at the meeting. Total amount of votes cast at the meeting and electronically must equal a quorum of 20%.~~ **the total of voting members present at any duly-called Annual Meeting or special meeting as defined in Article 9. Voting privileges shall be determined by the Governing Body.**

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm Seminar – “Positives in Pandemics: Thoughts on "Growing" your Industry”

Dr. Hannah Carter

Dean, University of Maine Cooperative Extension

While COVID challenged individuals, industries and communities, there have been positives in this pandemic that will impact this industry, agriculture and Maine. How will MELNA members take advantage of these opportunities to help grow this industry?