

PCGCA DELEGATES

Each of the 10 clubs in the Philadelphia Area selects 2 delegates and its President to represent the club at meetings. These representatives make up the “Board” of PCGCA – One of the club delegates is responsible for Fertilizer Fund reporting etc. The other Delegate is a general delegate. The responsibility of all delegates is to educate club members on all business of the PCGCA. At any meeting, if voting members from The Weeders cannot be present, they can designate their club’s vote to another member by notifying the PCGCA Chair.

The Fertilizer Fund Delegate’s responsibility is to track and encourage donations, and to report progress to her club. Other PCGCA delegates should assist her. One of The Weeders Representatives must attend the PCGCA special meeting each spring when the grant awards are determined. When the grant awards have been determined the Website Administrator should be so informed so she can post a notice encouraging members to check the PCGCA Website.

PCGCA delegates should arrange to have invitations to The PCGCA Joint Meeting in November and Fertilizer Fund Annual Appeal notices should be mailed or delivered to one of them so they can address the envelopes and bring them to the September meeting. (Labels can be requested from Print and Publications for this task). Delegates should make sure to announce that members should take their own invitations home with them to save postage. At the end of the meeting, the delegates must take home and mail all unclaimed invitations. (Expenses can be reimbursed from The Weeders Budget.).

The Magnolia Tribute Garden, part of Independence National Historical Park, was dedicated in 1959, after years of work by Marion Rosengarten (The Weeders) and her sister Dorothy Falcon Platt (Garden Club of Philadelphia), who wanted to honor the country’s founding fathers. When the PCGCA was established in 1965, the group assumed maintenance of the garden. The President of each club is contacted to provide volunteers at one workday each year. The delegates assist the President in making sure that several Weeders do participate in the assigned workday.

The Physic Garden is the historic Herb Healing Garden at Pennsylvania Hospital, the oldest hospital in the nation. The Pennsylvania Hospital Physic Garden Coordinator prepares a schedule of available work dates for clubs to volunteer. Each fall at a PCGCA meeting this list is made available to club Presidents, who choose a time and seek volunteers from their clubs. Lunch is often provided, and parking is complimentary.

At the end of each program year the Chair is responsible for preparing a year-end report of the activities of the committee to be presented at the Annual Meeting. This should be provided to both the President and the Recording Secretary 1) electronically in advance of the meeting and 2) brought to the meeting as a hard copy. A hard copy should be handed

or sent to the Archivist/Historian. Confer with the Archivist/Historian about providing her with hard copies of other materials to be archived.