**Membership Meeting Minutes**

Buffalo Wild Wings - Perrysburg

December 01, 2017

11:00 am

**Attendance:** Deb Bettinger, Kim Bunge, Joe Perlaky and Beth Scheckelhoff

The meeting was called to order by Deb Bettinger at 11:07 am.

**What your Membership buys:**

Company Listing: Your company will be listed on the MVGA website under your member category showing all contact information including a map locator.

Retail/Wholesale Specials: Highlight your company sales and specials throughout the year.

What’s Happening: List your company’s gardening tips, news and event information online. How about a video of your operation you would like to share?

Buying/Selling Hiring: Need to sell unused equipment? Need to buy used equipment from another grower? Need employees? Advertise for free online and MVGA will also send out notices to other growers in NW Ohio!

Annual Dinner Meeting*:* Each November offers all members an opportunity to socialize, share a holiday style meal and educational entertainment. Presentations are made about MVGA accomplishments for the year and future goals along with board member elections and sponsorship recognition. Also honored are new recipients of our Norm Moll Scholarship award which is offered to existing and incoming college students in horticultural studies.

Conferences: Free admission to conferences and meetings listed below:

* *Winter Conference* – This educational conference is held each January at an MVGA member site in cooperation with industry and trade partners. The event focuses on various aspects of greenhouse production and may include presentations on structures, energy savings, soils, pest controls, new plant varieties, containers, etc. and usually includes state pesticide licensing upgrades.
* *Spring Retail Roundtable*- This educational conference is held each March at an MVGA member site in cooperation with industry and trade partners. The event focuses on retail garden centers incorporating inspiring new ideas through various retail-oriented presentations.
* *Summer Retail Roundtable -* Typically held at a local garden center with a review of previous spring sales season successes and misses and group discussions for best future business ideas.

**Need to further highlight and feature your business? How about a Sponsorship?**

* Sponsors receive all the benefits of Membership plus more! See below.

**SILVER LEVEL: $225**

* Sponsorship Certificate
* Company name\* listed on all MVGA activity correspondence including the MVGA website splash page.
* Recognition at MVGA’s Annual Meeting/Banquet in November.

**GOLD LEVEL: $350**

* Sponsorship Certificate
* Company name\* listed on all MVGA activity correspondence including the MVGA website splash page.
* Recognition at MVGA’s Annual Meeting in November
* Signs at all major events recognizing your sponsorship.
* Free dinner for two people at the Annual Meeting /Banquet.

*\*company name and logo as supplied by sponsor*

The meeting concluded at 12:40