SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 25-26, 2020
GARDEN BOARD MEMBER EXPERIENCE
HILTON DOWNTOWN PORTLAND, OR
Open to Board Members of Public Gardens Only

**Member Pricing - Registration Opens March 1, 2020:**
$575 by Early Bird registration (until April 17)/$650 after that  
Non-Members: $100 additional

Last year, the American Public Gardens Association introduced a 1-1/2 day gathering embedded within the Annual Conference just for board members of public gardens.

Here’s what Board members told us they valued:

- *The Public Private Partnerships session I attended was excellent—an exploration of creating partnerships/collaboratives for specific goals shared between/among gardens would be interesting... It seems more gardens could benefit from teaming up in various ways. Boards seem a logical genesis for these possibilities.*
- *Session topics were effective seeds, but the most valuable part was exchanging challenges, strategies, best practices, etc. with a broad spectrum of other board members*
- *The benchmarking information*
- *Simply attending the conference and seeing the scale of it*

And here’s some of what they told us they wanted next time:

- *Case studies of garden successes. We can all benefit from not reinventing the wheel and borrowing good ideas*
- *How to be a more effective board member*
- *Financial implications of policies*

The Garden Board Member Experience is interactive, dynamic, with a minimum of Powerpoint presentations and talking heads! Participants of 2020 Garden Board Member Experience will enjoy:

- Tours of Portland’s famous Washington Park gardens including Hoyt Arboretum, the International Rose Garden, and the Portland Japanese Garden
- Plenty of facilitated discussions and networking amongst your board peers
- Interactive closed-door sessions for board members only
- Onsite breakfast and lunches and offsite Garden receptions joining with Conference attendees
- Open-session opportunities to attend a general Conference session

Many of last year’s participants extended their Experience by adding Conference days or optional tours to their registration.

Please consider sending 1-2 board members from your garden to the 2020 Experience. Don’t forget to add your board members to your Association member roster so they can log in to register using the member rate. Send Board rosters with emails to info@publicgardens.org to get started!
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SAMPLE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020
6:00 a.m. – 6:45 p.m. – Registration Desk Open

12:00 – 1:15 p.m. Plenary Lunch
Garden Board Member Experience registrants are invited to attend the open seating Plenary Luncheon with all Conference attendees.

1:30 – 2:00 p.m. Welcome and Getting Acquainted
Welcome! We get to know you (and you get to know each other) and what you want from this Experience.

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Session 1 – Board members only
3:15 – 3:45 p.m. Session 2 - Board members only
3:45 – 4:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions – Board members only

4:45 – 9:00 p.m. Depart for the Washington Park gardens for exploring and evening reception.
All Conference attendees

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2020
8:00 - 9:15 a.m. Networking and Breakfast Presentation – Board members only
9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Follow Your Interest: Attend a General Session
Join fellow Conference attendees at one of seven different sessions open to the entire assembly.

11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Where Do We Stand? Benchmarking Your Garden Against Your Peers
Open to all Conference attendees

11:45 a.m. – 12: 45 p.m. Lunch Talk – Board members only

1:00 –1:45 p.m. Session 3– Board members only
2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Session 4– Board members only
3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Wrap-Up

4:30 p.m. Departure to Portland Japanese Garden for tours and Finale Reception
Open to all Conference attendees