

- Information on upcoming regional, state and national Extension Master Gardener events
- Planning for upcoming regional events
- Information on any changes or potential changes to TEMG policies, procedures or guidelines
- Sharing of local TEMG group outreach, teaching, and service projects
- Opportunity for networking for volunteers from different groups and associations

Regional meetings are designed to provide an open forum for all county associations. All county associations can send officers or designated attendees from their county. In voting for election of representatives, each group will have one vote. At a scheduled planning meeting, each of the three regions will elect a representative to serve a three-year term. This election of regional representatives will be the method of providing volunteers across the state with a voice and involvement in administrative decision making.

How do Regional Planning Teams interact with the Tennessee Extension Master Gardener workgroup?

There are two key ways that Regional Planning Teams interact with the TEMG workgroup.

1. The members of the TEMG WG will attend and participate in Regional planning meetings, and all in attendance at these meetings will have the opportunity to hear about plans for the statewide program and provide input on upcoming needs and events.
2. Each of the three regions will elect a Regional Representative. These three representatives will serve three-year, nonconsecutive terms. For one of the three years of each representative's term, they will represent their region as a member of the WorkGroup (typically the last year of their term). Every third year at a regional planning meeting, a new representative and an alternate will be elected. New representatives should be elected in the spring or summer before assuming the position to be able to work with the outgoing representative and better understand the position.

What is the role of Regional Representatives?

These elected positions require a three-year term of service. Regional representatives will serve as the connection between the Regional Planning Teams and the TEMG workgroup. They will interact with TEMG groups in their region throughout the year. Twice per year, all three regional representatives will meet with the TEMG Workgroup to discuss the program and assist in setting goals. Additionally, one regional representative will participate as a full member of the Master Gardener Workgroup each year.

The Regional Representatives are charged with the following tasks:

- Serve as a communication connection between TEMG workgroup and TEMG volunteers across the region.
- Deliver ideas from their region to the TEMG workgroup.
- Assist with planning and carrying out two Regional Planning Meetings each year.
- Assist with regional meetings and events (such as tours or regional workshops)
- Work with the Tennessee Extension Master Gardener workgroup and State Tennessee Extension Master Gardener Coordinator to identify and achieve residential and consumer horticulture educational goals in Tennessee.

2016 Application for Tennessee Extension Master Gardener Regional Representative Position

Due May 15, 2016

Name:

Address:

Best contact phone number:

Email Address:

County:

Master Gardener Group Name:

Use a separate sheet of paper to answer the following questions.

1. What year did you become a Master Gardener in Tennessee? How many years have you been active?
2. What local, regional, or state activities have you participated in during your time as an Extension Master Gardener volunteer?
3. Please list areas you have enjoyed and/or worked within the Tennessee Extension Master Gardener Program.
4. Why would you like to be involved in the role of Regional Representative?

I agree to have my name considered for election as a Tennessee Extension Master Gardener Regional Representative. I understand the main requirements, and I feel I have the time and ability to contribute as an active and engaged representative to assist in advancing our TEMG program locally and statewide.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of recommending Extension county coordinator agent

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