**Call for Nominations & Nomination Application Form**

**The Minnesota China Friendship Garden Society Board of Directors**

**Board Election for 2020 Term**

**Deadline to submit nomination application form is October 15, 2019.**

**Election to be held on December 3, 2019, at the MCFGS Election Board Meeting**

**Time and Location: TBD**

Nominating Committee: Mary Warpeha (Chair), Linda Mealey-Lohmann, Chen Zhou, Representative from Hmong Advisory Group

Do you have an interest in promoting the China Garden Society’s mission

* to establish and build Chinese Friendship Gardens in Minnesota,
* to create programming and raise funds for continuing construction of the St. Paul-Changsha China Friendship Garden of Whispering Willows and Flowing Waters at Phalen Regional Park,
* to enhance the friendship and understanding between the peoples of China and Minnesota,
* as well as to help educate the public about Chinese culture, the sister-city relationship with Changsha, and the Hmong connection to the Changsha area?

If yes, complete the attached nomination application form. If you know someone who would be a good candidate, suggest they submit a nomination application form. There are **a limited number of open board positions** and the Nominating Committee will review all applications and choose candidates for a well-balanced board. Nominees not recommended for a board position may be invited to serve as a non-voting committee member.

Expectations: Attend monthly Board meetings and sponsored events, serve as a Committee Chair or Committee member and attend committee meetings, and attend the annual strategic planning session. Previous board experience is not required; we offer an opportunity to develop your (as yet) unexpressed/untapped passion for our mission.

Committees include Construction, Fundraising, Education, Special Events, Publicity, Website, Grounds, in addition to the following officer positions: Co-Presidents, Co-Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer.

If you are interested in serving on the Board or know someone who would be good, please submit the attached form to the **Nominating Committee Chair, Mary Warpeha** at Marywarpeha@gmail.com with a copy to MN.China.Garden@comcast.net. Please use “*Election Application Form*” in the subject line.

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**Nomination Application Form**

**The Minnesota China Friendship Garden Society’s 2020 Board of Directors**

Name:

Cell:

Email:

Mailing Address:

1. Describe in one paragraph why you are interested (your motivation/passion) in serving on the MCFGS Board.

2. Describe in one paragraph what background, skills and talents, connections, and experience you would bring to the Board to help meet its above-stated mission.

Rank your committee interests with #1 to #5 (with #1 as your top interest) *[Note: you may not get your top choices as you will be placed in the position that the Nominating Committee feels bests serves MCFGS]:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Construction [Work with Co-Presidents on construction-related needs]

\_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising [Work with Capital Campaign Committee for fundraising needs]

\_\_\_\_\_ Education [Plan cultural educational events; be liaison for school fields trips and China

Garden tours; coordinate docents and docent training]

\_\_\_\_\_ Special Events [Plan 2 yearly cultural celebrations at China Garden and coordinate with

annual Dragon Festival]

\_\_\_\_\_ Publicity [Be responsible for social media postings (Facebook/WeChat) and

work with various media outlets; newsletters and other publications;]

\_\_\_\_\_ Website [Be familiar with Wordpress; Make recommendations about website design and

updates; Post new content on website; work with Webmaster as appropriate]

\_\_\_\_\_ Grounds [Regularly visit China Garden site to monitor grounds for rubbish or graffiti and

report any issues to Presidents]