**Call for Nominations & Nomination Application Form**

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

**Board Election for 2020 Term**

***NEW* Deadline to submit nomination application form is December 5, 2019.**

**Election to be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at the MCFGS Election Board Meeting**

**Time and Location: TBD**

Nominating Committee: Mary Warpeha (Chair), Linda Mealey-Lohmann, Chen Zhou (Chinese Advisory Group), Vallen Her (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 non-voting committee members.

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. Visit website for more details about the organization at [www.MNChinaGarden.org](http://www.MNChinaGarden.org)

Possible committees may include Construction, Fundraising, Community Outreach, Education, Special Events, Publications, Social Media/Marketing, Website, Grounds, Membership, Volunteer Coordinator, in addition to the following officer positions: Co-Presidents, Vice President(s), 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** at [MN.China.Garden@comcast.net](mailto:MN.China.Garden@comcast.net). Please use “*Election Application Form*” in the subject line.

***Send to*** [*MN.China.Garden@comcast.net*](mailto:MN.China.Garden@comcast.net)***by December 3, 2019***

**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 interests with #1 to #5 (with #1 as your top interest) *[Note: the types of committees and committee chair/members will be decided by the new board in 2020]:*

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Community Outreach [Be liaison for school fields trips and China Garden tours]

\_\_\_\_\_ Education [Coordinate cultural and educational events, coordinate docent training]

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

annual Dragon Festival]

\_\_\_\_\_ Publications [Be responsible newsletters, and other publications; work with various media outlets/press releases]

\_\_\_\_\_ Social Media/Marketing [Be responsible for social media postings (Facebook/WeChat), liaison with Visit St. Paul]

\_\_\_\_\_ 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]

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Coordinator