

**ASHEVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 pm**

FAQ

Q: Why is the name of the Garden being changed?

A: Many people are unaware that the legal corporate name of the Garden is "University Botanical Gardens at Asheville, Inc." This has created confusion and led many people to assume that the Garden is affiliated with - and financially supported by - UNCA, which is not accurate. The only legal relationship between the University and the Garden is that of landlord and tenant. In addition, the Garden has "dba" ("doing business as") status as "Asheville Botanical Gardens." The Board has determined that it's in the best interests of the organization to clarify its status as a an entity entirely separate from UNCA and simplify and consolidate its operations under the name "Asheville Botanical Garden, Inc."

Q: How will the legal name of the Garden be changed?

A: Articles of Amendment Nonprofit Corporation will be filed with the North Carolina Secretary of State following membership approval of the name change. A copy of the proposed documents may be viewed at ashevillebotanicalgarden.org/bylaws.

Q: Why are the bylaws being updated?

A: Bylaws are the rules and guidelines the Board of Directors and Officers of the Garden must follow in operating the Garden. The Garden is entering a new phase of growth. Our current bylaws have served the organization to this point, but require some revisions to assure compliance with state and tax laws relevant to the operation of a nonprofit corporation, address matters that are not included in the current bylaws, and provide the Board with both structure and flexibility in managing the Garden. A copy of the proposed bylaws may be viewed at ashevillebotanicalgarden.org/bylaws.