



The Mid-American

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Fall 2019

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Save the Date!



The Spring 2020 Mid-America Orchid Congress will be held in conjunction with the Miami Valley Orchid Society Spring Show in Dayton, OH, February 14-16, 2019. Glen Decker, formerly of Piping Rock Orchids, will be doing two talks on Lady Slippers. David

Haelterman from Columbia, an avid orchid grower and eco-tour guide, will be talking on the orchid habitats of Columbia and also the Maxillaria of Columbia.

For more details about the show, visit:

<https://www.miamivalleyorchidsociety.com>
More info to follow!

A Message from Your President

First, I want to tell all of you who were not able to attend the MAOC event in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, you missed a great show, great programs a very fancy hotel at a very reasonable price, a great and fun auction and an excellent banquet. And of course, a lot of fine orchids to add to your collection. I keep telling you, you're missing out!

A gigantic thank you to the Wisconsin Orchid Society for

hosting MAOC and doing such a fine job in less than a year's planning. Having Mrs. Perner talk to us about the various Chinese *Cypripedium* and *Paphiopedilum* species and her company's efforts to propagate them to offer to us but also to help preserve them in their habitat was a real eye-opener.

Dr. John Moore and his daughter were in attendance for the lectures (photo below). Dr. Moore funds the Shirley Barr Moore lecture series each year through a generous grant to remember Shirley. Shirley had an orchid business, Pinnacle Orchids, and was a friend to all of us before her untimely passing.



MAOC's next event will be in conjunction with the Miami Valley Orchid Society Show at Cox Arboretum in Miamisburg (Dayton) Ohio Feb. 14-16. Cox Arboretum has a lovely facility for a show. Details will be posted on the

MAOC web site soon so be sure not to miss this event. The auction, the banquet and the programs will be well worth attending. And those of you in the southern parts of MAOC's area, we miss you and want you to be with us. Please come!

Russ Vernon, MAOC President



**Mid-America Orchid
Congress
Fall Business Meeting
Milwaukee, WI
September 15, 2019**

(NOTE: This is a draft subject to approval at the Spring 2020 Congress. Corrections should be sent to Secretary Doris Asher: asherdoris44@gmail.com)

President Russ Vernon called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. He thanked the members of the Wisconsin Orchid Society, and especially co-chairs Richard Odders and Bill Nelson, who put together a fantastic and memorable event. The



show venue is certainly most compatible and in harmony with the feel of an orchid show. The Ambassador Hotel was a delight to see and enjoy.

Russ continued with remarks as he closed the two years of his time as Congress President. He thanked the elected officers and committee members who served during his tenure and called them “special people”. He singled out Secretary Doris Asher for special thanks for her friendship, organization and preparations in advance to make the meeting happen.

He reported that the Executive Committee is pursuing efforts to reacquaint our member societies with what MAOC is all about. We are preparing a program that societies can use for this purpose, and he thanked Jeanne Rhinehart and the Communications Committee for their work in developing this PowerPoint. Russ reported that also developed during his two years was a brand-new website, which features wonderful educational video programs. He thanked webmaster Cheryl Erins, Jeanne Rhinehart, and the Technology and Education/Research Committee for their work on the website. He expressed regret in not being able to fill chairs on a few committees and for not reaching

goals he had set for Mid-America regarding participation by member societies, especially from southern parts of our region.

Still, over all, Russ indicated that it had been a pleasure for him to serve MAOC in this capacity, and he wished all good things to our organization and to our incoming President.

Secretary Doris Asher called the roll, and the following societies were represented:

Alabama Orchid Society
Ann Arbor Orchid Society
Atlanta Orchid Society
Batavia Orchid Society
Blue Grass Orchid Society
Central Indiana Orchid Society
Eastern Iowa Orchid Society
Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society
Greater Lansing Orchid Society
Greater Pensacola Orchid Society
Gulf Coast Orchid Society
Huntsville Orchid Society
Illowa Orchid Society
Kentucky Orchid Society
Memphis Orchid Society
Miami Valley Orchid Society
Michigan Orchid Society
Mobile Area Orchid Society
Native Orchid Preservation and Education Society (NOPES)
Niagara Frontier Orchid Society
Northeast Alabama Orchid Society
Northland Orchid Society
Orchid Growers Guild of Madison WI
Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City
Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee

Orchid Society of Minnesota
 Orchid Society of the Ozarks
 Peoria Orchid Society
 Smoky Mountain Orchid Society
 South Metro Orchid Society
 Three Rivers Orchid Society
 Windsor Orchid Society
 Wisconsin Orchid Society

The following societies were not represented:

Central Iowa Orchid Society
 Central Missouri Orchid Society
 Central Ohio Orchid Society
 Central Ontario Orchid Society
 Essex County Orchid Society
 Grand Valley Orchid Society
 Greater Akron Orchid Society
 Greater Cleveland Orchid Society
 Greater Omaha Orchid Society
 Greater Toledo Orchid Society
 Illinois Orchid Society
 London Orchid Society
 Mansfield Orchid Society
 Michiana Orchid Society
 Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society
 Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society
 Orchid Society of Greater St Louis
 Orchid Society of the Royal Botanic Gardens
 Prairie State Orchid Society
 Saginaw Valley Orchid society
 South Mississippi Orchid Society
 Springfield Orchid Society
 West Shore Orchid Society of Northern Ohio

Doris declared that there was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: The Congress approved the minutes from the Business Meeting in

Lansing, MI, February 24, 2019, as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Michele Little reported total net worth of \$78,789.



PNC Checking	\$11,261.07
PNC Money Market	\$55,456.99
PNC CD #1 48 month 6/18/21	\$5,491.26
PNC CD #2 36 month 6/21/20	\$6,579.99
Total Net Worth	\$78,789.31

She reported that the Congress has restricted funds in the amount of \$28,065 (35.6%) and unrestricted funds of \$50,723 (64.4%).

Motion to approve passed.

Committee Reports:

Affiliated Societies: Chair Donna Lipowicz announced that the



Breakfast topic for the Spring meeting in Dayton, OH, will be “How to Encourage Other Orchid Societies to Exhibit at Your Show”

Motion to approve passed.

Annual Meeting:

Our Spring 2020 meeting will be in conjunction with the Miami Valley Orchid Society Show, February 14–16, 2020, at the Cox Arboretum in Dayton, OH. For our Spring 2021 meeting, the Three Rivers and Central Indiana Orchid Societies will co-host at Ball State University in Muncie, IN, March 26-28, 2021.

Fall 2020 and all other meeting dates are open.

Motion to approve passed.

AOS Liaison: Doris Asher



presented the following report:

Since I last reported to you at our meeting in

Lansing, MI, last spring on February 24, the AOS met in San Diego, CA, March 20-24. I want to report to you on the personnel actions that the Judging Committee took at that time:

Mid-America judges **promoted from Certified Judge, Associate to Certified Judge, Accredited:**

Tyler Jones (Mid-America)

Brian Spittler (Cincinnati)

Mid-America judges **promoted from Student Judge to Certified Judge, Associate:**

Andrew Coghill-Behrends, Chicago

One Mid-America judge requested change in status **to Retired Judge:**

Sue Golan (Senior), Chicago

These Mid-America judges were granted **leaves of absence:**

Gilberto Arrieche-Sayago (Accredited; Toronto) (leave extended to 6/30/19)

John Gross (Student; Mid-America) (leave of absence extended to 5/11/19)

Chris Miller (Student) (Chicago) (leave of absence 1/1/19 – 1/1/20)

Synda Nelson (Associate)
(Chicago) (leave of absence 3/1/19-
9/1/19)

Some general news items from the
AOS which you may find of
interest:

In April, the Society released its
popular new orchid book, The
American Orchid Society Guide to
Orchids and Their Culture by Mary
E. Gerritsen and Ron Parsons. The
book sold out the first run (2,500
copies) in June – Headquarters has
ordered more, which we expect to
arrive in mid-October. List price of
the book is \$24.95.

At last, the Society has a Librarian!
– Jennifer Vina is on the job, and
the plan is to have the AOS Library
open Tuesday through Saturday. If
you are in south Florida, plan to
stop in for a visit.

The Society is honoring the
memory of Lois Holmes with a
special plaque in the AOS Library.
Lois was a passionate volunteer in
the Library and Archives for many
years.

Ambitious IT projects – new
OrchidsPlus (new name: Orchid
Pro). OrchidPro will be accessible
to members beginning October 1st
and will be bundled with

membership. A separate technology
project aims to consolidate various
computer systems such as iMIs into
one integrated system enabling the
office staff to move seamlessly
among various databases instead of
having to access several different
programs, such as affiliated society
records, member records, the
website, etc.

The Society publishes its eleventh
special annual supplement next
month on *Oncidium*.

Members number slightly more than
10,000 and have been consistently
above 10,000 for several months.
The Membership and Marketing
Committees have been merged into
a single committee and have been
very effective in gaining new
members. A new membership
structure begins January 1, 2020 – a
“silver membership” and a “gold
membership” – for an additional
\$14 per year – our new OrchidPro
will be bundled into the
membership so that all AOS
members have access to this orchid
software.

On April 10, 2021, the Society will
celebrate its 100-year anniversary.
Bob Fuchs is already hard at work
putting together a celebration at the
Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables.

The fall AOS Members' Meeting will be in Homestead, FL, October 16-20, 2019, and I plan to attend.

Motion to approve passed.

In a related matter, Doris told the delegates of a request from Bob Fuchs, Chair of the AOS Centennial Celebration Committee, requesting a donation. At Friday night's Executive Committee meeting, the Committee suggested a donation in the amount of \$500. Doris moved that we give the AOS \$500. Niles Dusdieker made a friendly amendment (accepted by Doris) that the amount be \$1,000. Motion passed. Doris gave the request form to Michele Little to send in to Bob Fuchs.

Audit Committee: The Audit Committee reports at Spring meetings of the Congress.

Motion to approve passed.

Awards Committee:

Chair Anna Morrison proposed that



the name of the Henry C. Holmes Award —Best Oncidium Alliance Plant in show be

revised to be called the Henry C. and Lois Holmes Award. She suggested that the Treasurer's fund name make the same change.

Anna recruited Jan Yates to present her report because Jan is better at pronouncing orchid names!

The Mid-America Perpetual Trophy winner for the Most Outstanding Exhibit by an Affiliated Society of the Mid-America Orchid Congress:

Illinois Orchid Society



The Clifford and Vivian Walters Award for the Best Oncidium Alliance Plant in Show: *Brassia Spider's Gold 'Prolific'*. Owned by Natt's Orchids, Napierville, IL



In Memory of Raymond McCullough Award for the Best Epidendrum/Encyclia in the show: *Epidendrum diffusum* owned by Kay Perry, Illinois Orchid Society

(photo not available)

The Christine M. Chowning Award for the Best Angraecoid species in the show: *Angraecum comorense (eburneum)*. Owned by Terry Hodges, Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Orchid Growers Guild of Madison



The **Delbert Lowell Jacks Award** for the Best Specimen plant in the show: *Cleisocentron gokusingii* (merrillianum) 'Silas' CCM/AOS owned by Walter Crawford, Wisconsin Orchid Society



Best Pleurothallid: *Masdevallia caudivolvula*, owned by John Paul Stuckert, Wisconsin Orchid Society

(photo not available)

Wisconsin Orchid Society
Fragrance Award: *Cattleya*
Hausermann's Sensation, owned by Robert Bannister, Iowa Society
(photo not available)

AOS Show Trophy and a Silver Certificate: exhibit of Eastern Iowa Orchid Society
(photo © N.Dusdieker)



Habenaria Regnieri (carnea x rhodocheila) 'Milston' CCE/AOS
91 pts, Joel Edwards,
Illinois Orchid Society
(photo © N.Dusdieker)



Habenaria radiata, JC/AOS, Tony Quirk, Illinois Orchid Society
(photo © N.Dusdieker)



Cattleya bicolor 'Mendenhall Beta' HCC/AOS 77 pts, Bill Rogerson, Illinois Orchid Society
(photo © N.Dusdieker)



Cleisocentron gokusingii (merrillianum) 'Silas' CCM/AOS 89 pts owned by Walter Crawford, Wisconsin Orchid Society
(photo © N.Dusdieker)



Phalaenopsis Shan-Chieh Beauty, AM/AOS 80 pts, Robert Bannister, Iowa Society (photo © N.Dusdieker)



Motion to approve passed.

Budget: Jan Yates, Chair of the



Budget Committee, presented this report: The 2020 budget was approved by voice vote at

the Business Meeting on September 15, 2019 at the end of the Committee report. There are two new items: a one-time donation to the American Orchid Society, which was subsequently increased from a proposed \$500 to \$1,000 by a vote of the Congress delegates later in the meeting. The budget also reflects new incentives to societies to send representatives to Congress meetings and joint grants by the Education and Conservations committee – these are explained in more detail elsewhere in the Business Meeting report.

The MAOC remains solid financially but the budget reflects ongoing difficulties with societies agreeing to host a Congress (where the society organizes the meetings and speakers in addition to the usual show activities) – the next year’s budget assumes that the spring and fall meetings will each be held in conjunction with a society. In that event, the society hosts its usual show and MAOC volunteers organize the committee and

business meeting logistics as well as obtain speakers. The in-conjunction Congresses inflate both income and expenses because the MAOC Treasurer handles registration and meal income and then pays meal and speaker expenses as pass-through items.

Income projections:

Auctions (spring and fall)	\$5,000.00
Donations & Honoraria	600.00
Investment income	50.00
In-Conjunction shows (registration/meals)	
Spring	4,000.00
Fall	4,000.00
Show Tags	250.00
Society Dues	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$15,400.00

Expense projections:

Bank charges	\$ 25.00
Conservation Grants	2,400.00
Conservation speaker (Endowed fund)	750.00
Donation to American Orchid Society (new)	1,000.00

Education grants	
1,200.00	
Filing fee to state of Ohio	
50.00	
Judging Center support	
(\$150 each to 6 centers)	
900.00	
Liability insurance	
550.00	
In-Conjunction shows	
(meals/speakers)	
Spring	
4,000.00	
Fall	
4,000.00	
Newsletter	
100.00	
Officers' expenses	
100.00	
Shirley B Moore Speaker Fund	
(Endowed fund) 1,500.00	
Scholarships to societies (New)	
1,000.00	
Trophies (all but 1 pd from	
Endowed Funds) <u>550.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	
\$ 18,125.00	
- <u>2,750.00</u> (paid from Endowed	
Funds)	
\$ 15,375.00 (paid from income)	

Communications: Committee

Chair Jeanne Rhinehart presented



the following report:

Jeanne Rhinehart, Beth Martin, and Susan Wilson were in attendance

at the Milwaukee MAOC meeting. Our major discussion was the planned PowerPoint presentation to be made available to member societies for presentation at their meetings.

The under-construction PowerPoint was presented to the Executive Committee and to the members attending the Business Meeting. Our hope is that members attending will use this presentation at one of their society's meetings and offer to present it to a neighboring society. We would also appreciate if any members would agree to present to more societies, too. We want to encourage more participation in MAOC – their attendance at meetings and on committees. Information about the PowerPoint will be emailed to member societies and put on our website when complete.

Motion to approve passed.

Conservation:

Chair Bill Morrison reported that



the
Committee
met in
Milwaukee
on
September
14th at 9:30
pm. Present
were Russ

Vernon, Susan Wilson, Doug
Martin, and Bill Morrison. Cheryl
Erins attended to help with a
number of grant requests that could
have been sent to Education and
Research.

We approved the rewording of the
request from Marjorie McNeely
Conservatory. They clarified what
genera they wished to purchase next
year by adding the line: "In 2019 we
plan to acquire additional species in
the Cattleya, Encyclia, Epidendrum,
and Laelia genera."

We had four grant applications to
review.

The first was from the Wheeler
-Thanhauser Orchid Collection and
Species Bank at Ball State. They are
looking to add species phalaenopsis
this year. We approved this.

The Minnesota Landscape
Arboretum submitted a grant

application to pilot their version of
the million-orchid project. They are
looking at putting orchids in a
single classroom, giving them the
supplies and instructions to raise
terrestrial orchids from the
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
seed bank. In future years they hope
to expand this project to many more
schools. The Minnesota Landscape
Arboretum needs \$400 to support
the pilot program. Conservation will
fund this out of our budget.

The Conservation Committee
decided to partially fund the
following grant applications:

The NAOCC (North America
Orchid Conservation Center)
requested a grant for the isolation of
mycorrhizal fungi extraction from
root specimens from the Midwest
region. We decided to fund \$400 of
the \$600 that was requested. The
remainder will be addressed by the
Education and Research committee.

We received a request from William
Morton for sequencing of
mycorrhizal fungi of vanilla. (He is
part of Ken Cameron's group at the
University of Wisconsin, Madison.)
This application is looking to do
120 sequences this year. Total
budget is \$1170.

The Conservation Committee decided to give \$400 from our budget. The Education and Research Committee will address remaining budget.

Motion to approve passed.

Constitution and By-Laws: Chair Charles Wilson indicated there is no report at this time.

Education and Research: Chair Cheryl Erins reported that the



Committee (Doug Hartong, Bill Morrison and Cheryl) met both in person on September

13 at the Ambassador Hotel and also via email concerning a request for a \$600 donation to the North American Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC). As the Conservation Committee had received this same request but had multiple other requests for aid, the Education and Research Committee requested \$800 from their budget be used to meet the \$1,200 total request. In addition, the Education and Research Committee proposed supplementing the Conservation Committee for the request from

William Morton for \$400 for their mycorrhizal fungi DNA sequencing for vanilla.

Motion to approve passed.

Historical: There was no report.

Nominating: In the absence of a chair for this Committee, there was no report. However, President Russ Vernon indicated that he will try to visit the Missouri Botanical Gardens when he is in St Louis for an orchid show to learn the status of the archival material from Mid-America housed there. Another large amount of MAOC archives resides in the AOS Archives in Florida, and much of the newer material is at the home of Secretary Doris Asher.

Orchidist of the Year: This Committee currently has no Chair, but they had chosen their Orchidist of the Year, and Lowell Jacks had asked Jan Yates to present it:

“The recipient of this year’s award is an accredited judge from Atlanta. I knew him as a member of the Budget Committee for many years. For our Committee meetings, we usually huddled close to the bar or in the hotel lobby right before the Business Meeting where he handled my tap dancing around the budget

with aplomb. He was a thoughtful man who coped with his declining health with great courage. And I respected him immensely. The Orchidist of the Year is awarded to the late Dr. James Newsome.”



The presentation closed with a round of applause in honor of Jim’s contributions and memory. Motion to approve passed.

Show Schedule: Niles Dusdieker from the Show Schedule Committee



reported in the absence of Chair Lois Cinert: The Show Schedule Committee met Sept 14, 2019;

members present were Lois Cinert and Nile Dusdieker. Discussions by email occurred over the previous several months, with Tom Harper and Nathan Bell also participating.

We have been avoiding major changes to the show schedule for several years. The increase in numbers in the Pleurothallid class and the Dendrobium classes, with the ensuing conflicts with registering the plants correctly have made it necessary for us to consider dividing those classes into more logical and manageable groupings. Over the last several months the committee has communicated on-line with the goal of making the show schedule more useful and more pertinent to the societies. The exhibitors should find registration easier, with delineated class descriptions for Pleurothallids and Dendrobiums. While we do not have new official taxonomic divisions yet, we felt we had to act at this time to make the divisions. Since we were making major changes to those well-filled classes, we decided to also go through the process of making the schedule more in line with current taxonomic nomenclature. **We have re-numbered the classes** to remove sub-classes – ‘a’. On the attached list, both old and new numbers are shown. Below is a synopsis of changes and re-arrangement made. **Exhibits** Re-numbered. Class 4 brought into line with removal of ‘a’.

Cattleya

Removed reference to Sophronitis. Hybrids with this lineage can be entered in the Cattleya hybrid listings by size and color.

Cattleya allied genera species other than above --placed above Cattleya and Guarianthe species.

Cattleya and Guarianthe species divided by size – will accommodate small-flowered former Laelia and Sophronitis species.

Combined Cattleya and Guarianthe hybrids and intergenerics **White and Semi-alba**. Numbers in each class warrant the combination.

Removed any reference to miniature Cattleya. We judge flowers, not leaves. Any plant of miniature stature will have flowers that can be judged in one of the color classes.

Cypripedium Alliance

Changed the sequence of some of the classes to maintain more logic in ribbon judging – ability to move a plant lower if it is not entered properly.

Moved multiflora to the beginning of each section (Primary and Hybrid) to remove them from color consideration.

Moved the Cypripedium allied genera species and hybrids to the end of the group listing. Removed ‘intergenerics’ from the description.

Vanda Alliance

Mostly unchanged, we messed with this one last time. Removed the vacant class number.

Removed reference to Doritis.

Oncidium Alliance

Removed reference to Odontoglossum

Cymbidium Alliance

Unchanged. Societies may add color classes if they are needed to cover the number of plants entered.

Dendrobium

Plan to divide by type or by inflorescence origin. We have several working models in play, and are tweaking the details.

Appendices attached. We plan on 6 -7 classes for Dendrobium. We’re almost there. **Suggestions welcome.**

Miscellaneous genera

Masdevallia and Dracula classes will remain the same

Pleurothallid classes will be divided, so the result will be 5 classes for the group. We have several models we are working on, and will have a final division soon. Appendices attached.

Added a class for **orchids grown for foliage** interest, not necessary to be in bloom.

Removed the miniature class. We now divide flower types by size, and all types can be entered with their genus class. We now do not mandate a set limit on the number of plants entered in a class, leaving

that to the local society to determine. With the division of Dendrobium and Pleurothallis, there will be ample spaces for the many different types of flowers that got dumped into miniature because of space limitations.

Allow double entry for Seedlings flowering for the first time and Specimen plants.

We don't want to issue the changes right now so there will be consistency during the fall and winter show season. A final version will be issued in July, 2020, in time for societies to make changes to their local schedules in time for that fall show season. Some small changes will need to be made to the Rules section. The master list of classes will also need to be changed to agree with the show schedule, and that will also take time.

This schedule eliminates the vacant numbers, and the sub-classes, provides a more logical flow for ribbon judging, and takes into account recent changes to Vanda, Phalaenopsis, Cattleya, and Oncidium groups. We hope our changes to Dendrobium and Pleurothallis will make the schedule more useful for plant registration and judging.

This is a draft. We welcome any additions, corrections, changes, and suggestions.

Motion to approve passed.

Technology: Chair Cheryl Erins reported on and demonstrated the brand-new Mid-America website for which she is the webmaster.

Ways and Means: The new Co-Chairs Donna Lipowicz and Susan Charles reported that the auction



Saturday night brought in \$1,702 -- \$851 goes to the host society, the Wisconsin Orchid Society, and \$851 to MAOC. Russ thanked the folks who helped with the auction Saturday night.

Old Business:

Proposal to encourage

attendance: On behalf of the task force working on the new "Scholarship Plan", Jeanne Rhinehart presented the following report.

"We plan to supplement the cost to attend Mid-America meetings with a scholarship grant. We propose holding a raffle for paid member societies to win a monetary amount to send one person or split the amount among several people so they can attend a MAOC meeting.

“All societies’ names will be included, and 3 or 4 societies’ names will be drawn. These societies will be informed that they were chosen 3 months before the next Mid-America meeting. Each society chosen will have one month to reply to MAOC with their acceptance. If they decline or do not reply, a new society will be chosen. Each society can determine how they choose their scholarship winner.

“MAOC will cover the costs of meeting registration, the banquet and affiliated societies breakfast. The balance of the scholarship money will be presented to the representative at the business meeting. This can be used for room, travel and other expenses.

“Once a society wins a scholarship, it will be ineligible to win again for 5 years.

“The final details as to exact monetary amount per winning society and the number of winning societies are still being finalized. We plan to have this in place for our next meeting in Dayton in February, 2020.

Motion to approve passed.

New Business:

Doug Hartong proposed that the Congress go to one meeting per year rather than the two that we have now. Niles Dusdieker moved that we do this. Charles Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.]

Charles Wilson then moved that “all actions taken by the officers and committee members of the Mid-America Orchid Congress since the last Annual Meeting be ratified and confirmed, and that the officers and committee members be commended for their good work.” Motion seconded and passed.

There being no additional business to come before the Congress, Russ adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Doris Asher

MAOC Breakfast Meeting Fall 2019 in Milwaukee, WI

The meeting commenced at 9:00 am. The topic for discussion is: What does the MAOC do for your Society?



Donna Lipowicz started the discussion. She said her society hosted a fall MAOC meeting and had 22 judges! It helped put her society 'on the orchid map'. It allowed her to talk about the relationship of her society with the local Botanical Gardens and how it is a win-win for everyone. It also allows her society to network with other societies around the country which then makes it a small orchid world. It shows that all the societies are the same, with the same problems which we share solutions. Good ideas are shared amongst the societies. Also, the MAOC has encouraged travel.

Doris Asher stated that the MAOC show schedule was worth its weight in gold!! As well as the list of unusual hybrid names and what class they should be registered.

Anna Morrison uses the lists to teach new people where plants go. And she uses the pronunciation list.

Cheryl Erins stated that webinars are now on the new website and she will put the pronunciation list on it as well. All societies can access this under education link on website.

Herman Pigors stated the show tags have been very useful for clubs.

Doug Martin asked if an excel based computer registration program could be put on the website for all societies to use.

It was stated that the show schedule is used all around the country and no one has a schedule as easy and concise as the MAOC schedule. It should become a national schedule. Noted that the class numbers will change in future (July 2020?) The MAOC will update schedule and notify members.

Cheryl Erins said 'Orchids Plus' from the AOS will be released as 'Orchid Pro'. The name will be trademarked to protect it. MAOC should trademark show schedule. Doug Martin said it should only be for our member societies.

Beth Martin said the MAOC has funded conservation projects that are of value to local societies.

Russ Vernon stated the MAOC is a place to meet other societies and see other shows. Also, it us a great place to share ideas.

Cheryl Erins says the MAOC education committee grants funding to universities and the Smithsonian which has had their funding cut. She says the younger generation is focused on conservation so the MAOC should concentrate on this to increase membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Lipowicz, Affiliated
Societies Chair

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Parting Shot:

Wenqing Perner, Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology Nursery and Laboratory in Sichuan, China, addresses the delegates at the banquet on the latest trends in Chinese Paphiopedilums and Cypripediums (a delightful treat to insights about these remarkable orchids).

