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**The Mid-America Orchid Congress**

**Spring Business Meeting**

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**Strongsville, Ohio**

**April 28, 2018**

Call to Order: President Russ Vernon called the meeting to order at 9:15 am, modeling the new hat made by the Martins, featuring Vernon memorabilia. He thanked the members of the West Shore Orchid Society for their hospitality and the wonderful food prepared by the members. He noted that the Executive Committee met on Friday night and we would hear reports. He then asked Secretary Cheryl Erins to read the roll.

**Secretary’s Report** – Secretary Cheryl Erins called the roll, and the following affiliated societies were present and a quorum was declared:

Alabama Orchid Society Atlanta Orchid Society

Batavia Orchid Society Blue Grass Orchid Society

Central Indiana Orchid Society Ann Arbor Orchid Society

Eastern Iowa Orchid Society Greater Omaha Orchid Society

Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Greater Lansing Orchid Society

Greater Cleveland Orchid Society Greater Akron Orchid Society

Greater Pensacola Orchid Society Gulf Coast Orchid Society

Huntsville Orchid Society Grand Valley Orchid Society

Illowa Orchid Society Michigan Orchid Society

Illinois Orchid Society Miami Valley Orchid Society

Memphis Orchid Society Mobile Area Orchid Society

Niagara Frontier Orchid Society

Northeast Alabama Orchid Society Northland Orchid Society

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

West Shore Ohio Orchid Society

Windsor Orchid Society Wisconsin Orchid Society

Absent:

Central Ohio Orchid Society Essex County (Ontario) Orchid

Central Iowa Orchid Society Central Ontario Orchid Society

Central Missouri Orchid Society Prairie State Orchid Society

Greater Toledo Orchid Society Orchid Society of Greater St. Louis London Orchid Society Mansfield Orchid Society

Michiana Orchid Society South Mississippi Orchid Society

Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society

Orchid Growers Guild of Madison Orchid Society/the Royal Botanic Garden

Saginaw Valley Orchid Society Springfield Orchid Society

**Approval of Minutes:** President Vernon asked if there were any corrections to the draft minutes of the fall Meeting in Cincinnati. There being none, motion to approve passed. The minutes will be posted on the website.

**Treasurer Report**: Treasurer Michelle Little read the report (Addendum A/B) showing $16,088.62 in the checking account, with our net worth at $83,325.72. Restricted funds are $28,776.65, and Unrestricted funds are $%4,549.07. She noted that the auction had netted $2682.00 which will be split with the Westshore Orchid Society and auction 2 had netted $255 so far but that the final amount will be announced at the end of the meeting after last minute checks are received. Motion to approve passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Audit Committee**: Jan Yates read the Audit Report for Alexa Noel, stating that the records were in good order and that all documentation was correct and there were no problems. Motion to approve passed.

**Affiliated Societies**: Chair Mary Beth Mansour reported the committee met on April 27 in Strongsville. The topic of the breakfast meeting was “Challenges in Hosting an Orchid Show.” All societies are paid for 2017. The last newsletter was sent to 151 members, and she stressed the importance of representatives forwarding it to their society members. The topic for the next meeting’s Affiliated Society breakfast in Kansas City will be the ”Role of the Beginner Group.” On October 28,2018. Motion to approve passed.

**AOS Liaison Report**: Doris Asher read the AOS Liaison report from two meetings, Redland and the JC in Texas which met at the same time as the WOC in Ecuador. The 2017 Awards featured three from the Chicago Judging Center. There are three new awards, The Sheehan Award, Motes award for breeding and the Storm award for the best Schomburkia. The first Thomas J. Sheehan Award for the most outstanding volunteer went to our own Aileen Garrison, which had resounding applause. The next meeting is in Apopka, Florida October 30-Nov 4, 2018. Since this is detailed, Attachment C is attached. Motion to approve passed.

**Annual Meeting**: Beth Martin, Chair, discussed Spooktacular Orchids at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kansas City on the weekend of October 27. Speakers include Roy Tokunaga, on flower and nutrition, Gary Meyer, PhD, on Dracuphilla, and Gods and Monsters. Larry Zettler PhD will be talking on the Ghost Orchid. There will be a tour available to Bird’s Botanicals, orchids in a cave, always a hit. Doug Martin mentioned that they have other societies in the area helping. They are looking for host societies for future meetings. Motion to accept passed.

**Awards**: Jan Yates asked for help on the Awards committee. Anna Morrison volunteered to help. Jan reported on all the trophies and awards at this meeting.

The Mid-America Trophy given to the most outstanding exhibit staged by an affiliated society went to West Shore Orchid Society, for its outstanding center walk-around exhibit.

The Henry Holmes Award for best Oncidium went to Oncidium boothianum by Winsdswept in Time, Kim and Edgar Stehli.

Delbert Lowell Jacks Award: Best Specimen exhibited by Oncidium boothianum by Winsdswept in Time, Kim and Edgar Stehli.

F L Stevenson Award for Best Pleurothallid Alliance plant –Lepanthes telipogoniflora exhibited by Dave Miller

Fox Valley Cypripedium Alliance Award- Paph Shun-Fa Golden ‘Wide Wings’ AM/AOS Orchid Inn Sam Tsui

The following plants were given AOS awards

Phrag. Allison Strohm ‘Memoria Dinah Huntzinger’ AM/AOS 85 points, Robert Lum-King West Shore

Paph. philippinense ‘Seven Samurai’ AM/AOS 83 points Exhibitor: Sam Tsui Orchid Inn, Ltd., Bloomington, IL

Paph. Shun-Fa ‘Golden Wings’, AM/AOS 86 points, Exhibitor: Sam Tsui Orchid Inn, Ltd., Bloomington, IL

Paph. Cloud’s Abducted Mockingbird, ‘Red Glory’ HCC/AOS Exhibitor: Sam Tsui Orchid Inn, Ltd.,

Cyp. Sabine ‘Orchid Court’ AM/AOS 83 points, Tennis Maynard, Central Ohio O.S.

Lyc. Dainty ‘Windswept Rosy Hue’ AM/AOS 81 points Windswept in Time, Kim and Edgar Stehli

Onc. boothianum ‘Windswept Cascade’ CHM/AOS 86 points Windswept in Time, Kim and Edgar Stehli

**Budget Committee**: no report in the spring

**Communications**: Because we have no chair for this committee, there is no report at this time.

**Conservation**: Chair Bill Morrison reported he, Russ Vernon, and Doug Martin met and discussed a request from the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, requesting $800 or a portion to help fund repairs to the screen house that they will use for propagation of native orchids, pending a receipt of certain requested information. Motion approved to fund if information is received and correct.

**Constitution and By-Laws**: no report at this time.

**Education and Research**: Chair Cheryl Erins reported that the meeting occurred Friday night with Doug Hartong and Lois Cinert, where a proposal from the NAOCC requesting a donation help close the $5000 gap in funding of a Platanthera project was discussed. This project includes research into the types of fungi needed to propagate this native orchid. Motion to approve a $500.00 grant passed.

**Historical**: Chair, Lois Holmes read a story from the Kansas City Orchid MAOC meeting in 1994. Record attendance and auction proceeds despite multiple sports and other activities. There will be an Essay contest that will be announced in *The Mid-American*. Societies will be requested to write or have people to write. She asked that we ratify the motion proposed last meeting to contribute $1500 to the AOS specifically for the move of the Archives to Coral Gables. Motion passed. Cheryl Erins will get Michelle the details of how to write the check so that it gets to where it belongs.

**Nominating Committee:** no report at this time.

**Orchidist of the Year**: no report

**Show Schedule**: Lois Cinert reported on the changes in the Rules section of the Show Schedule. Many comments had been received and it is recommended that the number of ribbons in a class be taken out allowing for societies to present multiple ribbons in a class. Clarification on miniatures will be made as well as elimination of the limit of three plants per exhibiter in a class. She will send all changes to Brian for updating the website, as well as every society just as she sees the shows being entered. There was a discussion as to verbiage on exhibits vs displays. She will make all the terms the same to avoid confusion. Cheryl suggested that Aileen Garrison’s instructions for doing show tags be included in the Mid American and posted on the web site. She still wants societies to report totals by class and the entries of classes 98 and 99. Hermann Pigors stated he had Show tags if anyone needed them. Motion approved pending the correction of all terms for exhibit correction.

**Technology**: no report.

**Ways and Means**: Chair Roberta Ginavan thanked everyone for their participation in the auction especially Lowell Jacks for his brownies. She thanked Russ and Barry Jones for helping with the auction, and Dorothy and Hermann Pigors for the many signed treasures. The proceeds the night before were $2682.00 and this will be split with the West Shore Orchid Society. The item for Auction 2, was an Alexa with a smart plug and light bulb. This auction raised $265 and was won by Beth Martin.

**New Business**

 President Russ Vernon asked people to think about how to encourage societies to attend a MAOC event. Doris Asher suggested that we seriously think of going to one face to face meeting a year, with the lack of attendance and ever increasing expense.

Doug Martin asked that we think about Charles Hess generous offer to match donations for an Orchidgami orchid printed by the NAOCC, in which case he would match our donation, with a match from his former employer Texas Instruments. We get 2000 sheets, costing between $3 and 4000 for the design/printing. He wants to turf that to Education and Research so Cheryl Erins will contact Dennis Whigham to ascertain our costs. Motion to approve pending the research of how much it would cost for us to have our own orchidgami, for next meeting.

There being no more business, meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Erins, Secretary

**Addendum A/B Treasury Report**

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| 2017 Income and Expense report |   |   |   |   |
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| Income |   | Budgeted | Actual | Difference |
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| Auction  |   |   |   |   |
| Spring |   | $2,500.00 | $2,216.00 | -284.00 |
| Fall |   | $2,500.00 | $2,673.00 | 173.00 |
| Donations & Memorials |   | $600.00 | $580.00 | -20.00 |
| Investment Income |   | $50.00 | $85.89 | 35.89 |
| Show Tags |   | $250.00 | $235.00 | -15.00 |
| Society Dues |   | $1,500.00 | $1,893.00 | 393.00 |
| MAOC Registration (spring/fall) |   | $5,000.00 | $5,220.00 | 220.00 |
| MAOC Congress meals |   | $4,000.00 | $4,468.00 | 468.00 |
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| Total |   | $16,400.00 | $17,370.89 | 970.89 |
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| Donation Cincy JC / Christian Chowning |   |   |   | $970.89 |
| Doris Asher / Mem Christian Chowning |   |   |   |   |
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| Expense |   |   |   |   |
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| Bank Charges |   | $25.00 | $58.35 | -$33.35 |
| Conservation Grants |   | $2,000.00 | $1,200.00 | $800.00 |
| Conservation Speaker Exp (E) |   | $750.00 | $750.00 | $0.00 |
| Filing Fee (State of Ohio) |   | $50.00 | $75.00 | -$25.00 |
| Judging Center Support |   | $900.00 | $1,050.00 | -$150.00 |
| Insurance |   | $550.00 | $550.00 | $0.00 |
| MAOC Expenses (spring/fall) |   | $4,000.00 | $4,453.03 | -$453.03 |
| MAOC Congress meals |   | $4,000.00 | $6,191.06 | -$2,191.06 |
| Newsletter/Postage |   | $50.00 | $33.15 | $16.85 |
| Officer Expense |   | $100.00 | $0.00 | $100.00 |
| Shirley Burr Moore Speaker (E) |   | $1,500.00 | $758.00 | $742.00 |
| Trophies (E) |   | $550.00 | $567.39 | -$17.39 |
| Website |   | $2,000.00 | $0.00 | $2,000.00 |
| Past Pres Gift |   |   | $100.00 | -$100.00 |
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| Total |   | $16,475.00 | $15,785.98 | $689.02 |
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MAOC Net Worth

Year End 2017

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| **PNC Checking** |  **16,058.62** |
| **PNC Money Market** | **55,290.89** |
| **PNC CD #1** | **5,433.37** |
| **PNC CD #2** | **6,542.84** |
| **Total Net Worth** | **83,325.72** |

**Restricted funds 28,776.65 34.5%**

**Unrestricted funds 54,549.07 65.5%**

**ADDENDUM C**

**MAOC AOS Liaison Report Strongsville, OH April 29, 2018**

Since I last reported to you at our meeting in Cincinnati last fall on October 22, the AOS met in Santa Barbara, CA, March 7-11. In addition to that meeting of the Society’s Judging Committee, I want to report to you on the personnel actions that the Committee took at a special meeting in Dallas on October 14th, while the rest of the Society’s Executive Committee were at the Guayaquil, Ecuador, World Orchid Conference.

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

Carol Butcher (Toronto)

Hideka Kobayashi (Cincinnati)

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

Carson Barnes (Atlanta)

 Helen Blythe-Hart (Atlanta)

 Sandra Marcos Dixon (Great Lakes)

 Gordon Griffin (Great Lakes)

 Elizabeth McAlpine (Toronto)

These Mid-America people became **students in the Judging system:**

Jean Hollebone (Toronto)

Matt Jaenke (Mid-America)

Chris Miller (Chicago)

Kristin Uthus (Great Lakes)

Mark Whelan (Toronto)

One Mid-America judge has become **senior judge:** Sue Golan (Chicago)

These Mid-America people have **resigned from the judging program:**

 Ben Boers (student – Toronto)

 Andre Levesque (accredited – Toronto)

 Donna Lipowicz (student – Toronto)

 Laurens Verkade (student – Toronto)

One Mid-America person **transferred**: Ron Payeur (accredited) from Great Lakes to Chicago

**Judging Center Chairs and Vice Chairs – 2018**

Atlanta: Lowell Jacks, Chair; Doug Hartong, Vice Chair

 Chicago: Lois Cinert, Chair; Nile Dusdieker, Vice Chair

 Cincinnati: Jordan Hawley, Chair; Alexa Noel, Vice Chair

 Great Lakes: Greg Filter, Chair; Sandy Ohlund, Vice Chair

 Mid-America: Nathan Bell, Chair; David Taylor, Vice Chair

 Toronto: Joyce Medcalf, Chair; Theresa Kennedy, Vice Chair

 Montreal: Andre Couture, Chair; Marie-Odile Benoit-Biancamano, Vice Chair

**Orchids winning 2016 Special Awards:**

W W Wilson Award: Paphiopedilum Chiu Hua Dancer ‘Golden Tresses’, FCC/91 pts., exhibited by Jerry Seidel, submitted by Chicago JC

Masatoshi Miyamato Award: Cattleya harrisoniana ‘Kathleen’, FCC/93 pts, exhibited by William Rogerson, submitted by Chicago JC

Robert B. Dugger Award: Oncostele Midnight Miracles ‘Cheri’, AM/82 pts., exhibited by Dave Wujek, submitted by Chicago JC

Bill Thomas Award: Bulbophyllum hirundinis ‘Windy Hill’s Fireworks’, AM/83 pts., exhibited by Marilyn & Brian LeDoux, submitted by Mid-America JC

Frank Sr. and Elizabeth Jasen Award: Aciopea Memoria Mario Ferrusi ‘Toronto Judging Centre’, AM/82 pts., exhibited by Doris N. Jensen, PhD, submitted by Toronto JC

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

At the Santa Barbara meeting last month, the auction brought in more than $14,000. The orchid show staged by the Santa Barbara Orchid Society lived up to its reputation – it was fabulous and huge with about 54 exhibits – we judges gave 12 flower awards and three exhibit awards***.***

We elected new officers in Santa Barbara, and many of them are Mid-America people: President: SusanWedegaertner; Vice Presidents: Robert Fuchs, **Jean Hollebone**; Secretary: **Cheryl Erins;** Treasurer, Graham Wood; Assistant Treasurer: **Doris Asher;** Trustees: Judy Bailey, Jay Balchan, William Bodei, **Greg Filter,** James Heilig, **Theresa Kennedy,** Phyllis Prestia, Brandon Tam, David Toyoshima, Sarah Waddoups, Linda Wilhelm, **Charles Wilson.**

Our Aileen Garrison received a special honor in Santa Barbara, when President George Hatfield presented her with the first Thomas Sheehan Award for Outstanding Service by an AOS Volunteer. In presenting this award, the President cited Aileen’s more than 25 years of service to the AOS: “Aileen Garrison is the outstanding example of what Tom Sheehan stood for and what this award honoring him exemplifies.”

The Society will publish its tenth special annual supplement this fall on *Cymbidium.*

Membership numbers continue to improve – currently, now in excess of 9,000.

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.

Watch for a new AOS t-shirt – Marian Sheehan, Chair of the Special Funding Committee is planning to create one.

The Society has created a “Master Orchidist” program, similar to the very successful Master Gardener Program. Look for that to be rolled out this summer.

There are three new annual awards to be given for the first time for the year 2017, the Walter Off Award, recognizing the most outstanding Show Trophy exhibit of the prior year. The Paul and Mary Storm Award will be given to the grower of the orchid plant regarded as the most outstanding example of a hybrid with at least one valid *Myrmecopilia* species and/or the former *Schomburgkia* species now classified in the genus *Laelia* (or any related species or natural hybrids later described) in its background. The third new award, the Martin Motes Orchid Breeder’s Award, goes to the grower and hybridizer of the orchid plant regarded as the most outstanding Award of Quality (AQ) or Award of Distinction (AD).

The fall AOS Members’ Meeting will be at the International Slipper Orchid Symposium in Apopka, FL, October 31 – November 4, 2018, and I hope to attend.

Doris Asher

AOS Liaison to the MAOC