



# The Mid-American

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## Save the Date



## A Message from Your President



### MAOC Spring Meeting in Omaha, NE, Mar 24-26, 2017

All MAOC members are cordially invited to come to the Spring 2017 MAOC to be held in conjunction with the Greater Omaha Orchid Society 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Orchid Show and Sale. For show details check out the Greater Omaha Orchid Society website ([www.greateromahaorchidsociety.org](http://www.greateromahaorchidsociety.org)). Meetings will be at the Omaha Doubletree Northeast (see IMPORTANT article next page). The topic of discussion at the Affiliated Societies Breakfast will be “What’s your problem?”

### MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS’ 2016 ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

The First Place essay winner for 2016 is Judy Sizer of the Orchid Society of Minnesota for her fill-in-the-blank essay titled “Why I want to know more about . . . orchid taxonomists.” The full essay is included in the addendums.

Those of you fortunate enough to have attended the Fall Mid-America Orchid Congress November 12-13 were treated to a wonderful meeting hosted by The Niagara Frontier Orchid Society in Buffalo, New York. The venue of the show entitled “Orchids under Glass” was The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. Beautiful orchids creatively displayed in exhibits throughout the original Lord and Burnham greenhouses along with tranquil classical music - what more could one ask for? Read more about this event in the following pages of The Mid-American regarding awards recognition and other information.

The key word for 2017 is **communication**. Communication among members of the various committees that work hard to make The Mid-America Orchid Congress operate smoothly and communication between these committees. If

you are a Mid-America representative for your local society make sure your membership hears about what we are doing and perhaps distribute copies of *The Mid-American* to members or attach a copy of the current edition to your monthly newsletter. I hear frequently that many people don't know what the Mid-America Orchid Congress does and why their local society is a member! You can provide an in-service to your membership using our website ([midamericanorchids.org](http://midamericanorchids.org)) and instruct them on how to enter their plants for shows using the MAOC Show Schedule. Any orchidist, either novice or experienced, can learn how to properly classify their plants for judging before they arrive at the show site. Our webmaster, Brian Spitler, has added an education tab to our website [midamericanorchids.org](http://midamericanorchids.org). Here you can find presentations from Odom's Orchids *Cattleya* Symposia from the past 2 years. There is a wealth of information for all you *Cattleya* lovers presented by authorities on *cattleya* species and hybridization.

Elsewhere in this edition of *The Mid-American* you will find a list of the various committees and their duties that help to make *The Mid-America Orchid Congress* run efficiently. Also, as a member society of *The Mid-America Orchid Congress*, if you would be interested in hosting a future Fall or Spring meeting or working in conjunction with the Congress please call or email Beth Martin, Chair of the Annual Meeting Committee, and discuss this with her. We would love to come to your city!

Look for more information regarding our Spring Congress to be held in conjunction with the Greater Omaha Orchid Society's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Orchid Show and Sale scheduled for March 24-26, 2017 in Omaha, Nebraska. Our editors, Susan and Charles Wilson, will be sending out an email "blast" to alert you of this upcoming meeting as details are finalized.

Until next Spring in Omaha, happy growing!  
Doug Hartong, President  
Mid-America Orchid Congress

## **Some Special Notes On the IRS and MAOC Expenses and Deductions**

Each MAOC Affiliated Society is entitled to send up to 4 voting representatives. They must attend and sign in at the business meeting. Registration fees, travel and lodging for these representatives that were paid for by them may be eligible as tax deductions in accordance with IRS publication 526.

Attending a MAOC congress is a unique opportunity to hear internationally recognized orchid speakers as well as see/compete with award winning orchids and exhibits. For assistance in selecting your society representatives, please contact the Affiliated Societies Committee at [mbmansour1@cox.net](mailto:mbmansour1@cox.net).

## **Spring 2017 MAOC in Omaha**

We're looking forward to an orchid-filled weekend in Omaha, Nebraska, when the Mid-America Orchid Congress meets March 24-26, 2017. Our meeting will be held in conjunction with the Greater Omaha Orchid Society's Thirtieth Annual Orchid Show and Sale. All Mid-America lectures and meetings will be located at the DoubleTree Hotel Omaha Downtown, a 10-minute drive from the orchid show at the beautiful Lauritzen Gardens. We hope you'll join us in Omaha!

We're excited about the speakers scheduled for our Saturday lecture series. Peter T. Lin of Diamond Orchids will give a fast-paced presentation on *Laelia* species and their culture. Peter will also be a vendor at the orchid show. Our second speaker is Peter Tobias, President of the Orchid Conservation Alliance. He will talk about the Orchid Conservation Alliance and its projects in South America. At our Saturday evening dinner, Peter will give a second program on the OCA's *Orchids in the Wild*® trip to France.

The rest of the weekend will be filled with the entertaining Mid-America auction, Saturday dinner, Affiliated Societies Breakfast, and lots of time to see the orchid show, shop for orchids

and enjoy Omaha. When you're tired of orchids (ha!), take a stroll through Lauritzen Gardens, see the world-class Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, or visit the Old Market district for dining, shopping and entertainment.

For more details and registration materials, a registration form is included at the end of this newsletter, or visit the Mid-America website, [www.midamericanorchids.org/meetings](http://www.midamericanorchids.org/meetings).



***So, what's up with the horse photos?***

Omaha is expecting over 60,000 visitors for the FEI World Cup™ Final, a championship competition for the world's best jumping and dressage horses, starting March 29.

**Book your hotel reservations early!** Our group rate at the DoubleTree is \$124 per night, and parking is \$10 per night. The cut-off date for our rate is March 5, 2017.

DoubleTree guests will enjoy a free airport shuttle and free local transportation, including to Lauritzen Gardens, the



zoo and Old Market. And don't forget about DoubleTree's warm chocolate chip cookies! A registration form is included as page 15.

**Historical Committee Solicitation**

The Historical Committee is exploring the possibility of having a book about MID-AMERICANS who have contributed to the knowledge and enjoyment of orchids. Perhaps you have some suggestions? Perhaps some people in your society might also have some

thoughts on this subject? Who in your orchid past influenced you the most? E-mail suggestions to: [lois.holmes68@gmail.com](mailto:lois.holmes68@gmail.com).

**Fall Business Meeting Minutes Draft**  
**Buffalo, NY, November 13, 2016**

(NOTE: This is a draft subject to approval at the Fall Congress. Corrections should be sent to Cheryl Erins: [cerins10812@comcast.net](mailto:cerins10812@comcast.net))

**Call to Order** – President Doug Hartong called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. He thanked all for coming and added a big thank you to the Niagara Frontier Orchid Society for all their hard work in organizing and hosting this lovely show.

President Hartong then called Doris Asher up to the front where he presented her with a stunning cobalt-blue embossed vase etched with several *Paphiopedilum fairrieanum* flowers, a gift on behalf of the MAOC for her service as



President from 2014-2015. This was executed by Larry Mayse of Nature Glassworks.

**Secretary's Report** – Secretary Cheryl Erins called the roll, and the following affiliated societies were present:



Alabama Orchid Society  
Ann Arbor Orchid Society

Atlanta Orchid Society  
 Batavia Orchid Society  
 Greater Akron Orchid Society  
 Greater Cleveland Orchid Society  
 Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society  
 Greater Lansing Orchid Society  
 Greater Omaha Orchid Society  
 Greater Pensacola Orchid Society  
 Gulf Coast Orchid Society  
 Heart of Dixie Orchid Society  
 Memphis Orchid Society  
 Miami Valley Orchid Society  
 Michigan Orchid Society  
 Niagara Frontier Orchid Society  
 Mobile Area Orchid Society  
 Northland Orchid Society  
 Northeast Alabama Orchid Society  
 Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City  
 Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee  
 Orchid Society of Minnesota  
 Orchid Society of the Ozarks  
 Smoky Mountain Orchid Society  
 South Metro Orchid Society  
 West Shore Ohio Orchid Society  
 Windsor Orchid Society

**Absent:**

Blue Grass Orchid Society  
 Central Ohio Orchid Society  
 Central Iowa Orchid Society  
 Central Ontario Orchid Society  
 Central Indiana Orchid Society  
 Central Kentucky Orchid Society  
 Central Missouri Orchid Society  
 Eastern Iowa Orchid Society  
 Essex County (Ontario) Orchid Society  
 Greater Cleveland Orchid Society  
 Greater Toledo Orchid Society  
 Grand Valley Orchid Society  
 Illinois Orchid Society  
 Illowa Orchid Society  
 Kentucky Orchid Society  
 London Orchid Society  
 Mansfield Orchid Society  
 Michiana Orchid Society  
 Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society  
 Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society  
 Orchid Growers Guild of Madison  
 Orchid Society of Gr. St. Louis  
 Orchid Society - Royal Botanic Garden  
 Paducah Orchid Society

Peoria Orchid Society  
 Prairie State Orchid Society  
 Saginaw Valley Orchid Society  
 South Mississippi Orchid Society  
 Springfield Orchid Society  
 Three Rivers Orchid Society  
 Wisconsin Orchid Society

**Approval of Minutes:** President Doug Hartong then asked for any corrections to the minutes from the Spring meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio. The motion to approve the minutes as written was made and passed. The minutes will be posted on the website.

**Treasurer Report** - Treasurer Michele Little



reported the Year to date totals of \$6919.16 in expenses and income of \$6296.00. She mentioned that the balance of the Shirley Burr Moore fund will be 6766.71 after

payment of the speaker fee for Niagara Frontier. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report passed and will be attached with the minutes.

**Committee Reports:**

**Affiliated Societies:** Chair Mary Beth Mansour



reported the Committee met on Friday November 11, 2016, with these members present: Doris Asher, Roberta Ginavan, and Jim Newsome. Susan Wilson and Judith

Rapacz were excused. The Committee discussed the following items:

- Little Egypt Orchid Society will be dropped from the participating societies for non-payment of dues.
- Mary Beth was sending letters to 16 societies that have not paid. Forty one out of 57 have paid.
- Sue Charles of Niagara Frontier has been appointed to the Committee
- Thirty people attended the breakfast on Sunday November 13, at the Hyatt

Regency Hotel, Buffalo, NY. The topic 'Selecting Programs' generated interesting discussion including identifying speakers, AOS webinars and additional information will be available in the Mid-American.

- The topic for the Breakfast meeting in Omaha, NE, March 24-25 2017 will be "What's Your Problem?"

A motion to accept the report passed.

**AOS Liaison Report:** AOS Liaison Doris



Asher reported on the Fall AOS member meeting at the Huntington Library and Museum, San Marino, Ca. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes of this

meeting. Of note: We sadly recognize the passing of Mario Ferrusi, Toronto, and Alvin Bolt, Atlanta. Also noted was that the Judges Committee bestowed Judge Emeritus status to Lowell Jacks and posthumously to Mario Ferrusi.

The next AOS meeting will be held in conjunction with the Redland Orchid Festival in Homestead Florida the third weekend in May, and will feature a day at the Fairchild, according to Cheryl Erins, AOS Trustee, to see the beautiful new library and the exhibit, Orchids through the Artists' Eyes, featuring the framed Reichenbachia prints belonging to the AOS.

A motion to accept her report passed.

**Annual Meeting:** Beth Martin thanked the



Niagara Frontier Orchid Society for their hard work and the great organization. The next meeting of the MAOC will be March 24-26 in Omaha, Nebraska with no hosting

society, but in conjunction with the Greater Omaha Society Orchid Show. Peter T. Lin has

accepted as a speaker. Peter Tobias from the Orchid Conservation Alliance will talk on the Orchids of France as the dinner speaker. The show will be at the Lauritzen Gardens. The hotel and other details coming soon.

Beth said there are no further invitations, except for the West Shore Orchid Society hosting Spring of 2018, on the last weekend in April. Speakers include Tom Miranda and Claude Hamilton. The Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City has offered to host the Mid-American Orchid Congress for the Fall of 2018. If anyone wants to discuss hosting a MAOC, to please call her.

Motion to accept her report passed.

**Audit:** Judith Rapacz, Chair - The audit is done in the spring, so no report at this time.

**Awards:** Janice Yates, filling in for Christine



Chowning who is no longer able to attend, reported the following awards for this show.

The Mid America trophy went to the West Shore Orchid Society.



The Raymond McCullough Award for best Epidendrum/Encyclia went to *Prosthechea* Green Hornet owned by Phyllis Lobbins.



The Clifford and Vivian Walters award for best Oncidium Alliance plant went to *Oncostele Hilo Firecracker* owned by Kim Stehli.



The Christine Chowning award for best Angraecoid species went to *Angraecum distichum*, owned by Windswept in Time Orchids, owners Edgar and Kim Stehli.



The Delbert Lowell Jacks Award for Best Specimen Plant went to *Brassavola grandiflora* owned by Kim and Edgar Stehli.



The AOS Show Trophy went to Windswept in Time Exhibit, with 83 points.

There were no AOS flower quality awards at the show. Jan reported that we had 26 displays, and 277 judged entries. There were 19 judges and

one student and two probationary judges present.

*(Editors' Note: All above show photos and the Doug and Doris photos are courtesy of Janice Yates – and special thanks to her!)*

**Budget:** Janice Yates reported the proposed Budget, which is attached as Addendum 3. Of note, The Executive Committee voted to upgrade the website and pay for monthly maintenance fees/or annual whatever is best, and that will impact the budget this year. We received \$1615 in auction income and that will be split with the Niagara Frontier Orchid Society.

**Communications:** Chair Alexa Noel reported that we have not done much on the website, but there are requests to add pictures of our events, prizes awarded, etc. Some go out in the Mid-American, but we could have more on the website. It was agreed that we would put off Facebook for a while until we find someone who is willing to put in the time literally on a daily basis. Hopefully we can get the website upgraded and that will help allow pictures, articles and other things on the site to help societies. There were some suggestions as to web hosting from some members in attendance. Mary Beth Mansour added that it is not helpful if the representatives for the societies do not distribute the Mid-American. Everyone in each society should know and learn what the MAOC does for them.

Motion to accept the report passed.

**Conservation:** Chair Russ Vernon was excused



but Doug Martin read the report. He expected the same requests for this year as the past year for grants of \$400 to the Cleveland Botanic Garden, the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory and the Wheeler-Thanhauser Orchid

Collection and Species Bank at Ball State University. The McNeely Conservatory had completed their virus testing and had rid

themselves of all the virused plants, about 50% loss rate, save for one priceless plant that has now been isolated from all the others in the collection. They will use the grant money for the replacement of plants that were lost. The fourth group is from Cincinnati and has recognized a need to save the *Calopogon tuberosus* and *Pogonia ophiglosoides* growing in a local bog which was being dried to work on the local dam. The water table is now rising and the seeds which they gathered are germinating and will be replanted. The monies requested will assist them in the project. Budget request this year is \$2000 as in the past. They will hold \$400 in reserve in the event of another request.

**Constitution and By-laws:** No report.

**Education and Research:** Chair Cheryl Erins reported that she and Doug Hartong met on Friday night and that while there are projects to be worked on, there is no progress report at this time as we have been unable to add things to the website. We have webinars and educational seminars ready to put out there. Discussions are underway as to what to do with the website.

**Historical:** Chair Lois Holmes read a report from 1995 when Lowell Jacks was President of the MAOC. She mentioned that there have been 5 presidents from Atlanta and gave a little history lesson of the MAOC down memory lane. She talked of the conservation awards, classifications by F. L. Stephenson, and what life was like back then. She showed a piece of artwork from Mickey Nax, a clay tray, hand painted which will be for the Omaha Auction. Lois will chair the Essay Contest and provide for judges of essays, in hopes of resurrecting interest. The essay contest was won by Linda Sizer for "Taxonomists." The theme was "What I would like to know more about . . ." This was a very interesting look at taxonomy and the effect on orchid collectors. Her prize for first place was for \$100. Report accepted

**Nominating Committee:** Chair Doris Asher read the report: The officers to be voted on at this meeting are:

President: Doug Hartong

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Jim Newsome

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Alexa Noel

Secretary: Cheryl Erins

Treasurer: Michele Little

There being no nominations from the floor, the motion was passed for these officers to be elected for 2017.

**Orchidist of the Year:** Chair Lowell Jacks read the report for the award for the Orchidist of the Year. The award this year went to Lois Cinert, for her involvement in MAOC, her work with her Judging Center, which she is incoming chair and being an all around good person involved with orchids. Cheryl Erins accepted the award and the plaque on her behalf and will deliver in person in Chicago.

**Show Schedule:** Co-Chair Hermann Pigors sent a letter to President Hartong asking for the increase in price of the show registration tags. The Executive Committee had voted to increase as per his request to \$35.00/1000 tags and will be put out on the website. Lois Cinert had reported that the committee did not meet and there was nothing much to meet about due to the fact that they are waiting for the reclassifying of the Dendrobium group before making any changes to the show schedule. Any society can adapt the MAOC show schedule to meet their own individual preferences. Motion to accept the report passed.

**Technology:** Chair Brian Spitler was not present to give a report at this time.

**Ways and Means:** Chair Roberta Ginavan reported that the auction totaled \$1615.00 with \$431 in raffle tickets sold. The auction total will be split with the Niagara Frontier Orchid Society for hosting us this Fall. The Raffle item, a



lovely glass plaque donated by Hermann and Dorothy Pigors, went to Doug Martin. There may be a bit more money due to the silent auction items which were not completely paid for.

**New Business:** There being no New Business,  
**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted:  
Cheryl Erins, Secretary

## **REPORT TO MID-AMERICA AFFILIATED ORCHID SOCIETIES**

The Niagara Frontier Orchid Society, following the theme “Orchids Under Glass”, hosted the Mid-America Orchid Congress in Buffalo, NY on November 12-13, 2016, featuring unexpectedly beautiful weather-blue skies, sunshine, temperatures in the upper 60’s. Kudos to the members of the hosting society for superb organization, outstanding hospitality and selection of a spectacular site, the conservatory at The Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Garden.

Seventy-three registrants were presented with a wide-spectrum of topics. Pepe Portilla encouraged all to attend the well-organized 2017 World Orchid Congress in Guayaquil, Ecuador, November 8-12, 2017. The featured banquet speaker, Pepe highlighted the diverse, abundant population of orchids in his native Ecuador. Bob Snyder presented “The History of the Garden” from the inception in the late 1800, the opening in 1900 as South Park, owned by the city of Buffalo, through the purchase in 1980 by Erie County to become the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens.

Two very interesting genera were discussed: Inge Poot discussed the identification and culture of Stanhopeas species. Glen Decker followed with a presentation of recent *Phragmipedium kovachii* hybrids.

On Saturday morning, November 12, 2016, judging chair Terry Kennedy expertly organized the 21 judges and 22 clerks into six teams to judge the 25 exhibits and approximately 277 plants. Although fifteen orchids were selected

for AOS judging, none was successful in receiving an award. The Show took place in the elegant Lord & Burnham Conservatory modeled after the Crystal Palace at Kew Gardens in England; the structure opened in 1900. The conservatory is the centerpiece of the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. The exhibits appeared in strategic locations throughout the large conservatory; many exhibits featured one orchid.

The exhibit prepared by Windswept in Time Orchids, Broadview Heights, OH, received the AOS Show Trophy. A large *Paphiopedilum gratrixianum* exhibited by Piping Rock Orchids, Galway, NY, received the Best of Show trophy.

Winners of the special Mid-America Orchid Congress trophies appear in the report of the MAOC Awards Committee in the minutes of Sunday's Business Meeting which appear elsewhere in this issue.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SOCIETIES:

- The MAOC representative is responsible to distribute THE MID-AMERICAN to local society members
- Registration tags are available from Hermann Pigors (pigors@foxvalley.net \$35/1000; note price increase
- Check IRS Publication 526: information regarding attending a MAOC 501(c) 3 meeting

Thirty persons discussed "SELECTING PROGRAMS" at the Affiliated Societies Breakfast on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency, Buffalo, NY

Possible Speakers: AOS Judges  
Individuals in AOS Judging Programs  
Orchid Digest's Speakers List  
Dave Miller's List: [dcmjpasnil@aol.com](mailto:dcmjpasnil@aol.com)

Other topics/speakers:  
AOS Webinars  
Fire chief on fire safety  
Greenhouse construction  
Lighting: retail/manufacture

Hydroponics  
3 Individuals review 3 articles in orchid publication

Funding Speakers:  
Raffle quality divisions  
Donations  
The Minnesota State Fair pays OS of Minnesota to exhibit at fair.  
Payment used to fund speakers.  
Share speakers

The Niagara Frontier Orchid Society does not pay for meeting space or show site rental. In exchange, society members volunteer many hours to repot at botanical garden.

A representative requested MAOC to develop a speakers list to be placed on MAOC web-site. The MAOC Education Committee will develop a list.

An open discussion "WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM" will highlight the Affiliated Societies Breakfast in Omaha, Nebraska on March 26, 2017. This discussion will give attendees the opportunity to ask about problems currently facing their societies.

The Affiliated Societies Committee is committed to making membership in MAOC meaningful. If we can be of assistance contact: Mary Beth Mansour, Chair

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#### In Memorium

When Doris Asher returned from the MAOC meeting, she learned of the passing of Bobbie Brown September 27, 2016. Many should recall that Bobbie and her late husband David were early pioneers and pillars of the Mid-American Orchid Congress.

(Editors' Note: Addendums begin page 11.)

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## Parting Shots:



The back side of President Doug's helmet of office is truly impressive!



**ADDENDUM - TREASURER REPORTS**

Nov 11, 2016 Fall Treasury Report  
 Niagara Frontier Orchid Society  
 Currently out of 61 societies we have a total of 41 that have paid their dues, Mary Beth will be contacting the remaining 20 that have not paid their dues.

Expenses to date

Conservation Speaker Fee:	\$750.00
Supplies:	\$24.10
Trophies:	\$523.94
Judging Center Donations	\$900.00
Printing of tags	\$808.01
Trust Fee	\$50.00
Conservation Grants	\$1200.00
Award	\$224.70
Auction payments	\$2213.50
AOS Membership	\$125.00
Essay Winner	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$6919.16

Income to date

Society dues	\$1146.50
Donations	\$200.00
Tags	\$210.00
Auctions	\$2239.50
Seed Money Returned	<u>\$2500.00</u>
	\$6296.00

**ADDENDUM - BUDGET**

The Budget Committee, consisting of myself, Alexa Noel and James Newsome, met off and on during the weekend of the Niagara Frontier Orchid Society MAOC, to discuss and revise the 2017 Budget to present during the business meeting.

The 2017 budget reflects two issues for next year: that both the spring and fall Congresses will likely be held in conjunction with, not hosted by, a member society. That means, for each meeting, income from registrations and meal purchases and expenses to pay the caterer/hotel for the meals and speakers are line items in the budget. For a hosted MAOC Congress, those items are part of the host society's budget. In addition, at the Executive Committee meeting, the committee approved exploring a business to redesign the web site

and provide routine updates - the former a one-time expense, the latter an annual one. So, with those two items in mind, the proposed budget for 2017 is as follows:

Income

Auction:	
Spring (with Gtr Omaha OS)	\$2,500.00
Fall (in conjunction with society TBD)	2,500.00
Donations & Honoraria	600.00
Investment Income	50.00
MAOC registrations (for spring/fall MAOCs)	5,000.00
MAOC Congress meals	“ “
	4,000.00
Show Tags	250.00
Society Dues	<u>1,500.00</u>
	\$ 16,400.00

Expenses

Bank Charges	\$ 25.00
Conservations Grants	2,000.00
Conservation Speaker (Endowed Fund)	750.00
Filing Fee (State of Ohio)	50.00
Judging Center Support	900.00
Liability Insurance	550.00
MAOC Expenses (spring/fall)	4,000.00
MAOC Congress meals (spring/fall)	4,000.00
Newsletter	50.00
Officer Expenses	100.00
Shirley Burr Moore Fund (Endowed Fund)	1,500.00
Trophies (all but one Endowed)	550.00
Web Site Development	2,000.00
Annual Maintenance	<u>300.00</u>
	\$ 16,825.00

A few comments about the expenses – the Mid America Orchid Congress provides \$ 150 financial support to each of six AOS judging centers in its area. Members of the Executive Committee investigated whether cheaper officers' liability insurance could be found and concluded that the current policy was very competitively priced. The Shirley Burr Moore Fund supports the keynote speaker for

each fall Congress meeting; for a speaker from within the states, the amount is up to \$750; for an international speaker, the amount is up to \$1,500. The MAOC awards trophies to outstanding plants in specific genera at the spring and fall Congress meetings; only the trophy given to the outstanding society exhibit is paid from general revenue, all other trophies are supported by endowed funds. (A list of trophies and when they are awarded is on the web site.)

Because the web site development is a one-time expense, the budget was approved although it is a few hundred dollars in the red, on paper. When expenses supported by endowed funds are pulled out of the budget, it is well in the black.

The 2017 budget was approved by voice vote at the business meeting November 13, 2016.

Janice Yates, Budget Committee Chair

**ADDENDUM TO MINUTES:**  
**AOS LIAISON REPORT**

**MAOC AOS Liaison Report**  
**Buffalo, NY**  
**November 13, 2016**

Since I last reported to you at our meeting in Cincinnati on March 20 of this year, there have been two Members Meetings of the AOS: Asheville NC (April 13-17) and the Huntington Library in California just last month (October 19-23). The following personnel changes, with a Mid-America connection, took place in these two sessions:

These Mid-America judges (or judges with a Mid-America connection) were **promoted from Probationary to Accredited:**

Marie-Odile Benoit-Biancamano  
(Toronto)  
Ed Cott (Great Lakes)  
Ann DePrez (Cincinnati)  
Charles Wilson, (Pacific Northwest)  
Susan Wilson, (Pacific Northwest)

These Mid-America judges were **promoted from Student to Probationary:**

Tyler Jones (Mid-America)  
Christelle Kapfer (Toronto)  
Michele Little (Cincinnati)  
Synda Nelson (Chicago)  
Brian Spitler (Cincinnati)

One Mid-America person **transferred:** Jim Heilig (accredited) from Great Lakes to Pacific Central

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

Ben Boers (Toronto)  
Stanley Luk (Toronto)

One Mid-America judge has become **senior judge:** Stephen Helbling (Cincinnati)

One Mid-America judge has returned from **Leave of Absence:** Erich Michel (Cincinnati)

One Mid-America person **resigned** from the judging program:  
N.A. Herinandrianina (Student) (Toronto)

These Mid-America people became **retired judges:**

Christine Chowning (accredited)  
(Cincinnati)  
Hermann Pigors (emeritus) (Chicago)  
Jeff Whitfield (senior) (Atlanta)

With regret, we note the **deaths** of two Mid-America judges:

Alvin Bolt (accredited) (Atlanta)  
Mario Ferrusi (emeritus) (Toronto)

These Mid-America people became **judges emeritus:**

Mario Ferrusi (accredited) (Toronto) – honor awarded posthumously  
D. Lowell Jacks (accredited) (Atlanta)

These people are Center Chairs and Vice Chairs in Mid-America for 2017:

Atlanta: Lowell Jacks (Chair); Gail Furniss (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: Michel Tremblay (Chair); Andre Levesque (Vice Chair)

The Judging Committee chose the 2015 Special Annual Awards at the Huntington meeting. This orchid from Mid-America received one of these prestigious awards:

**The Benjamin C. Berliner Award for the best *Lycaste* – *Lycaste Irodori* ‘Akai Kuchibibiru’, FCC/90; exhibited by Orchids Ltd; submitted by Chicago JC**

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

Greg Filter, the Chair of the AOS IT Committee (and the Chair of my Judging Center) tells me that the AOS will be absorbing the Australian awards and that their judging system will be using Orchids Plus. In more news from the recent meeting at the Huntington Library, Greg tells me that the Society’s membership is up a little, and that the AOS finances are strong.

The AOS Membership and Affiliated Societies Committee is offering a new Facebook page for affiliated societies – this is a Facebook group designed specifically to address the needs of the AOS’s affiliated societies. This provides the AOS another avenue to maintain contact with its societies.

The Society continues to have an active program of webinars, which are very popular. Take a look at the AOS website ([www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org))

to see the extensive list of topics which are available.

The spring AOS Members’ Meeting will be in Coral Gables, FL, May 17-21, and I plan to be there.

Doris Asher, AOS Liaison to the MAOC

## **“Why I Want to Know More About Orchid Taxonomists”**

by Linda Sizer, Orchid Society of Minnesota

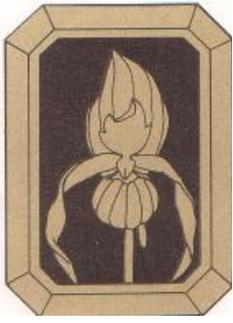
Finally, a chance to ask, in an open forum, what the heck is going on in these guys and gals minds? Being a very simple, hobby, orchid grower, I cannot help but question why a plant I have come to know and love for oh, these many years, with one name, now has to be called by another name. Why? The plant didn't change. I assure you, it's still the same. I know, I checked on it today.

These changes have had an interesting effect on my constantly growing collection of orchids. Again, remember, I am just a simple, hobby grower. I acquire plants along the road of life that are of some interest to me, either for their foliage or for their flowers, sometimes both. I take my precious new plant home, lovingly grow it out to blooming and then, moving amongst my collection, notice that, low and behold, there's another one just like it, also blooming! Hmmm, what is this mystery? Why do I have two plants that look alike, but have different names, blooming at the same time? Obviously, their names have been changed, but nobody notified me, or my plants, that there had been such a change. Further, I cannot recall anyone seeking the consent of the effected parties.

And why, oh why, did these names have to change? I'm told that it is because of all manner of "scientific" reasons. Not being a scientist, though, I fail to understand the why. And so, I ask you again, what is going on in these taxonomist's minds? I'm sure they have a ready explanation; however, I doubt it is one I would understand or, in reality, care about. And then, the new names. Where in the world did they come up with some of these names? Argh! I had a hard enough time learning to pronounce the first name and, so often it seems, the second name is even more difficult!

One has to question if these orchid taxonomists are trying to make maintaining an orchid collection even more challenging than it already

is. Are they attempting to "weed out" the faint of heart and weak of constitution? If so, good luck! After all, consider the battles I have already fought against pestilence, disease, the vagaries of the weather, and on and on and on... What's a little name change? Bring it on, I can take it. And, by the way, anybody need a "new" plant? Seems I have some "extras!"



# Mid-America Orchid Congress

*Meeting in conjunction with the*

**Greater Omaha Orchid Society**

**Thirtieth Annual Orchid Show and Sale**

March 24-26, 2017

Omaha, Nebraska

## 2017 Spring Mid-America Orchid Congress Registration

(Please type or print)

	First Registrant			Second Registrant		
<b>Name (for your badge)</b>						
<b>Orchid Society Affiliation</b>						
<b>Your Address</b>						
<b>City, State or Province, Zip</b>						
<b>Telephone</b>						
<b>E-Mail</b>						
<b>Will you judge at the orchid show?</b>	Yes	No	AOS Status	Yes	No	AOS Status
<b>Will you clerk?</b>	Yes	No		Yes	No	
<b>Will you exhibit in the show or assist with show set-up?</b>	Yes	No		Yes	No	
	Received by March 1	After March 1	First Registrant	Second Registrant	Total	
Full Registration (includes access to Lauritzen Gardens, the orchid show, afternoon and evening programs, and registration bag)	\$65	\$75				
Saturday Registration (afternoon programs only)	\$45	\$55				
Italian Buffet Dinner and Orchid Program (Saturday evening)	\$45	\$45				
Affiliated Societies Breakfast (Sunday)	\$25	\$25				
	Total					

### Hotel Reservations:

#### DoubleTree Hotel Omaha Downtown

Mid-America Orchid Congress room rate is \$124 + tax, room block reserved until March 5, 2017

**Make your reservation by phone, (402) 346-7600**

**OR**

**Make your reservation online with the link at [www.midamericanorchids.org/meetings](http://www.midamericanorchids.org/meetings)**

**Pay via PayPal with the link at [www.midamericanorchids.org/meetings](http://www.midamericanorchids.org/meetings), then email your completed registration form to [my3snakes@yahoo.com](mailto:my3snakes@yahoo.com)**

**OR**

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