



The Mid-American

Newsletter of the Mid-America Orchid Congress
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Spring 2016

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Essays are to be no more than 500 words in length. Deadline for submission is Oct 1, 2016. Prizes are \$100 for first place, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third prize.

Send submissions to the Essay Committee at Lois.Holmes68@gmail.com or you can mail to 6813 Dupont Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55430

MAOC Fall Meeting “Orchids Under Glass” in Buffalo, New York Nov 12-13, 2016

All MAOC members are cordially invited to come to the Fall 2016 MAOC to be held in Buffalo, NY on November 11-13, 2016. Bring your passports so you can see Niagara Falls from the Canadian side. Information will be coming on the Niagara Frontier Orchid Society website (www.niagarafrontierorchids.org) that is being rebuilt this month. Keep checking. Speaker plans include Pepe Portilla, Glen Decker, Mario Ferrusi and Bob Snyder. Meetings will be at the Hyatt Downtown-Buffalo (there will be shuttles for the 5 mile ride to the show location at the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Garden.

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/NFOrchidSoc16>

Amtrak offers service to Buffalo. The topic of discussion at the Affiliated Societies Breakfast will be “Program Options.”

MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS’ 2016 ESSAY CONTEST

The essay topic opener for this year is: “Why I would like to know more about . . .” (fill in the blank with an orchid person, place or thing).

A Message from Your President



Those of you who attended the Spring Meeting of the Congress in Cincinnati, Ohio from March 19-20, 2016 were treated to an “orchid affair” indeed! A magnificent and historic art deco hotel, the Netherland Hilton, as well as a fantastic orchid show and venue hosted by the Greater Cincinnati and Miami Valley Orchid Societies. For me, this will be remembered as one of those special Mid- America conferences.

Some Special Notes On the IRS and MAOC Expenses and Deductions

As a reminder, please be aware that as a delegate who attends our congresses, and who also registers and attends the Sunday morning business meeting, your entire expenses for attending the congress are tax deductible as we are a 501 (C)3 charitable organization. Please see Mary Beth Mansour's message to Affiliated Societies regarding this information. As President, I would like to see more representation from our Affiliated Societies!

For our Fall Meeting of the Congress we are fortunate enough to be hosted by our newest member; namely The Niagara Frontier Orchid Society located in Buffalo, New York. The dates of the Fall Congress are November 12-13, 2016. I have spoken with their representatives extensively, and they are a very enthusiastic and positive group and are looking forward to our arrival in November. Plus, they say they have arranged for no snow during our attendance and are working hard to making this a memorable congress. Please check midamericanorchids.org for further information regarding registration and activities.

Finally, another topic of importance regards a survey that myself, Cheryl Erins and Mary Beth Mansour have devised in order to assess the future of the Mid-America Orchid Congress and what we want to accomplish. How can we increase attendance at our meetings, what do YOU want the Congress to provide now and in the future, and how can we better accomplish these goals? To this end, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2NP5MK5> and register your thoughts. You can also Email me personally (catmando@mindspring.com), or Cheryl Erins or Mary Beth Mansour if you would prefer not to complete the survey. Prompt responses in either form would be greatly appreciated. We need feedback from you to make plans for our future. As most of you are aware finding host societies for our meetings is becoming more difficult. I thank you in advance for your participation.

Doug Hartong,
President, Mid-America Orchid Congress

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.

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.

Spring Business Meeting Minutes Draft Cincinnati, OH March 20, 2016

(NOTE: This is a draft subject to approval at the Fall Congress. Corrections should be sent to Cheryl Erins: 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 Greater Cincinnati and Miami Valley Orchid Societies for the wonderful venue and lovely show. The exhibits were impressive and there were some exceptionally well grown plants.

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
 - Central Indiana Orchid Society
 - Eastern Iowa Orchid Society
 - Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society
 - Greater Lansing Orchid Society
 - Greater Pensacola Orchid Society
 - Gulf Coast Orchid Society
 - Heart of Dixie Orchid Society
 - Central Ohio Orchid Society
 - Illinois Orchid Society
 - Memphis Orchid Society
 - Miami Valley Orchid Society
 - Michigan Orchid Society
 - Mobile Area Orchid Society
 - Niagara Frontier Orchid Society
 - Northeast Alabama Orchid Society
 - Northland Orchid Society
 - Blue Grass 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
 - Greater Omaha Orchid Society
 - Three Rivers Orchid Society
 - West Shore Ohio Orchid Society
 - Windsor Orchid Society
 - Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society
 - Kentucky Orchid Society
 - Peoria Orchid Society
 - Saginaw Valley Orchid Society
- Absent:
- Orchid Growers Guild of Madison
 - Central Iowa Orchid Society
 - Central Kentucky Orchid Society
 - Central Missouri Orchid Society

- Iowa Orchid Society
- Central Ontario Orchid Society
- Essex County (Ontario) Orchid Society
- Grand Valley Orchid Society
- Greater Akron Orchid Society
- Greater Cleveland Orchid Society
- Greater Toledo Orchid Society
- Little Egypt Orchid Society
- South Mississippi Orchid Society
- London Orchid Society
- Michiana Orchid Society
- Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society
- Orchid Society of the Royal Botanic Garden
- Orchid Society of Gr. St. Louis
- Prairie State Orchid Society
- Paducah Orchid Society
- Springfield MO Orchid Society
- Wisconsin Orchid Society
- Mansfield Orchid Society

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

Treasurer Report-



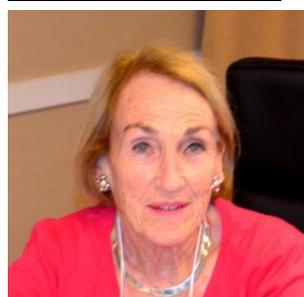
Treasurer Michele Little reported the Year end totals of \$82509 in Net Worth with 61% in unrestricted funds and 39% in restricted funds. Our actual Income was \$14,324.88 and Expenses were \$12,873.78.

Income and Expenses to date: A full treasurer's report is included as Addendum A in these minutes.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report passed and will be posted on the website with the minutes.

Committee Reports:

Affiliated Societies: Chair Mary Beth Mansour



reported the Committee met on Friday March 18, 2016, with these members present: Doris Asher, Roberta

Ginavan, Judith Rapacz, and Jim Newsome. Susan Wilson was excused. The Committee discussed the following items:

- Fifty-seven of the fifty-eight member societies paid the MAOC dues in 2015. Little Egypt has not paid in two years. Five of the members are Canadian Societies. Lincoln Orchid Society disbanded in 2015.
- Societies are reminded to file the tax reports for 2015.
- The topic selected for the Fall 2016 Affiliated Societies Breakfast in Buffalo, NY will be PROGRAM OPTIONS (Great ideas for limited budgets.)
- Forty persons attended the Affiliated Society breakfast on Sunday, March 20, 2016 and the discussion was:
Communications: Empower your Society in the Electronic Age. The discussion included a wide range of topics from webinars to web pages, and plant registration and how various societies perform these tasks.

Doris Asher asked about Little Egypt as to whether it now should be terminated as a member of the MAOC. Mary Beth stated that she may have found another contact and will make an attempt to reach the group one more time. She asked to defer action until the Fall meeting. Doris asked if we could clean up the sign-up sheets and Cheryl will work with Mary Beth to see that any societies that are not members, be eliminated from roll call and sign in sheets.

A motion to accept the report passed.

AOS Liaison Report: AOS Liaison Doris



Asher reported on the Fall AOS member meeting in Reno, Nevada November 11-15 of 2015. The following personnel changes were noted: Mid-America judges promoted from

student to probationary, Laura Bonnell (Toronto), Steve Gonzalez-Costa (Chicago) and Dave Miller (Great Lakes)

New students in the Judging System: Cendric Anne (Toronto) Leslie Ee (Toronto) Melissa Garner (Mid-America) and Teresa Huesman (Cincinnati).

One Mid America judge has become senior judge: Jeff Whitfield (Atlanta).

With regret, we note the death of Alvin Bolt (Atlanta)

Toronto granted Mario Ferusi a leave of absence June 1-December 31, 2015 and Donna Lipowiz, student, has returned from a leave.

Eli Waring, student from Chicago has resigned. Transfers: Vicky Leighty from Mid-America to Carolinas and Micheal Sinn from Pacific South to Atlanta.

The Judging Committee chose the 2014 Special Awards in Reno. The following from Mid-America received Awards:

The Butterworth Prize: *Pterostylis curta* 'Mello Spirit', CCE/99 exhibited by David Mellard and Sal Marino, submitted by the Atlanta JC.

The W.W. Wilson Award: *Phrag. Fritz Schomburg* 'Christine Chowning', FCC/91 exhibited by Steve Helbling; submitted by the Cincinnati JC.

The Carlyle A. Luer Award: *Masdevallia Prismatic* 'Conni's Passion', AM/85 exhibited by Mario and Conni Ferrusi, submitted by the Toronto JC.

The James and Marie Riopelle Award: *Miltionopsis Lady Snow* 'Hanashobu', CCM/84, exhibited by Larry Sanford, submitted by the Cincinnati JC.

The Milton Carpenter Award: *Aliceara* Larry Sanford 'Patience', HCC/76, exhibited by Larry Sanford, submitted by the Cincinnati JC.

The following are the Center Chairs and Vice Chairs in Mid-America for 2016

Atlanta: Lowell Jacks Chair, Gail Furniss Vice Chair

Chicago: Arnold Klehm Chair, Lois Cinert Vice Chair

Cincinnati: Jordan Hawley Chair, Alexa Noel Vice Chair

Great Lakes: Greg Filter Chair, Sandy Ohlund Vice Chair

Mid-America: Joe Lankton Chair, Loretta Franklin Vice Chair

Toronto: Theresa Kennedy Chair, Joyce Medcalf Vice Chair
 Montreal: Michel Tremblay Chair, Andre Levesque Vice Chair
 Other news: The 30 most recent awards are now being presented on the AOS website and one does not have to be a member to access those photos. The Webinars continue and are very popular, and you can access by going to the AOS.org website and seeing the list of topics. On March 11, the new AOS library at the Fairchild in Coral Gables, Florida opened. The Spring AOS Member meeting will be held in Ashville, North Carolina, April 13-17 hosted by the Western North Carolina Orchid Society. Doris plans to attend. A motion to accept her report passed.

Annual Meeting: Beth Martin thanked everyone, from the Cincinnati and Miami Valley Orchid Societies who hosted this meeting as to the beautiful exhibits and the wonderful hotel. No one has volunteered to host



any meetings since our last meeting. She discussed the Fall meeting to be held in Buffalo, NY., hosted by the Niagara Frontier Orchid Society November 11-13, 2016. She mentioned that there are great speakers planned including Pepe Portilla as the keynote. Anna Morrison suggested that we do more to educate societies that you do not need to be a MAOC rep to attend these meetings. All are welcome. We will put this in the Mid-American.

Beth said there are no invitations for 2017 as yet and if anyone wants to discuss, to please call her. As of now, we may be hosting our own meeting for the spring of 2017. The West Shore Orchid Society has offered to host in Spring of 2018. Beth discussed the allowance of \$2,500 as seed money to help societies host, to be paid back with proceeds, and the Shirley Burr Moore Fund which is for keynote speakers in the amount of \$750 for in-country and \$1,500 for out-of-country. And of course we split the

auction proceeds 50/50. Motion to accept her report passed.

Audit: Judith Rapacz reported that Alexa Noel, past treasurer, had sent her all the reports necessary to complete the 2015 Financial audit and that she and the committee had found no errors and all was in good standing. Next year Alexa will be on the committee, in place of Mark van der Woerd.

Motion to accept her report passed.

Awards: Janice Yates, filling in for Christine Chowning, reported the following awards for this show. AOS awards on Saturday included a CCM of 86 and AM 83 points to Paphiopedilum Orchid Joe's Curly Q, 'Jeanie's Choice' owned by Sam



Tsui of Orchid Inn. Another AOS award Phrag. Grande received an AM of 82 points, owned by Larry Sanford, and *Onc* ((*Oda.*) Star Trek x *Onc. leucochilum*) 'Fantastic Vision' AM of 80 points, owned by Russ Vernon, New Vision Orchids (provisional pending naming). Phrag. Grande was also noted as Best in the Cypripedium Alliance Class and Best in Show.



The Delbert Lowell Jacks MAOC Award for Best Specimen Plant went to Miltoniopsis Lady Snow 'Hanashobu' AM/AOS owned by Larry Sanford, Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society.



FL Stevenson Pleurothallid Alliance MAOC Award to *Masdevallia coccinea* var. *alba* 'Blanca' AM/AOS owned by Ann DePrez, Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society.



Henry Holmes MAOC Award for the best Oncidium Alliance to *Oncidium* ((syn *Oda.*) Star Trek x *Onc. leucochilum*) 'Fantastic Vision' AM/AOS (provisional pending naming of grex) owned by New Vision Orchid (Russ Vernon). Russ's plant received its American Orchid Society Award at the show, the AM of 80 points.



Fox Valley Cypripedium Alliance Award to Paph. Orchid Joe's Curly Q 'Jeannie's Choice' AM/CCM/AOS owned by Orchid Inn Ltd. (Sam Tsui). Both American Orchid Society awards were given at the show, the Award of Merit (83 points) and the Certificate of Cultural Merit (86 points). The Miami Valley Orchid Society, a co-hosting society for the show, awarded it the society's Don Walklet Trophy for best plant in the cypripedium alliance.

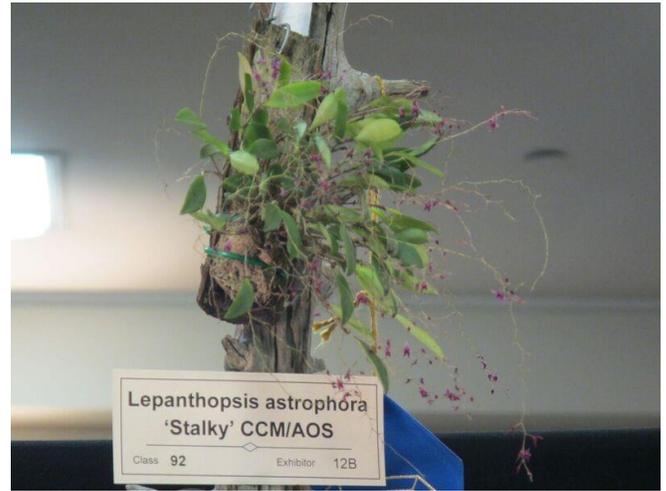


Mid-America Orchid Congress Perpetual Trophy for Outstanding Exhibit by an Affiliated Society to the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society. Its exhibit also received the AOS Show Trophy.

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society has three awards named in memoriam for a member: Frank Gastright Award for Best Plant in the Cypripedium Alliance to Phrag. Grande 'Patience' AM/AOS owned by Larry Sanford, Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society. The Phragmipedium received its American Orchid Society Award at the show, the AM of 82 points, and was awarded Best Plant in Show.



The GCOS Betty Forker Award for the Cattleya Alliance to Rhyncattlianthe (syn Pot.) Rajah's Fire 'Royston Sunrise' AM/AOS owned by Steve Helbling, Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society.



The Miami Valley Orchid Society also has an award named in memoriam for a member, the Al May Award for Best Pleurothallis given to *Lepanthisis astrophora* 'Stalky' CCM/AOS owned by Stephen Benjamin, Kentucky Orchid Society.

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



The GCOS Bob Wolf Award for Outstanding Specimen to *Phal. amabilis* 'Fancy Pearl' owned by Mike Hinshaw, Central Indiana Orchid Society, who exhibited as an amateur. The *Phal. amabilis* also received the Tom Cox Award for Best Phalaenopsis, named after the late member of the Miami Valley Orchid Society.

Budget: Janice Yates reported that the Budget will be presented in the Fall.

Communications: Chair Alexa Noel had asked that Jeanne Rhinehart give the report that The Mid-American was distributed to 253 email addresses on October 31, 2015. The editors, Susan and Charles Wilson report that each time they add new names and a few more emails are bounced back. Please ensure that all the email addresses are kept up to date and notify them if they are changed. Discussions are underway concerning the website, what is possible and not possible to add or expand. If you have suggestions for going forward, to please email the Communications Chair, Alexa Noel. We thank Brian Spitler for his continuing work. We are also discussing the addition of a Facebook Page. It is a great tool for reaching new people but does not replace the website functions. For the past three years, we have sponsored an Essay Contest. It has not been a great success. We will re-evaluate. (Note: this has been started again for the Fall MAOC meeting 2016.

Motion to accept the report passed.

Conservation: Chair Russ Vernon, reported from the Committee's Friday evening meeting that Jack Shumaker, Doug Martin and Bill Morrison were in attendance. 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 wanted to use the money to virus test the plants, but it is preferred by the committee to add species to their collection with the money. It was further suggested that it work with the university or a local entity to do the testing. Friends of Como, had donated \$8,000 to do testing and the conservatory staff created an isolated growing area for those testing positive. Their goal is to become the first virus free collection in the USA.

The Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society continues to map out native orchid species in a state preserve, hand pollinate flowers and harvest small quantities of seed to grow and repopulate existing colonies and establish new colonies in the Cranberry Bog State Preserve.

The Niagara Frontier Orchid Society has acquired *Cypripedium* species plants, planted them in pots and will plant in the spring. Doug Martin suggested that the MAOC establish communications with the North American Conservation Center associated with the Smithsonian. There might be ways to support projects and other conservation efforts in our region. He will contact them.

Russ reported that the Wheeler Thanhauser Orchid Collection and Species Bank has received funding from an outside source to establish a collection of all slipper orchid species available in trade. The fund has exceeded \$16,000. This will be the Betty Kindle

Orchid Collection. The committee received approval for the grants and any new requests will be considered in Buffalo, at the Fall MAOC meeting.

Doug Martin reported at the same time on the North American Orchid Conservation Council that has been watching with groups observing the culture, seed banking, and restoration projects and to check out the Smithsonian Orchids on the web. Beth reported that there are Orchidgami projects on the site, where you can print out little paper orchids, cut them out, and put them together. This has a site for donations as well. Motion to accept the report passed.

Constitution and By-laws: No report at this time.

Education and Research: Doug Hartong reported that he and Cheryl Erins met on Friday night and that while there are projects to be worked on, there is no progress report at this time as we are unable to add things to the website. As reported, discussions are underway as to what to do with the website.

Historical: Aileen Garrison reported for Chair Lois Holmes and gave a little history lesson of the MAOC down memory lane. Lois will chair the Essay Contest and provide for judges of essays, in hopes of resurrecting interest. The topic for the Fall meeting is: Why I would like to know more about (orchid person, place or thing). Must be 500 words or less, Deadline will be October 1, 2016. Report Accepted

Nominating Committee: No report at this time

Orchidist of the Year: No report at this time.

Show Schedule: Co-Chair Hermann Pigors reported that the committee did not meet as no one was available at this meeting. He reported that they intend to resolve several conflicts in the coming weeks and make adjustments to the show schedule soon. 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 \$2479.00, not including the Silent Auction going on in the back (\$60, final total). She thanked the auctioneers, Barry Jones, Doug Martin, Karen McBride and Russ Vernon and Jim Newsome for selling raffle tickets. She reported that the Krauski glass wall plaque was to be raffled off, but that a very generous donation from Hermann and Dorothy Pigors had just been made of another plaque by the same company, so that we would draw two winners from the tickets which netted \$550. The winners were Jim Newsome and Mary Beth Mansour. Motion to accept the report passed.

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 site that host societies Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society and Miami Valley Orchid Society chose for the spring meeting of the Mid-America Orchid Congress was remarkable. A National Historic Landmark hotel, the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza, in the heart of downtown Cincinnati served both as our conference hotel and also the site of the orchid show and sale. All of the Congress activities were on the 4th floor, which featured the Rosewood ballroom on one side and the Rookwood ballroom on the other. Both Rosewood (Roseville) and Rookwood were famous ceramics firms in the 19th and 20th centuries in Ohio, and their surviving pieces are now collectors' items. (Employees of the Rookwood firm now own it: it is in Cincinnati.) Pillars in the Rosewood ballroom were

surrounded by the pink Rosewood tiles, and the green Rookwood tiles surrounded the pillars in the Rookwood ballroom. This hotel opened in 1931 and featured French Art Deco décor. Today the hotel has 624 guest rooms and the only five-star restaurant in Ohio-named "Orchids"! That restaurant is breathtaking in its décor soaring three stories high and elaborately decorated in art décor style. The food and service are truly worthy of a five –star rating. Many Congress registrants ate there on Saturday evening-the host societies chose not to have the traditional banquet but, instead, invited registrants to sample Orchids or another of the numerous, excellent restaurants available within a short walk of the Hotel.

On Saturday morning, Head Judge Ken Mettler organized the 26 judges and an equivalent number of clerks into eight teams to judge the 23 exhibits and approximately 370 plants. Eleven orchids were identified for AOS judging and three of them received four awards (details appear in the minutes of the Sunday morning Business Meeting elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Eighty persons registered for the Congress. Leon Glicenstein Ph.D., the AOS Conservation Speaker, presented an interesting lecture "The Cloud Forest of Costa Rica." His enthusiasm and appreciation of Costa Rica were contagious as he discussed the beauty of Costa Rica. Dr. Glicenstein discovered many of the 1,600 orchid species in Costa Rica. Among his discoveries are *Telipogon glicensteinii* and *Lepanthes glicensteinii*.

Francisco Miranda, taxonomist, owner of Miranda Orchids, Haines City, FL discussed "The Genus *Laelia* in Brazil." Francisco guided the travelogue through Brazil, associating the native laelias with cultural requirements.

Gustavo A. Aguirre shared his knowledge acquired through 45 years of "Growing Colombian Pleurothallidinae." The emphasis was identifying & duplicating cultural needs as Pleurothallids grow in nature.

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES BREAKFAST

DISCUSSION: “How the electronic age can empower your society communications,” created some lively suggestions:

WEBSITES: Most societies have websites: All websites should include email contact information for your society. Some societies may not have a website due to cost. However: Orchid Mall, Google and many other sites can assist building and host sites for societies at no charge. They don't have to be fancy. Important feature of MAOC website: access show schedule & intergeneric list. Check for up-dated AOS website.

FACEBOOK: Advertise show, easy communication, more socially active

Younger people prefer to access information through Facebook

Effective way to get new members; Easy to share pictures.

AOS has an open page on Facebook

NEWSLETTERS:

Send email newsletter to past & present members. Send hard copy as a courtesy to long-term members; Some members want hard copy

WEBINARS: AOS produces excellent webinars on different topics for free monthly programs, as well greenhouse chats. All webinars may be accessed by an AOS member; a limited number of webinars can be accessed by non-members. Wifi is necessary.

ELECTRONIC PLANT REGISTRATION:

Most judges like it: easier for clerks, all members of team can have copy. Disadvantage: Difficulty in moving plants to other classes. Do a trial run with show table before using at show. Ease of reading tags. Tag provided by ribbon manufacturer not what society prefers: Consider ordering custom tags for show ribbons. Paste on ribbon Show tags are available: Change when you can improve. Susan Chambers invited MAOC members to come to the Fall 2016 MAOC to be held in Buffalo, NY on November 11-13, 2016. Bring your passports so you can see Niagara Falls from the Canadian side. Information is on the Niagara Frontier Orchid Society website. Meetings will be at the Hyatt Downtown-Buffalo. There will be a shuttle for

the 5 mile ride to the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Garden, location of the show. Check fares to Niagara Falls, NY, Rochester, NY, Buffalo, NY. Amtrak offers service to Buffalo. The topic of discussion at the Affiliated Societies Breakfast will be “Program Options” (great ideas for a limited budget).

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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(Editors' Note: Budget Addenda 1-4 follow next page.)

Parting Shot:

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



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ADDENDUM A- TREASURER REPORTS
Spring, MAOC

MAOC Net Worth, December 2015

PNC Checking	13879.28
PNC Money Market	35353.85
PNC CD #1	5394.90
PNC CD #2	6513.50
BMO Harris Savings	0.00
BMO Harris Checking	0.00
BMO Harris CD#1	6336.75
BMO Harris CD#2	13460.25
UBS	0.00
Total Net Worth	80938.54

Restricted funds 31306.16 39%
Unrestricted funds 49632.38 61%

MAOC Trophy Fund Status as of 12/31/2015

Fund	Balance
Fox Valley Cyripedium Award	\$794.31
Ray McCullough Epidendrium/Encyclia Award	\$452.71
Clifford & Vivian Walters Oncidium Award	\$4022.52
F.L. Stevenson Pleurothalid Award	\$2311.34
Delbert Lowell Jacks Best Speciman Award	\$1798.67
Christine Chowning Angraecum Species Award	\$341.75
Henry C Holmes Oncidium Award	\$1281.52
Essay Prize	\$1106.01
Conservation Speaker's Fund	\$8606.91

Shirley Burr Moore Speaker's Fund	\$8266.70
F.L. Stevenson Orchidist of the Year Award	\$2323.72

2015 Income and Expense report					
Income	Budgeted	Actual	Difference		
Auction					
Spring	\$1,500.00	\$4,250.32	+\$275.32		
Fall	\$2,500.00	2125	- \$375.00		
Donations & Memorials	\$600.00	\$550.00	- \$50.00	*	
Investment Income	\$50.00	\$85.89	+\$35.89		
MAOC Loan Repayment 2015	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00		
Registrations for Fall meeting	\$4,000.00	\$2,675.00	- \$1,325.00		
Show Tags	\$250.00	\$210.00	- \$40.00		
Society Dues	\$1,500.00	\$1,790.67	+\$290.67		
Books	not Budgeted	\$125.00	+\$125.00		
CDs	not Budgeted	\$13.00	+\$13.00		
Total	\$12,900.00	\$14,324.88	+\$1424.88		
* Conservation Speakers Fund -Beth and Doug Martin In Memory of Dixie McCulloch -Doris					

Asher					
In Memory of Dixie McCulloch - Cincinnati Judging Center					
Expense					
Bank Charges	\$25.00	\$0.00	+\$25.00		
Conservation Grants	\$2,000.00	\$1,449.42	+\$550.58		
Conservation Speaker Exp (E)	\$750.00	\$750.00	0		
Filing Fee	\$50.00	\$50.00	0		
Judging Center Support	\$900.00	\$900.00	0		
Insurance	\$550.00	\$550.00	0		
Program Expense	\$3,500.00	\$4,834.19	- \$1,334.19	*	* Auction Expense
MAOC Loans 2015&16	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	- \$2,500.00		Host Share Spring Congress
Newsletter/Postage	\$250.00	\$70.17	+179.83		Fall Show Expenses
Officer Expense	\$100.00	\$0.00	+\$100.00		
Shirley Burr Moore Speaker (E)	\$750.00	50	+\$700.00	**	Loan to OST M for Spring
Trophies (E)	\$550.00	\$302.79	+\$247.21		Repayment reflected in 2015
Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	0		income
Essay Prizes Not Budgeted (E)		\$175.00	- \$175.00		Loan to GCOS and

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Book Refund not Budgeted		\$20.00	- \$20.00		be reflected in 2016 income
Total	\$12,525.00	\$14,151.57	- \$2,226.57	*	*
	\$9,775.00	\$12,873.78	- \$2,148.78		(E) Endowed
	(E) \$2750.00	(E) \$1277.79	(E) \$77.79		