

**Mid-America Orchid Congress**  
**Fall Business Meeting**  
**Dayton, Ohio**  
**October 20, 2013**

**Call to Order** – President Aileen Garrison called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. She welcomed all the members and visitors and a special thank you to the Miami Valley Orchid Society and the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society for hosting this meeting. They have done a fabulous job.

**Secretary's Report** – Secretary Susan Wilson called the roll.

The following affiliated societies were present:

Alabama Orchid Society	Michigan Orchid Society
Ann Arbor Orchid Society	Mobile Area Orchid Society
Atlanta Orchid Society	Northeast Alabama Orchid Society
Blue Grass Orchid Society	Orchid Growers Guild of Madison
Greater Akron Orchid Society	Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City
Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society	Orchid Society of Greater St. Louis
Greater Lansing Orchid Society	Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee
Greater Omaha Orchid Society	Orchid Society of Minnesota
Gulf Coast Orchid Society	Orchid Society of the Ozarks
Illinois Orchid Society	Peoria Orchid Society
Kentucky Orchid Society	Prairie State Orchid Society
Memphis Orchid Society	Saginaw Valley Orchid Society
Miami Valley Orchid Society	South Metro Orchid Society
Michiana Orchid Society	West Shore OS of Northern OH
	Windsor Orchid Society

The following affiliated societies were absent:

Batavia Orchid Society	Mansfield Orchid Society
Central Indiana Orchid Society	Little Egypt Orchid Society
Central Kentucky Orchid Society	Lincoln Orchid Society
Central Iowa Orchid Society	London Orchid Society
Central Missouri Orchid Society	Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society
Central Ontario Orchid Society	Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society
Central Ohio Orchid Society	OS of the Royal Botanic Gardens

Essex County Orchid Society  
Eastern Iowa Orchid Society  
Grand Valley Orchid Society  
Greater Cleveland Orchid Society  
Greater Pensacola Orchid Society  
Greater Toledo Orchid Society  
Heart of Dixie Orchid Society  
Illowa Orchid Society

Paducah Orchid Society  
Sioux Falls Orchid Society  
Smoky Mountain Orchid Society  
South Mississippi Orchid Society  
Springfield Orchid Society  
Three Rivers Orchid Society  
Wisconsin Orchid Society

Susan reminded everyone to sign-in for their society at the back of the room in order to get credit for attendance. She then asked for corrections to the minutes from the April 21, 2013 business meeting in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The motion to approve the minutes as written was made and passed. She announced to President Aileen Garrison that we did have a quorum.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Alexa Noel reported our annual income from January 1 through October 16, 2013 as \$9,202.80. The spring meeting in Ann Arbor was not one of our better meetings due to the hotel charging for unreserved rooms that had been blocked off. Not all was lost though. Thanks to a generous donor, we did not lose money. Our expenses through October 16, 2013 are \$11,019.79. See attached annual report that reflects the seed-money loan for speaker expenses given to Miami Valley and Greater Cincinnati Orchid Societies for this meeting but which will be repaid at the close of this show. So we're about even right now.

Our total net worth is \$74,998.74. (See attached net worth report.) We are quite solvent. Her report was accepted and approved.

### **Committee Reports**

**Show Schedule** - The Show Schedule Committee met on Friday, October 18, in Dayton, Ohio. Present were Hermann Pigors and Lois Cinert, co-chairs; Tom Harper, and Nathan Bell. Nile Dusdieker was excused. Two topics were covered in the meeting: sequence of exhibit sizes, and the changes in Vanda taxonomy. The committee agreed that it would be more logical and present the ability to more easily move displays to another class if the size sequence within the groups was changed. We have therefore recommended to the Executive Committee that the new listings read as follows:

#### A. Open Competition

1. Orchid Plants in flower, Arranged for effect – 25 square feet maximum.
2. Orchid Plants in flower, arranged for effect – 50 square feet maximum.
3. Orchid Plants in flower, arranged for effect – more than 50 square feet.
- 4 (remains the same)

#### B. Orchid Societies Affiliated with the American Orchid Society

5. Orchid Plants in flower, arranged for effect – 25 square feet maximum.
6. Orchid Plants in flower, arranged for effect -- 50 square feet maximum.
7. Orchid Plants in flower, arranged for effect – more than 50 square feet.

#### C. Amateur Competition

8. Orchid Plants in flower, arranged for effect – 25 square feet maximum.
9. Orchid Plants in flower, arranged for effect – more than 25 square feet.

We also determined that the changes recently made by RHS to the Vanda Alliance would not at this time be used in the MAOC Class List, nor would we make any changes to the Show Schedule in the Vanda classes individually.

We have great respect for the RHS and the work they are doing to sort and classify the many different kinds of orchids. The work they have completed and the task still before them is immense. We have welcomed the changes that have been ratified. In most instances, these changes have worked well with the functions of the Mid-America Show Schedule. The purpose of the show schedule has always been to simplify and ease the process of ribbon judging for our member societies, and the society members who register the plants for their shows. Some of the changes made by RHS have been controversial, and some have been adjusted after further thought.

Changes to the Vanda Alliance are needed to complete the lineages of the orchid family. But at this time MAOC feels that this process is still in transition, and that there will be more definitive changes in the future.

For the purpose of ribbon judging using the MAOC show schedule, we are recommending that the societies judging their shows use the January 1, 2013 edition of the MAOC Class List. This will be available on the MAOC web page [midamericanorchids.org](http://midamericanorchids.org). The classes in the Mid-America Show schedule will remain as they are for the Vanda Alliance.

We recognize that there will always be changes to the taxonomic classifications as new species are discovered and new information is discovered about orchids. We will continue to adapt the Mid-America Show Schedule as needed to include

these changes. Our goal is always to make your task of plant registration and ribbon judging as logical and as easy as we can make it for you. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact me at [george.cinert@att.net](mailto:george.cinert@att.net). Aileen Garrison stated that there would be a disclaimer on the website regarding following the old show schedule until the taxonomic changes have had more time to be in general use. In the meantime Lowell Jacks will maintain the classification list as RHS changes occur and will be ready to publish it to the website when voted to do so. He will continue to publish the intergeneric list as well. The report was accepted and approved.

**Affiliated Societies** – Chair Mary Beth Mansour reported the committee met on Friday, October 18, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza, Dayton, OH. All members of the committee were present: Doris Asher, Roberta Ginavan, Judith Rapacz, Jim Newsome & Mary Beth Mansour. The committee discussed the following items:

- Reminders were sent to 20 societies not paying 2013 dues
- Mansfield Orchid Society and Saginaw Valley Orchid Society have requested assistance in developing a web-site.
- Since AOS will sponsor the Affiliated Societies Breakfast in Bloomington, MN April 30-May 4, 2014, the committee did not choose a topic for discussion.

Plans were made to present the topic ENERGIZE YOUR LOCAL SOCIETY WITH THE RESOURCES OF MAOC at the Affiliated Societies' Breakfast on October 20, 2013. The Affiliated Societies Breakfast was held Sunday, October 20, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Sixty persons were in attendance. The topic ENERGIZE YOUR LOCAL SOCIETY WITH THE RESOURCES OF MAOC included the discussion of the resources of MAOC, specifically the web-site, developing a speakers list and encouraging show participation by rotating duties. The next issue of The Mid-American will report the details. The report was accepted and approved.

**Annual Meeting** – Chair Beth Martin, on behalf of the Annual Meeting Committee, thanked the Greater Cincinnati and Miami Valley Orchid Societies for hosting our meeting. This has been an outstanding Mid-America meeting! The next meeting of the Mid-America Orchid Congress will be hosted by the Orchid Society of Minnesota, and will be held April 29-May 4, 2014, in Bloomington, MN. MAOC will host our own meeting in the Fall of 2014, and the Annual Meeting Committee will announce details at or before the Spring meeting.

The following future MAOC meetings have been approved by the Congress:

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Host</b>
Spring 2014	Bloomington, MN	April 29-May 4	Orchid Society of Minnesota in conjunction with AOS
Fall 2014	OPEN		
Spring 2015	Nashville, TN	March 19-21	Orchid Society of Middle TN
Fall 2015	OPEN		
Spring 2016	Cincinnati/Dayton, OH	TBA	Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society and Miami Valley Orchid Society

There will be separate auctions for both MAOC and also the AOS in Bloomington. Beth called on Tom Harper from the Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee to say a few words about the upcoming show. Tom welcomed the membership to attend the Spring 2015 meeting to be held at the Cool Springs Marriott in Franklin, TN March 19-21, 2015. He reminded members of the great entertainment in the area with good food and country music.

The Annual Meeting Committee is ready to assist any societies interested in hosting a Mid-America meeting. We will be publishing a brief guideline for hosting a show with a little bit about what is involved in The Mid-American. Please contact Beth Martin at 913-248-8669 or [bethdoug@kc.rr.com](mailto:bethdoug@kc.rr.com) for more information. The report was accepted and approved.

**AOS Liaison** – Chair Doris Asher reported that because the American Orchid Society has not met since I reported at our Congress in Ann Arbor last April, there are no personnel changes to report at this time. Exactly a month from now, November 13-17<sup>th</sup>, the American Orchid Society meets at its new home in the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables, FL; the Orchid Society of Coral Gables is hosting an orchid show during that meeting. I shall report on what happens there when we meet next spring in Minnesota. She mentioned the continued concern over declining membership but is sure that topic will be discussed in Florida. The report was accepted and approved.

**Audit** – Nothing to report at this meeting.

**Awards** – Chair Christine Chowning reported the following recipients of this fall meetings’ MAOC trophies:

The Mid-America Trophy - Most Outstanding Exhibit Staged by an Affiliated Society – Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society

The Delbert Lowell Jacks Award – Best Specimen in Show – *Bulbophyllum medusae* ‘Windswept Whimsical Hair’ exhibited by Edgar Stehli of Windswept in Time.

The Clifford and Vivian Walters Award – Best Oncidium Alliance in Show – *Cyrtocidium* El Tigre exhibited by Russell Vernon of New Vision Orchids.

In Memory of Raymond McCullough Award – Best Epidendrum/Encyclia in Show – *Encyclia radiata* exhibited by Eric Michel of Michel Orchids.

The Christine M. Chowning Award – Best Angraecoid Species in Show – *Angraecum eburneum* exhibited by Jordan Hawley.

The report was accepted and approved.

**Budget** – Chair Jan Yates reported the Budget Committee, which includes Treasurer Alexa Noel, Jim Newsome and myself met on October 19, 2013 to develop the 2014 budget and this is the proposal that was approved at the business meeting the following day. On the expense side, it is important to remember that some expenses are paid from restricted or endowed funds, i.e. money already on hand, and not covered by income from year to year. Those expenses are noted.

**Income** is expected to be as follows:

Auctions	
Spring (revenue to be shared 50-50 with the Orchid Society of Minnesota)	\$ 1,250.00
Fall likely to be an 'in-conjunction-with' meeting	2,500.00
Donations and Honoraria	600.00
Investments, formerly described as interest and dividends	50.00
MAOC loan (if made, to be repaid in same calendar year)	2,500.00
MAOC registrations (as an in-conjunction with Fall show)	3,000.00
MAOC Show Tags	250.00

Society Dues	1,500.00
Total	\$ 11,650.00

**Expenses:**

Bank charges	\$ 25.00
Conservation grants	2,000.00
Conservation speaker (endowed fund)	750.00
Filing fee - state of Ohio	50.00
Judging Center support	600.00*
Liability insurance	450.00
MAOC Congress meeting for an 'in-conjunction with' show	3,000.00
MAOC loan (if sought from a sponsoring society)	2,500.00
Officer expenses	100.00
Postage and copies (associated with newsletter)	100.00
Shirley Burr Moore speaker (endowed fund)	1,500.00
(this fund pays for a Fall speaker in one of two amounts, \$ 750 for a speaker from the states, \$1,500 from a speaker internationally)	
Trophies (Endowed funds for all but the society exhibit trophy)	550.00
Wed site development	-0-
Total	\$ 11,625.00

After the budget was approved, it was amended to increase support to each of the six judging centers in the MAOC region from \$100 to \$150 dollars. Even taking into account that increase, when one looks at the budget overall, and removing expenses paid for with endowed funds, the budget remains well in the black from an operational standpoint.

**Communications** – Chair Doris Asher reported the Editor of The Mid-American distributed one issue (June 2013) since we met in Ann Arbor MI in April. She thanks everyone who contributed information, articles, photos, and computer expertise to that issue. As has become the norm, she was able to distribute the Secretary's draft minutes from the Ann Arbor Business Meeting in the same emailing, thus saving duplication of work. Throughout the four-month period, she

fielded several inquiries from members of our affiliated societies, answering some and referring some to appropriate Congress leaders.

The Editor's mailing list consists of more than 731 records, although I did not send a copy to all 731. Copies go to the chairs of Mid-America judging centers and at least two people from each affiliated society, preferably the president and the Mid-America representative. Another favorite contact is the editor of the society's newsletter if I know who that is. I send copies to everyone attending the business meeting at the previous Congress. In all cases, I urge recipients to share the newsletter and the information in it as widely as possible throughout their society. In addition, each issue is posted on the Congress' website: [www.midamericanorchids.org](http://www.midamericanorchids.org).

I expect to prepare an issue immediately after this meeting in Dayton in which we report on what has happened here and advertise upcoming meetings of the Congress.

I welcome input/ideas/articles! I thank all of the individuals who have contributed to the thirteen issues I have prepared since my appointment as Editor in the fall of 2008.

In March, 2011, Brian Spitler from the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society accepted appointment as the Congress' webmaster, and he has accomplished great things in his first two years. All of the sections of the website have been updated and enhanced. Necessary changes are now being made in a timely manner. In addition, he and Treasurer Alexa Noel developed the capability for us to register online via the website for our Congress meetings when registration is managed by the Mid-America Orchid Congress. Thank you, Brian, for providing us with this important communication link. As with The Mid-American, Brian needs content for the MAOC website. Please look at the website [www.midamericanorchids.org](http://www.midamericanorchids.org)) and make suggestions and provide content.

At our meeting in Independence in the fall of 2012, Brian announced a new service to our affiliated societies – he will set up one to three static website pages and set up the hosting for MAOC affiliated societies which lack websites but want one. Brian will not charge for his services. To host a basic account on the internet costs about \$6/month with companies such as Godaddy, which is where the MAOC, Cincinnati, and a variety of other sites are located. If this offer is of interest, feel free to contact Brian and talk it over with him: [publicationschair@cincinnatiorchids.org](mailto:publicationschair@cincinnatiorchids.org) is his email address.

At the Indianapolis Congress meeting in April 2012, we decided to revive the Mid-America essay contest, which existed some twenty years ago. The "inaugural"

topic was “Why \_\_\_\_\_ Is My Favorite Orchid Genus” – with the writer filling in the blank. People were welcome to write about his/her favorite orchid or species within a genus. The essays could be no more than 500 words in length; the deadline for submission was October 1. Prizes are \$100 for first place; \$50 for second, and \$25 for third prize.

The Committee received just two entries, an essay from Ed Cott (Windsor Orchid Society) and a poem from Susie Hanna (Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City) and awarded each a second prize of \$50 each. Both entries appeared in the December 2012 Mid-American.

The Committee ran the essay contest for a second year to see if there was more interest in participation in a follow up contest. We are using the same prize structure and the deadline for submission of entries was October 1, 2013. The topic was “Travels with Orchids”. This second contest brought in nine entries. The winners in the 2013 contest:

Third place: Kim Livingston, Orchid Society of Minnesota “The Bus Trip”

Second place: Cheryl Erins, Batavia Orchid Society “Travels with Orchids”

First place: Lynn O’Shaughnessy, Greater Lansing Orchid Society “Annette’s First Orchid Show”. In this very creative essay, Lynn writes from the perspective of Masdevallia Annette Hall, which is panicked by being packed into a dark box as she goes to her first show. My panel of judges voted Lynn’s essay the clear frontrunner. Congratulations to our three winners! Thank you, everyone, who submitted an entry. For the 2014 contest, the topic is: “My problem with orchids is (writer fills in the blank)”. The rules and prizes remain the same as this year. The report was accepted and approved.

**Conservation** – Chair Russ Vernon reported that committee members Doug Martin, Susan Wilson and he met in conjunction with the Executive Committee meeting on October 18, 2013. The committee received a grant request from The Blue Grass Orchid Society in early October for \$400 to augment and expand their planting of native *Cypripediums* at the The Arboretum, State Botanical Garden of Kentucky, in Lexington. The society will more than match the Congress grant. The grant would include soil preparation and amendment to be provided by society members as well as additional material. The Arboretum has enthusiastically endorsed the project. Grant requests will be considered at the next Congress meeting in Bloomington, Minnesota. A motion was made and passed by the membership to award the \$400 grant to the Blue Grass Orchid Society. The report was accepted and approved.

**Constitution & Bylaws** - Chair Charles Wilson reported to the members that the amendments proposed at the Ann Arbor meeting in April, 2013 which were duly notified to the membership for action at this meeting. Amendments were:

Article X Treasurer- The Treasurer shall maintain for the Congress its 501(c)3 status, or corresponding section of any future tax code, with the IRS and appropriate state sales tax exemption certification and include this information in the Treasurer's annual report.

The motion was made and passed.

Article XIV Awards Committee(paragraph 3)- Trophies for the Fall Meeting: The Delbert Lowell Jacks Award - Best specimen plant in show.

The motion was made and passed.

The report was accepted and approved.

**Education and Research** – There is no report at this meeting.

**Historical** – Chair Lois Holmes recalled the bidding from the previous nights' auction in which she won Lowell Jacks' orange brownies. She wanted to share but suggested a donation of \$10 a piece would be nice to give back to the Congress. She had Lowell preside over the distribution of the brownies.

Lois next mentioned that Secretary Susan Wilson had bid against her last night for the brownies so she wanted to tell about some travel difficulties Susan had experienced at this meeting that the members might not know about. Susan checked into her room and noted a loud buzzing noise in the room. She called the desk to report the buzzing noise. They sent personnel up who couldn't find the noise apparently coming from the ceiling. They ended up moving her to another room. They entered the new room and the buzzing started again. They discovered in her luggage her electric toothbrush was turning on. So be careful about bidding against me for those brownies! Lois told another brownie story on herself as related to last years' brownies she had won. She had save three brownies from her win and put them in a tin in her carry-on bag. She was waiting in a wheelchair at the gate for her flight when they changed the gate at the last minute and the porter came to move her and said he had all of her bags and proceeded to move her to the new gate. She realized too late that they forgot her

carry-on bag. After arriving home she finally got the bag back and the only thing missing from the bag was the brownies!

On a more somber note, Lois reported the passing of one of the founders of Mid-America, Tom Larkin in early September. She and her husband Henry had first met Tom at the Kansas City Orchid Society meeting where Tom and Henry became fast friends and decided to take an orchid exploring trip to Mexico together. They hired a guide, but found out after they got back that the people that had hired the same guide before didn't come back alive. They even ended up giving up their passports, which they knew better than to do, and had to buy them back to get home. Then there was another time at the Kansas City meeting. Tom, knowing Lois was not artistically inclined, asked her to put a cut flower exhibit together a commercial vendor had shipped in. She got a member of their society, Father David, to do the exhibit for her. She gave Treasurer Alexa Noel a donation to MAOC in memory of Tom Larkin.

Lois wrapped up her report recalling to Tom Harper that at one of the Nashville meetings of the Congress, The Judds were the entertainment for the evening right before they became famous. The report was accepted and approved.

**Tehnology** – Chair Brian Spitler was absent for this business meeting but President Aileen Garrison made a motion to accept Brian's report from the Affiliated Society breakfast this morning. The motion was approved.

**Ways & Means** – Chair Roberta Ginavan reported that, since the last meeting, the Ways and Means Committee has formally added Karen McBride and Doug Martin to its cadre. Other members are Pat Cleveland, Judith Rapacz, and Mark van der Woerd. Karen and Doug have shouldered much of the auctioneering for the committee.

The Committee Chair would like to thank Doug Martin, Russ Vernon, and Barry Jones (the 3 Musketeers) for their work as auctioneers last evening and Aileen Garrison, Lois Holmes, Pat Cleveland, Judy Neagle and Alexa Noel for their help as clerks. Without this wonderful and hardworking group, it would be impossible to have such a great auction. The Chair would also like to thank donors of the auction items and buyers who came with their pocketbooks open!

The auction income last evening including the \$60 added this morning when Lois Holmes generously shared SOME of the brownies she purchased last evening (baked by Lowell Jacks) totals \$3883. Of that, \$575 represents items whose sale

was earmarked for the Slipper Orchid Alliance. Since the Miami Valley and Greater Cincinnati societies are co-hosting this MAOC meeting, the remaining \$3306 will be split with \$1653 shared by these co-hosts.

The sale of raffle tickets brought in \$765, including the 3 tickets we have just sold. We hope you realize the chair cannot write the report for this committee until after the report is given—both auction and raffle income figures have changed since the chair has come to the podium. We would like to thank Ed Mansour, Jim Newsome and Alexa Noel for their help in selling raffle tickets.

The raffle prize, a *Phragmipedium caudatum* vase made by Larry Mayse of Nature Glassworks, has been won by Joshua Higgins from Pacifica, MO. Joshua is a member of the Orchid Society of Greater St Louis and we believe this is the first MAOC meeting he has attended. Congratulations, Joshua, we hope you will come again.

Jim Newsome has generously donated an autographed copy of Koopowitz and Hasegawa's "Novelty Slipper Orchids: Breeding and cultivating Paphiopedilum Hybrids", which will be raffled at the Spring 2014 meetings in Bloomington, MN. The report was accepted and approved.

**The Orchidist of the Year** – Chair Lowell Jacks lead the members through a merry mystery with the following presentation:

"This person is a real mover and shaker and a true ambassador of Mid-America; however, this does not narrow it down much since we have many movers and shakers, as well as ambassadors in Mid-America. This MAOC member does not allow grass to grow under her feet and is always ready to work and pitch in whenever and with whatever necessary. Well, that narrows it down a bit, since we know it is a 'her.'

"This individual co-chaired a MAOC in one of the nicest places and with real southern hospitality, even though it is not in the South, that we have been in recent years and we hope to be invited back in the very near future. It was truly a wonderful location. Know yet?

"This person is extremely creative and always has something entertaining planned for the committee which she chairs. Know yet?

"This person has served MAOC as Secretary and did a wonderful job. Know yet?

"Well, let's narrow it down even more. We have seen this person's mother's wedding dress at a previous MAOC. Some of you must know by now.

“This vivacious individual is currently serving as Chair of the Ways and Means Committee and works extremely hard to put money in our coffers.

“With that, I would like to welcome Roberta Ginavan as 2013 Orchidist of the Year. “ The report was accepted and approved.

### **Announcements**

Jack Shumaker from the Saginaw Valley Orchid Society announced that the 58<sup>th</sup> Paphiopedilum Guild meeting sponsored by Orchid Digest is to be held in Santa Barbara, California January 18 & 19, 2014.

President Aileen Garrison gave a personal thank you to all delegates and officers of Mid-America. She expressed her sincere appreciation for allowing her to serve for the past two years. Through the generosity of friends she has been able to attend Congress meetings for many years and each time she has been in awe of the effort and dedication put forth by so many to ensure Mid-America fulfills the purpose for which it was created, that being the advancement of knowledge and appreciation of orchids. We get to be together, learn together, share our experiences, and of course add to our orchid collections. And we all do this with a smile on our face because we’re having fun. The Mid-America Orchid Congress is a very special organization and it has truly been an honor for me to serve you as your President.

### **New Business**

**Nominating Committee** – Chair Doug Martin thanked the present officers and the nominating committee for a job-well-done the past two years. He thanked the other members of the committee, Mark van der Woerd, Beth Martin, Doris Asher, and Russ Vernon for all their hard work. He then announced the new slate of officers for 2014; President – Doris Asher, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice- President - Jim Newsome, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President – Jan Yates, Treasurer Alexa Noel, and Secretary – Cheryl Erins. Doug called for further nominations. None were made. The motion was made and passed. He told Aileen she could take her Presidential hat off now. He then presented her with a gift of appreciation. It was a beautiful custom made glass sculpture of *Cattleya* Mt. Athena ‘Aileen’, AM/AOS.

Doug then called new President Doris Asher up to present her with her new Presidential hat, a halo, because Doug called her an angel when she accepted the Presidency. He then described the charms that go on it, an awarded orchid charm

*Cattleya* Circle of Life 'Accolade', AM/AOS, University of Michigan charm, medical librarian charm, a banana ornament for healthy food, miniature tennis shoes, as she likes to walk for exercise, the old AOS Indian logo charm, an award of merit, since she is a judge, and for being the editor of The Mid-American, a miniature newspaper. Doris donned her new hat to great applause. Doris accepted the Presidency and vowed to try to be worthy of the office.

Aileen Garrison presented Doris with a How-to-Presidential notebook she had compiled over the last two years to make the transition a smooth one for the incoming President.

### **Adjournment**

Charles Wilson moved that "The actions taken by the officers and committee members of the Mid-America Orchid Congress since the last annual meeting be ratified and confirmed and the officers and committee members be commended for their good work." The motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned by new President Doris Asher at 10:31 am.