



THE MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS

Fall Business Meeting Columbus, Ohio November 8, 2014

Call to Order – President Doris Asher called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. She welcomed all delegates and visitors and gave a special thank you to the Central Ohio Orchid Society for hosting this meeting. This was a nice location for the program.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Cheryl Erins called the roll.

The following affiliated societies were present:

Alabama Orchid Society	Ann Arbor Orchid Society
Atlanta Orchid Society	Batavia Orchid Society
Blue Grass Orchid Society	Central Iowa Orchid Society
Central Kentucky Orchid Society	Central Ohio Orchid Society
Eastern Iowa Orchid Society	Greater Akron 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
Illinois Orchid Society	Kentucky 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	Orchid Growers Guild of Madison
Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee	Orchid Society of Gr. Kansas City
Orchid Society of Greater St. Louis	Orchid Society of the Ozarks
Peoria Orchid Society	Prairie State Orchid Society
South Metro Orchid Society	West Shore Ohio Orchid Society
Windsor Orchid Society	

Absent:

Central Indiana Orchid Society	Central Missouri Orchid Society
Central Ontario Orchid Society	Essex County (Ontario) Orchid Society
Grand Valley Orchid Society	Greater Cleveland Orchid Society
Greater Toledo Orchid Society	Illowa Orchid Society
Lincoln NE Orchid Society	Little Egypt Orchid Society
London Orchid Society	Mansfield Orchid Society
Michiana Orchid Society	Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society
Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society	Orchid Society of Minnesota
Orchid Society of the Royal Botanic Gardens	Paducah Orchid Society
Saginaw Valley Orchid Society	Smoky Mountain Orchid Society
South Mississippi Orchid Society	Springfield MO Orchid Society

Three Rivers Orchid Society

Wisconsin Orchid Society

Cheryl reminded everyone to sign-in for their society at the back of the room with their email addresses so we can assure delivery of the Minutes of the Business Meeting. She announced to President Doris Asher that we did have a quorum.

President Doris Asher then asked for corrections to the minutes from the Fall Meeting in Dayton, Ohio. The motion to approve the minutes as written was made and passed. The minutes will be posted on the website. She thanked the Central Ohio Orchid Society for their participation and support of the MAOC, for their food, and great location. She recognized two new societies, Northland of Minnesota and Niagara Frontier of New York State, both of which had representatives present.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Alexa Noel reported our net income from January 1 through April 26, 2014 as \$3436.60. Total income for 2014 is \$14368.64 and Expenses were \$10931.81 with a Total net worth of \$81,368.28. She noted that 44% was restricted and 56% was unrestricted. She mentioned a donation in memory of T. Ruben Jones on behalf of the Atlanta and Miami Valley Orchid Societies. A motion was passed to accept the Treasurer's report. (see Addendum 1)

Membership

Alexa reported that all but 6 of our affiliated societies have paid their dues. One society has not paid in two years. Aileen Garrison will try to get three of the societies; Cheryl Erins will see if she can get one other. A motion to accept was made and it passed.

Beth Martin sold the remaining brownies at this time, as Lois Holmes, who was not present, would have done it! Beth offered the treats at \$5 apiece payable to Mid-America.

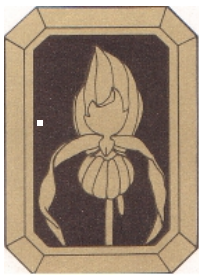
Committee Reports

Affiliated Societies: Chair Mary Beth Mansour reported the committee met on November 7, 2014 in Columbus. Members of the committee present were Doris Asher, Roberta Ginavan, Judith Rapacz, Mary Beth Mansour and Jim Newsome. The committee discussed the following items:

³⁵/₁₇ An invitation to join the MAOC was extended to the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania and to the Eastern Canada Orchid Societies.

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A motion was made and accepted to accept the report.



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AOS Liaison Report: Liaison Doris Asher reported on two AOS Members Meetings: Bloomington MN April 30 – May 4, 2014, and also Orlando FL, October 29-November 2, 2014. She reported that two of the national special awards for the AOS were from Mid-America, both from the Cincinnati Judging Center: the Fred Hillerman award, for most outstanding Angraecoid was *Cryptopus elatus* 'Clara' AM/AOS owned by Jordan Hawley and the Robert Dugger Odontoglossum Award went to *Oncidium Helen Dugger* 'Dugger's Vision' FCC/AOS exhibited by Russ Vernon.

Doris announced that Aileen Garrison received the prestigious AOS Silver Medal, as well as our Greg Filter. Aileen became chair of the Judging Committee. Doris reported on the numerous personnel changes: The Inge and Peter Poot and Aileen Garrison to Judge Emeritus; Nile Dusdieker, Cheryl Erins, David Kessler and Dennis Seffernick to Accredited Judge. Students to probationary included Barbara Barnett, Hideka Kobayashi and Patrick Vuurman. We have five new students and Tom Harper was made senior judge. She noted that the Wilsons have moved to the Pacific Northwest. She also noted the deaths of W. James Harper, Ron Pallister, and Emly Siegerist and called for a moment of silence to note their passing. She reported that the new AOS library is well on its way at Fairchild. She also mentioned the webinars are very successful and thanked Cheryl Erins. Her report was accepted.

Annual Meeting: Chair Beth Martin congratulated the Central Ohio Orchid Society for a very successful show and meeting, with such a nice venue. She invited Tom Harper to the podium to talk about the next MAOC, Spring 2015 in Franklin, TN at the Cool Springs Marriott Convention Center, March 19-21 hosted by the Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee. Tom said there was a whole lot to do there, and all MAOC events are at the hotel. He passed out cards and said the website will be up in December. Get ready for Country Music and good food. Tom will provide a list of local restaurants and indicated that the goody bags will feature local products. He encouraged exhibitors, baskets or otherwise. The keynote speaker will be Olaf Gruss.

Beth then discussed the open dates for next fall and the fall of 2016, and reported that for Spring 2016 the MAOC will be hosted by the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society and the Miami Valley Orchid Society.

The Annual Meeting Committee is ready to assist financially (up to \$2500 seed money, to be repaid after all income and expenses are noted) and with any other support potential host societies may need. Please contact Beth Martin at 913-248-8669 or bethdoug@kc.rr.com for more information. The report was accepted and approved.

Audit: The Audit Committee reports only in the Spring.

Awards: Jordan Hawley announced the Awards for Christine Chowning.

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

Memoria Raymond McCullough Epidendrum/Encyclia Award to the best Epidendrum/Encyclia in the show: Encyclia rhynchophora, Tom and Pat Stinson (Mansfield OS, N Gilead, OH)

Delbert Lowell Jacks Award to the best specimen plant in the show: Brassavola grandiflora, Windswept in Time Orchids (Broadview Heights, OH)

Clifford and Vivian Walters Oncidium Alliance Award to the best Oncidium Alliance Plant in the show: Brassia Datacosa (verrucosa x caudata), Don Weber (Central Ohio OS, Columbus)

Christine M. Chowning Angraecoid Award to the best Angraecoid species in the show: Aerangis luteo-alba, Windswept in Time Orchids (Broadview Heights, OH)

Budget: Chair Jan Yates stated that the proposed budget will show an increase in income to \$12,900, with expenses estimated at \$12,525. \$4000.00 is noted as income for registrations in conjunction with a show. Of other note, proposed honoraria is listed at \$600 and an expense for \$2500 to Middle Tennessee if they need it for their seed money with a repayment in the 2015 year proposed income after the show. The report was accepted. The Accepted budget is Addendum 2.

Communications: Chair Doris Asher reported that this Committee has three areas of activity: our newsletter, The Mid-American, the Congress' website, and the annual essay contest. She announced that even though Susan and Charles Wilson have moved to the Pacific Northwest, they intend to continue as the editors of the newsletter. She reported that we are always looking for content for the web site. She asked that people send material for the website to her.

Doris reported on the winners for this year's essay contest. The topic: My Problem with Orchids is....

Third place (\$25): Eunice Ibanez Bragg, Windsor Orchid Society

Second place (\$50): Linda Sizer, Orchid Society of Minnesota

First place (\$100): Kim Livingston, Orchid Society of Minnesota. People with good memories will recall that Kim's essay last year earned her a third place prize.

Congratulations to her for the second year! And congratulations to Eunice and to Linda, too! Doris thanked everyone, who submitted an entry. Doris will forward the three prize-winning essays to the Wilsons to publish in The Mid-American.



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For the 2015 contest, the topic is: “My Most Exciting Orchid-Related Experience”. The rules and prizes remain the same as for this year.

The report was accepted and approved.

Conservation: Chair Russ Vernon sent in a report, read by President Doris Asher, that there were grants of \$400 to the Cleveland Botanic Garden, the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory and the Wheeler Thanhouseer Orchid Collection and Species Bank. The Cleveland Conservatory is adding orchid species native to Costa Rica. The McNeely Conservatory is replacing lost species and adding new specimens. The Wheeler has moved and added European terrestrial species to the collection and has full time employee, Cheryl LeBlanc. A new grant was requested by the Niagara Frontier Orchid Society. They are building a native orchid species garden at the Buffalo Botanic Garden. The motion was made and passed by the membership to award the \$400 grants.

The report was accepted and approved.

Constitution & Bylaws: President Doris Asher read the report from Charles Wilson. Language was to be added to the ByLaws to reflect the changes in the MAOC's Annual Meetings Committee to act on societies that indicate a desire to host a meeting, without having to have a separate meeting and vote. This language is added to the minutes as an addendum. Doris asked for a vote and it was passed. A copy of the change in Bylaws will be posted on the website. The full language of the change is attached in Addendum 3.

The report was accepted and approved.

Education and Research: Chair Doug Hartong reported that the committee met and discussed ideas such as putting out a local speakers list on the website, as well as webinar presentations, orchid potting or other suggested ideas. There is a possibility of putting student research papers on the website. The site www.michiganorchidspeakers.com is a great site to check for local speakers. Attendees are asked to submit names to Doug or Cheryl. We will also obtain the program given by Gustavo Aquirre and get it on the website. New members are desired for the committee.

Report accepted and passed.

Historical: No report.

Orchidist of the Year: Chair Lowell Jacks reported that Lois Holmes was supposed to present the award for the Orchidist of the Year but he would do it in her stead. Aileen Garrison was recognized as being the Orchidist of the Year for 2014, and she received a standing ovation for all her contributions. She has done so much for the American Orchid Society and the Mid-America Orchid Congress and her local Societies, to name a few, Silver Medal at the AOS recent members meeting in Orlando, Florida, Judge Emeritus, and now named the Judging Committee Chair for the AOS. Aileen graciously accepted.

Show Schedule: President Doris Asher read a report from Co-Chair Hermann Pigors that he has sold 2000 tags, and there would be no further changes in the show schedule until the RHS decides what to do with Dendrobiums. He asked that all societies continue to send the numbers of entries in each class to Lois Cinert.

The report was accepted and approved.

Show Schedule: In Chair Brian Spittler's absence, Doris reported that there is a glitch in the show schedule on the website and Brian has been working to resolve it. In the mean time Doris can email the new show schedule to anyone who needs one.

Ways & Means: Chair Roberta Ginavan reported that Jim Newsome would be donating one of his vases for an upcoming raffle. This year's raffle prize is the 2-volume book Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species, donated to the Congress by the publisher. Saturday's auction raised \$2355. She thanked the members of the committee, Karen, Barry and Alexa for their help in the auction, and Alexa presented Tennis Maynard, President of the Central Ohio Orchid Society a check for \$1,177.50, one half of the proceeds from the auction. Alexa also reported that if people would like to order a set of the books being raffled off today, to make out checks for \$125.00 to the MAOC. She will do all the ordering and processing.

Old Business: None

New Business: President Doris Asher invited Aileen Garrison to present the Nominating Committee Report. Aileen said that is easy. The candidates are the same as this year!! President Doris Asher, 1st VP Jim Newsome, 2nd VP Jan Yates, Secretary Cheryl Erins, and Treasurer Alexa Noel. She asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There being none, asked for a vote. The slate was approved by acclamation.



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President Doris Asher then recognized Roberta Ginavan, who reported that the raffle proceeds was \$740.00. The winner of this Congress' raffle was Beth Martin. She assured everyone that she had purchased her tickets the evening before!

Doris then thanked everyone who had sent cards and letters to her while undergoing treatment for breast cancer and that she is doing well and continuing her active life.

Adjournment: Constitution and By-Laws Committee representative Lowell Jacks 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 President Doris Asher at 10:28 am.

Respectfully submitted:
Cheryl Erins, Secretary

ADDENDUM 1: Treasurer's Report

MAOC Net Worth
November 2014

PNC Checking	14383.57
PNC Money Market	35328.67
PNC CD #1	5386.81
PNC CD #2	6503.73
BMO Harris Savings	0.00
BMO Harris Checking	0.00
BMO Harris CD#1	6330.51
BMO Harris CD#2	13434.99
UBS	0.00
Total Net Worth	81368.28



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Mid America Orchid Congress

May 4, 2014

Treasurer's Report

Income and Expense 1/1/2014 – 4/26/2014

Income

Category	Budgeted	Actual
Auction Income		
Spring/shared with host	1250.00	8053.00
Fall/shared with host	2500.00	0.00
Investment Income	50.00	6.37
Donations/Honoraria	600.00	250.00*100.00**100.00***
Meeting Income	3000.00	0.00 Both meetings hosted
Show Tags	250.00	250.71
Society Dues	1500.00	1404.00
Income Not Budgeted		
Transferred from BMO		4189.56
Refund from insurance		15.00
Income YTD		14368.64

Expenses

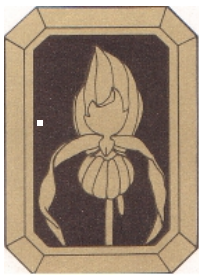
Category	Budgeted	Actual
Bank Charges	25.00	0.00
Conservation Grants	2000.00	2000.00

Conservation Speaker	750.00	Endowed
Filing Fee-Ohio	50.00	50.00
Judging Center Support	900.00	900.00
Insurance	450.00	0.00
Show Expense	3000.00	350.00
Postage & Copies	100.00	33.04
Officer Expense	100.00	14.48
Shirley Burr Moore Speaker	1500.00	Endowed
Trophies	550.00	251.73
Website	0.00	0.00
Total budgeted	9425.00	
Expenses not Budgeted		
Transferred from BMO		4189.56
Spring Host Share		3143.00
Total Expenses		10931.81
Total YTD		3436.60 Income

*Gift from Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society and Miami Valley Orchid Society

**Donation to Auction

***Donation in Memory of T. Ruben Jones from the Atlanta Judging Center



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ADDENDUM 2:

MID AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS ACCEPTED BUDGET 2015

Income

Auction

Spring 2015 (shared with host society, net amount shown)	\$ 1,500.00
Fall 2015	2,500.00
Donations & Honoraria	600.00
Investment Income	50.00
MAOC Loan Repayment (of any loan made to host society)	2,500.00
MAOC Registrations (income from an in-conjunction with show)	4,000.00
MAOC Show Tags	250.00
Society Dues	<u>1,500.00</u>
	\$ 12,900.00

Expenses

Bank charges	25.00
Conservation grants	2,000.00
Conservation speaker (Endowed Fund)	750.00
Filing Fee - St of OH	50.00
Judging Center Support	900.00
Liability Insurance	550.00
MAOC Congress Meeting	3,500.00*
*for an in conjunction with show	
MAOC Loan	2,500.00**
** if requested by host society	
MAOC Newsletter expenses	100.00
Officer expenses	100.00
Shirley Burr Moore Fund Speaker (Endowed Fund)	1,500.00
(or 750.00)	
Trophies (All but one trophy endowed)	550.00
Web Site Development	<u>0.00</u>
	\$12,525.00

ADDENDUM 3:

Constitution/Bylaws Committee – Since the substance of this motion was published in the June 2014 Mid-American on page 4, all MAOC members have been made aware of the substance of the proposed amendment more than 60 days in advance of the coming meeting and as such is in compliance with Article XV. Therefore, after review by the Bylaws committee, the following motion is offered for vote.

Amendment to: Article XIV Committees: Annual Meeting Committee

The sentence as reads:

'This Committee shall be charged with making recommendations to the Delegates at each meeting concerning sites and dates for Congress meetings.'

Shall be changed to read:

'This Committee shall be authorized to accept invitations without making recommendations to the Delegates at each meeting concerning sites and dates for Congress meetings.'