



## Mid-America Orchid Congress

Fall Business Meeting

Bloomington, MN

May 4, 2014

**Call to Order** – President Doris Asher called the meeting to order at 9:01 am. She welcomed all the members and visitors and gave a special thank you to the Orchid Society of Minnesota for hosting this meeting. They have done a fabulous job.

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

The following affiliated societies were present:

Alabama Orchid Society	Northeast Alabama
Ann Arbor Orchid Society	Orchid Growers Guild of Madison
Batavia Orchid Society	Orchid Society Middle Tennessee
Eastern Iowa Orchid Society	Orchid Society of Minnesota
Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society	Orchid Society of the Ozarks
Greater Lansing Orchid Society	Saginaw Valley Orchid Society
Greater Omaha Orchid Society	Smoky Mountain Orchid Society
Atlanta Orchid Society	South Metro Orchid Society
Gulf Coast Orchid Society	West Shore Ohio Orchid Society
Illinois Orchid Society	Wisconsin Orchid Society
Iowa Orchid Society	Central Indiana
Memphis Orchid Society	Orchid Society of Gr. Kansas City
Miami Valley Orchid Society	Three Rivers Orchid Society
Michigan Orchid Society	Windsor Orchid Society
Mobile Area Orchid Society	Michiana Orchid Society

Absent:

Blue Grass Orchid Society	Heart of Dixie Orchid Society
Kentucky Orchid Society	Prairie State Orchid Society
Central Iowa Orchid Society	Lincoln NE Orchid Society
Central Kentucky Orchid Society	Little Egypt Orchid Society
Central Missouri Orchid Society	London Orchid Society
Central Ohio Orchid Society	Mansfield Orchid Society
Central Ontario Orchid Society	Greater Pensacola Orchid Society
Essex County (Ontario) Orchid Society	Niagara Frontier Orchid Society
Greater Akron Orchid Society	Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society
Greater Cleveland Orchid Society	Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society
Greater Toledo Orchid Society	Orchid Society of Greater St. Louis
Orchid Society of the Royal Botanic Gardens	Peoria Orchid Society
Paducah Orchid Society	
South Mississippi Orchid Society	
Springfield MO Orchid Society	

Cheryl reminded everyone to sign-in for their society at the back of the room in order to receive the minutes from the meeting. She announced to President Doris Asher that we did have a quorum.

Doris 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.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Alexa Noel reported our annual income from January 1 through April 26, 2014 as \$5822.41. She mentioned that she transferred \$4189.56 from BMO because the fees were outrageous. This is reflected in a transfer to the regular account. Our expenses through the same date are \$833.04 with a net year to date of \$799.81. She said that Total Income for 2013 was \$32,702.74 and Expenses were \$3,0667.08 with a Total net worth of \$77,861.39. She noted that 44% was restricted and 56% was unrestricted. She added that we were quite solvent. Alexa also noted that over the past few years the Trophy fund had done poorly interest wise, but is doing better now due to the higher interest rates. She added also that the Tax Reports were filed as required by law. A motion was passed to accept the Treasurer's report. (see Addendum 1)

## **Committee Reports**

### **Membership**

Alexa Noel reported that all but 11 have paid their dues. Central Iowa paid up for the past three years. We have taken in \$1200 so far this year. The problem is that people's roles change and no one notifies us and we cannot get in touch with people. Remind you r societies if there is a change of officers, to please let the MAOC know. A motion to accept was made and it passed.

### **Affiliated Societies**

Chair Mary Beth Mansour reported the committee met on May 3, 2014 in Bloomington, MN. Members of the committee present were Doris Asher, Roberta Ginavan, Judith Rapacz, and Mary Beth Mansour with Jim Newsome being absent. The committee discussed the following items:

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> Forty three of 54 societies have paid their dues.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> We have a new Society, Niagara Frontier Orchid Society of Buffalo, NY and it is our first society from that state. We are talking with another from Pennsylvania.

<sup>35</sup>/<sub>17</sub> When the AOS and MAOC meet together, there is no ASC breakfast so therefore no discussion topics.

A motion was made and accepted to accept the report.

### **AOS Liaison Report:**

Doris Asher read her report of the AOS Fall Meeting at Fairchild Gardens, Coral Gables Florida, Nov. 13-17, 2013. She announced that the Fred Hillerman Award (most outstanding Angraecoid) went to *Aerangis mystacidii*, 'Windswept's White Waterfall' CCM/AOS, (Windswept in Time Orchids, Great Lakes Judging Center). The Robert Dugger Award (Odontoglossom) went to *Oncidium* Deloraine 'Jeune Vision' HCC/AOS,

(New Vision Orchids, Russ Vernon, Cincinnati Judging Center). The Bill Toms Award (Bulbophyllinae) went to *Bulbophyllum bicolor* 'Amanda' AM/AOS (Mike Saar, Memphis Orchid Society Show, Atlanta Judging Center. Three being from MAOC affiliated centers was noted. The President's Award was given to Greg Filter for his devoted work developing the new Orchids Plus Program. A Silver Medal was given to Aileen Garrison for her tireless efforts on behalf of the AOS and MAOC. She is the new Judging Committee Chair as well, replacing Harry Gallis, MD. Doris reported the new officers that were elected for the AOS here in Minnesota:  
 President: Frank Smith, Vice Presidents: Mario Ferrusi, and Harry Gallis, MD.  
 Secretary: Jean Hollebone, Treasurer: Susan Wedegaertner, Asst. Treasurer: Nancy Mountford. A motion was passed to accept the report of the AOS Liaison.

Doris asked Cheryl Erins to speak about the New AOS webinars, a new feature for members on the website. She told everyone about the webinars, and that she is looking for other speakers, but that Greg Filter will do one on the new Orchids Plus program being released this week. Everyone should be getting the disks shortly. These webinars can be viewed on the web site, on the left, by clicking on any of them. If you are not logged in, you will be directed to log in or join. She said we have an audience in Spain, Mexico, Canada, Columbia and the US, and she will be varying the times so that other countries might be able to view one in a better time than 3 am.

**Annual Meeting** – Chair Beth Martin, on behalf of the Annual Meeting Committee, thanked the Minnesota Orchid Society and now that Kim Livingston was in the room asked her to come forward not only to receive 1/2 the proceeds from the auction but 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 Central Ohio and the Cincinnati Orchid Society. The Cincinnati Judging Center will hold their monthly judging there as well. The invite was received before the meeting, but was "technically" not approved. A motion was made, subsequently amended and approved to give permission for this committee to accept invitations when there are no meetings, subject to a review of the Bylaws by the governance committee.

The following were noted:

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

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. He said the keynote speaker will be Olaf Gruss.

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 they need, any societies interested in hosting a Mid-America meeting. 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.

**Audit** – Chair Judith Rapacz reported that all materials were received from Treasurer, Alexa Noel and that all were in proper order. The report was accepted.

**Awards** – Michelle Little listed 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 went to Orchid Society of Minnesota

The Delbert Lowell Jacks Award – Best Specimen in Show – Went to Lycaste Always 'Breath of Spring' by New Vision Orchids, Russ Vernon

The Henry C. Holmes Award – Best Oncidium Alliance in Show – went to Oda. Shine Gate, exhibited by Russell Vernon of New Vision Orchids.

The F.L. Stevenson Award for Pleurothallid Alliance went to *Platystele reflexa* exhibited by Ross and Julie Hella.

The Fox Valley Cypripedium Alliance award went to Phrag. Scarlet O'Hara 'Tall Dark and Handsome' FCC/AOS from Orchids Limited.

The report was accepted and approved.

**Budget** – Chair Jan Yates has no report at the current time as their work has not started yet.

**Communications** - Chair Doris Asher reported the Editor of The Mid-American distributed over 770 copies to societies and judging centers. She thanks everyone who contributed information, articles, photos, and computer expertise to that issue. She also announced that Susan and Charles Wilson have accepted the responsibility to be the editors in chief of the newsletter. She thanked them and Doris received a standing ovation for her contributions since 2008.

Each issue is posted on the Congress' website: [www.midamericanorchids.org](http://www.midamericanorchids.org). She thanked Brian Spitler from the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society who has been invaluable 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.

Doris reported on the prizes for the topic for Orchid Essays. 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. So far this year Doris has received no essays with the subject being The Problem with Orchids is.... The rules and prizes remain the same as this year. The report was accepted and approved.

### **Conservation**

Chair Russ Vernon reported that committee members met on May 3, 2014. He reported that the new Society Niagara Frontier Orchid Society of Buffalo, NY has made a request for a grant. The letter was received with the purpose stated to enhance their Botanic Garden cypripedium collection. Russ mentioned that they need to file a report of proposed expenses and . He also discussed the request from the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory request for \$400, and the Cleveland Botanical Garden and also that the Wheeler Thanouser Orchid Collection and Species Bank. He said that the Wheeler Garden plants were being moved this weekend to their new home. He asked that we grant permission to extend the grant of \$400 to the Niagara Frontier Society as soon as the proper paperwork is received by the Committee. He also was requested to get information from former grant winners to report their successes in the Mid American Newsletter. He thought that was a good idea. The motion was made and passed by the membership to award the \$400 grants. The report was accepted and approved.

**Constitution & Bylaws** - Chair Charles Wilson stated no report at this time.

**Education and Research** – Cheryl Erins stated that she had not heard from Chair Doug Hartong, and there is no report at this meeting.

**Technology** – Chair Brian Spitler was not present but President, Doris Asher, complimented him on his work for us.

**Ways & Means** – Chair Roberta Ginavan thanked Doug Martin and Karen McBride for running the auction, as well as the bidders, Peter Furness, and Lowell Jacks. Aileen Garrison raised an issue in that she did not pay for her brownie. She paid \$100 for it. The total was \$6386.00. One half goes to the Orchid Society of Minnesota. Kim Livingston accepted on behalf of the Society. Alexa was to write another check for \$50 which is 1/2 of the \$100, but Kim donated that back to the MAOC.

Roberta reported that the books donated by Barry Jones, a 28 volume set Thesaurum Masdavalliarum had been valued at a price of \$600 and was purchased by a friend of Charles and Susan Wilson who is a professor at the University of Memphis. Barry has also stated he wishes to donate a Thesaurum Dracularum, slightly less in volumes for sale with the proceeds to go to the MAOC.

Roberta discussed the Raffle Vase from Ephraim Faience Pottery, commissioned especially for the MAOC. She stated that the company was very easy to work with and it complimented the committee in return. She cannot finish her report until we are done

with the raffle. She said it was not easy, having to get a copyrighted picture approved and thanked the committee for their hard work on this project. Her report was approved.

**HISTORICAL:** Lois Holmes reported that we sold \$59 in Salty Dog candy (Doggie Bites) There were more for sale that morning. Lois discussed a possibility of writing a history of the MAOC as we have so many people who contributed to the major developments of the MAOC. One person she highlighted was Doris' husband who was a great orchidist and not too many of us know about him or others. She wanted permission to explore the possibility of getting these famous people from our societies in a book. The motion was proposed and accepted. Her report was accepted.

**SHOW SCHEDULE:** Lois Cinert reported that the committee of Hermann Pigors, Nile Duisdeckker, MD met on May 3, 2014 and decided that they needed to make changes in the show schedule as a response to many inquiries and issues from the current show schedule, and recognize some of the changes within the classes here to date. Due to the length of this report, it is attached as addendum 1. She emphasized that it needed to remain valid incorporating all the changes in Vanda and Cattleya from DNA studies and changes within the AOS. The schedule was sent to Lowell Jacks and he is on board with the changes. She will get the schedule out before July 1 to all the Judging Centers and the Societies before the Fall show season. The Report was accepted. (see Addendum II)

**The Orchidist of the Year** – Chair Lowell Jacks had no report as yet.

### **Old Business:**

Lowell Jacks asked if \$150 has been sent to the Judging Centers. Alexa Noel, Treasurer, reported she sends it right after the Spring Meeting.

**Announcements :** President Doris Asher invited Jack Shumaker, member of the Saginaw Valley Orchid Society, to discuss the International Cypripedium Meeting in Hilo, Hawaii. He passed out flyers.

Norito Hasagawa will be a featured speaker, October 18, 2014 for a Seven Michigan Society joint meeting.

Doug Martin thanked Ron McHatton from the AOS for moving the AOS auction so that the MAOC auction could be held. Both did very well. Others in the audience shared thoughts about the success of the meetings and how well they were organized.

**New Business:** Doris asked if there was anything new to report, and recognized Roberta Ginavan to do the lottery. Roberta reported that the raffle brought in \$1070.00 and considering all the other auctions that we had done very well. Doris stated that she hoped the winner could be here. The winner of the Ephraim Faience Potter vase was Jan Yates, sitting up on the stage. Roberta's report is now complete.

**Adjournment:** Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chair, 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 President Doris Asher at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted:  
Cheryl Erins, Secretary

Show Schedule Committee report May, 2014

Addendum II

The Show Schedule Committee met in Bloomington, Minnesota, on Friday May 2, 2014. Present were Hermann Pigors, Lois Cinert, and Nile Dusdieker. Tom Harper was excused, Nathan Bell absent.

The committee acknowledged the continuing changes to taxonomic nomenclature, and have attempted to acknowledge and include those changes while maintaining the integrity and usefulness of the Show Schedule. We had intended to only discuss relevant changes, but as our conversation continued, we decided to take on all the necessary corrections at this time.

We have also taken into account comments and suggestions from society members who have had trouble identifying which class is correct for their plants. We hope that the changes we are proposing will solve those problems, and will keep the Show Schedule functional for a long time.

Section C – Cattleya Alliance continues to present problems with the changes to well-known names. For the purpose of ribbon judging, we will continue to use Laelia and Sophronitis. To clarify what will be included in classes 17 – 24, we have added the name Guarianthe to all of the class listings. For classes 10-16, we have adjusted those to exclude or include Guarianthe as required. We have also added an additional class, 23a to include Red/Red Shades smaller than 4 inches.

As a direct response to society inquiries, we have added classes to section E Cyripedium Alliance. 34a Paphiopedilum hybrids, primary, multifloral, any color, is added. And also 39a Paphiopedilum hybrids, complex, multifloral, any color. Both include the phrase ‘3-4 flowers expected at maturity’. We have not ignored Phragms, and who could ignore Phrag kovachii? We have adjusted class 41 to read – Phragmipedium besseae hybrids, excluding Phragmipedium kovachii. We have added class 41a Phragmipedium kovachii hybrids.

In section F Vanda and Phalaenopsis Alliance, we have attempted to conform to the new classification of almost everything as Vanda by changing the Ascocenda classes to Vanda hybrid classes, with the addition of size limitations along with the color designations.

Section H Cymbidium Alliance has also been changed to acknowledge the complexity of modern Cymbidium breeding by changing the designations by size of flower rather than reference to breeding background.

In J Miscellaneous Genera, we have changed class 100, Miniature species, hybrids and intergenerics to exclude Cattleya and Phalaenopsis. We feel that the smaller plants in those genera can be covered with the flower size designations in their classes.

We are hoping that with these changes we will be able to let the Show Schedule function without further changes for a longer period of time. We also hope that these changes will be made early enough in the year, and after the main show season, that you will be able to easily incorporate the changes into your shows.



#### D. Cattleya Alliance

11. Encyclia, Epidendrum and Prosthechea hybrids and intergenerics, but excluding Cattleya **and Guarianthe**.

12. Brassavola species (including Rhyncholaelia), hybrids and intergenerics other than above, but excluding Cattleya

**And Guarianthe.**

13. Broughtonia species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above, but excluding Cattleya **and Guarianthe**.

**14. Traditional** Laelia and Sophronitis species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above, but excluding Cattleya and

**Guarianthe.**

**15. Cattleya and Guarianthe species.**

**16. Cattleya and Guarianthe allied genera species other than above.**

All listings 17-25 should include: **Cattleya and Guarianthe** hybrids and intergenerics other than above . . .

**23a** Cattleya and Guarianthe hybrids and intergenerics other than above, Red/Red Shades **flowers 4 inches or less**

**26. Eliminated** – flowers are covered with size limitations in 17-25

#### E. Cypripedium Alliance

27 – 34 as listed

**34a. Paphiopedilum hybrids, primary, Multifloral, any color. (Having 3 or more flowers when mature)**

35—39 as listed

**39a. Paphiopedilum hybrids, complex, Multifloral, any color. (Having 3 or more flowers when mature)**

40. Phragmipedium species.

**41. Phragmipedium besseae hybrids, excluding Phragmipedium kovachii.**

**41a Phragmipedium kovachii hybrids**

42. Phragmipedium other hybrids.

F. Vanda and Phalaenopsis Alliance

43 – 59 as listed

**60. Vanda species**

**61. Vanda hybrids Orange/Yellow, flowers smaller than one inch.**

**61a Vanda hybrids Orange/Yellow, flowers larger than one inch.**

**62. Vanda hybrids Red/Pink, flowers smaller than one inch.**

**62a Vanda hybrids Red/Pink, flowers larger than one inch.**

**63 Vanda hybrids Blue/Purple, flowers smaller than one inch.**

**63a Vanda hybrids Blue/Purple, flowers larger than one inch.**

**64 Vanda hybrids Other colors, flowers smaller than one inch.**

**64a Vanda hybrids Other colors, flowers larger than one inch.**

65 – 66 as listed

**67 Eliminated**

68. as listed

**69 Vanda allied hybrids and intergenerics other than above.**

G. Oncidium Alliance

**77. Traditional Odontoglossum species, hybrids and intergenerics other than above**

H. Cymbidium Alliance

**79. Cymbidium hybrids, flowers 3 inches or larger.**

**80. Cymbidium hybrids, flowers smaller than 3 inches.**

J. Miscellaneous genera

**100. *Miniature species, hybrids and intergenerics, Classes 27 – 42, and 58 – 99 (excludes Cattleya & Phalaenopsis)***