



Mid-America Orchid Congress

**Spring Business Meeting
Franklin TN
March 22, 2015**

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 Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee for hosting this meeting. This was a wonderful location for the program and the hospitality has been superb.

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

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| Alabama Orchid Society | Ann Arbor Orchid Society |
| Atlanta Orchid Society | Batavia 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 | Memphis Orchid Society |
| Miami Valley Orchid Society | Michigan Orchid Society |
| Mobile Area Orchid Society | Northeast Alabama Orchid Society |
| Northland Orchid Society | Orchid Growers Guild of Madison |
| Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City | Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee |
| Orchid Society of the Ozarks | Peoria Orchid Society |
| Prairie State Orchid Society | Saginaw Valley Orchid Society |
| Smoky Mountain Orchid Society | South Metro Orchid Society |
| West Shore Ohio Orchid Society | Windsor Orchid Society |
| Wisconsin Orchid Society | |

Absent:

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| Blue Grass Orchid Society | Central Indiana Orchid Society |
| Central Iowa Orchid Society | Central Kentucky Orchid Society |
| Central Indiana Orchid Society | Central Missouri Orchid Society |
| Central Ohio Orchid Society | Central Ontario Orchid Society |
| Eastern Iowa Orchid Society | Essex County (Ontario) Orchid Society |
| Grand Valley Orchid Society | Greater Akron Orchid Society |
| Greater Cleveland Orchid Society | Greater Toledo Orchid Society |
| Iowa Orchid Society | Kentucky Orchid Society |
| Lincoln NE Orchid Society | Little Egypt Orchid Society |
| London Orchid Society | Mansfield Orchid Society |
| Michiana Orchid Society | Niagara Frontier Orchid Society |
| Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society | Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society |

Orchid Society of Greater St. Louis
Paducah Orchid Society
Springfield MO Orchid Society

Orchid Society of the Royal Botanic Gardens
South Mississippi Orchid Society
Three Rivers Orchid Society

Cheryl reminded everyone to sign-in for their society with their email addresses so we can assure delivery of minutes of the meeting. She announced a quorum was present.

President Doris Asher then asked for any corrections to the minutes from the Fall Meeting in Columbus OH. The motion to approve the minutes as written was made and passed. The minutes will be posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Alexa Noel reported 2015 year-to-date net income of \$819.50. Total expenses to 3/14/2015 is \$3270.00, which includes a conservation speaker (endowed) and the Spring Meeting loan, which will be reimbursed. Our net worth is \$80,826.64, of which restricted funds is 40% (\$32,225.37) and 60% (\$48,601.27) is unrestricted. She reported that all the accounts including two CDs are now at PNC, a nationally known bank, and will make it easier for transitioning to other treasurers.

She gave the final report for 2014, which showed income of \$19,709.91 and expenses of \$6,364.96. Expenses not budgeted were \$2,090 which included the essay prizes, Host Auction Share, and Book Cost, and the transferred accounts, making total expenses \$17,065.02 and income of \$2,644.89.

Alexa reported that all required tax filings have been done for 2014.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report passed. (see Addendum for full report).

Membership

Alexa Noel reported that all but two (Little Egypt and Smokey Mountain) of our affiliated societies have paid their dues for 2014. Aileen Garrison is contacting. Alexa has sent out the 2015 dues letters; some societies have already paid.

Motion to accept the report passed.

Committee Reports:

Affiliated Societies: Chair Mary Beth Mansour reported the Committee met on March 20, 2015, with these members present: Doris Asher, Roberta Ginavan, Judith Rapacz, and Jim Newsome. The Committee discussed the following items:

- An invitation to join the MAOC was extended to the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania and to the Eastern Canada Orchid Societies, but they have not yet responded.
- The Breakfast discussion topic in Franklin was “What Is the Strength of Your Society?”, which generated good participation from societies present.
- All the information will be in the upcoming The Mid-American.

A motion to accept the report passed.

AOS Liaison Report: Liaison Doris Asher reported that there had been no AOS members' meeting since our Mid-America in Columbus. She will be attending the Portland OR meeting April 29-May 3, hosted by the Portland and the Cherry City Orchid Societies. She mentioned that the fall AOS members' meeting will be in Reno NV, November 11-15, 2015, hosted by the Orchid Society of Northern Nevada. Big AOS projects include the digitization of all the AOS Bulletins and ORCHIDS magazines. Orchids Plus will also be enlarged to incorporate the Christenson Encyclopedia, non-award images and culture. Frank Smith, President of the AOS, initiated a new program to stop/reduce the drop in membership, by giving each judging center a nice banner and table cover to loan to society shows in their regions, with membership information for show visitors.

She also mentioned the webinars are very successful and that the next one was April 14, with Greg Allikas talking about *Cattleya leuddemania*, and another Greenhouse Chat on April 25 with Ron McHatton, both at 8:30 pm EST.

A motion to accept her report passed.

Annual Meeting: Beth Martin reported on future meetings. The Greater Cincinnati and Miami Valley Orchid Societies will host our Spring 2016 meeting, March 18-20, 2016 at a downtown Cincinnati hotel complex. Jan Yates had bookmarks for the event. The hotel's restaurant is named "Orchids"! Beth has contacted Hausermann's Orchids in Villa Park, IL and Natt's Orchids in Naperville, IL about possibly holding our own MAOC with no sponsoring society, in conjunction with the Chicagoland Orchid Festival September 25-27; there would be no show, judging, or raffle. These two firms host other vendors to sell and to speak. Mid-America would secure one of them to be the speaker for our banquet. The Martins are looking into hotels and would have shuttles to go to the vendors. Beth will have more information shortly. She also mentioned that they have one society which has shown interest in hosting a MAOC, but has not yet extended an invitation.

Aileen Garrison reported that there is a new outreach program being considered which would ask judging centers to help with local events such as a MAOC.

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.

Motion to accept her report passed.

Audit: Chair Judith Rapacz announced that she had received the books from Alexa Noel, and after examination, found all in good order and thanked Alexa for her diligence and accuracy. Members of the committee are Hermann Pigors and Mark Van der Woerd.

Motion to accept the report passed.

Awards: Jan Yates, filling in for Chair Christine Chowning, reported on MAOC awards given at this meeting:

Mid-America Perpetual Trophy for Outstanding Exhibit by an Affiliated Society went to the Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee which was also given the AOS show trophy with an 82 point score.

The Henry C. Holmes award for the Best Oncidium Alliance Plant went to Onc. Golden Sunset owned by Anthony Mandriota of the Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee.

The Delbert Lowell Jacks Award for Best Specimen plant went to Calanthe vestita 'Rosalie' owned by Rosalie Peters of the Smoky Mountain Orchid Society. The Calanthe received two AOS awards, an Award of Merit of 81 points, and a Certificate of Cultural Excellence of 92 points.

The FL Stevenson Pleurothallid Alliance Award for best Pleurothallid plant went to Plths cypripediodes owned by Rick Lockwood of Franklin, TN, member of the Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee.

The Fox Valley Cypripedium Alliance Award went to Paph. Love Song 'Edna' owned by Ann Ivey of the Heart of Dixie Orchid Society. The Paph also received two AOS awards, an Award of Merit of 82 points and a Certificate of Cultural Merit of 85 points.

Additionally, AOS awards were given to:

Den. Little Atro 'Cheryl Lynn, a Certificate of Cultural Excellence of 90 points. This plant is owned by Roy Tokunaga of H&R Orchids, and was in the Gold Country Orchids exhibit.

Rhyncattleanthe Lily Marie Almas 'MGR' belonging to Jewell Orchids was awarded an 80 point Award of Merit.

The IPA award for Best Phalaenopsis was given to Phal. Schilleriana 'Laura' owned by Stones River Orchids. It also received an AOS Highly Commended Certificate of 76 points.

Motion to accept the report passed.

Budget: This Committee reports at fall meetings.

Communications: Chair Doris Asher thanked Susan and Charles Wilson, the Editors of The Mid-American, as well as Lynn O'Shaughnessy for providing photos for the last two issues. Draft minutes of our Business Meetings now appear in the newsletter. So far, this year's Essay Contest has received no entries; Doris will continue soliciting essays. Winners will be announced at the fall meeting.

Motion to accept the report passed.

Conservation: Doug Martin, substituting for Chair Russ Vernon, reported from the Committee's Friday meeting that last year there were grants of \$400 to the Cleveland Botanic Garden, the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory and the Wheeler Thanouser Orchid Collection and Species Bank. The Cleveland Conservatory is adding orchid species native to Costa Rica. There are new requests for three grants, for species acquisitions over a ten year period. Greater Cincinnati is requesting money for a native orchid restoration project. Discussion as to the Marjorie McNeely Center in Minneapolis, how grateful they are for our grants, as this is the only seed money they receive to keep the orchid collection alive and well.

Motion to accept the report passed.

Constitution and By-laws: Chair Charles Wilson reported in absentia that, in the absence of any requests for Constitution and By-laws changes, there is no action at this time.

Education and Research: Chair Doug Hartong reported that he, Cheryl Erins, and Jack Shumaker met on Friday, March 20 and discussed ideas about getting more presentations on the website. He had heard a presentation from Mark Reinke, who gave permission for the MAOC to put it on the website for societies to use along with the presentation from Orquideas Katia in Columbus. Brian Spitler will be updating our website in order to bring it up to modern standards, and allow for more educational presentations like these to be placed there for easy access. He also mentioned that Cheryl had been in touch with Karen Kleber-Diggs, caretaker for the McNeely Orchid Conservatory in Minneapolis, which has received all their seed money from the MAOC. They have a Power Point presentation that features the conservatory and a very brief potting demo of one of their huge orchids. Karen will be working to get that presentation ready to put on our website for all to see what they have done with the grants by the end of the year.

Motion to accept the report passed.

Historical: Chair Lois Holmes reported that the Historical Committee met on Friday March 20th. They discussed how to help societies with pronunciation of orchid names. They are exploring the idea of writing a book to preserve the history and contributions of past members of the MAOC. People such as James Asher, Charlie Brechwood, Emly Siegerest, etc, are not well known to many newer members and this would be a great way to celebrate their lives in orchids. They will be contacting societies for member names that should be in this book along with their contributions to their societies.

Motion to accept the report passed.

Nominating Committee: This Committee reports at fall meetings.

Orchidist of the Year: This Committee reports at fall meetings.

Show Schedule: Lois Cinert and Hermann Pigors met on Friday and reporting that the new show schedule has been favorably accepted by societies despite many questions on Vanda reclassifications based on recent taxonomy changes. Lois reminded all societies they can modify the schedule as their shows warrant. There are no more changes anticipated until the taxonomists finish their work on Dendrobiums and Pleurothallids. The Committee needs to receive the numbers of entries in each class at local shows (send to Lois Cinert (george.cinert@att.net)).

Motion to accept the report passed.

Technology: In the absence of an official report, President Doris Asher noted that Chair Brian Spitler will be updating our website to add new features and make it more in line with modern websites.

Ways and Means: Chair Roberta Ginavan thanked Jim Newsome for his donation of a Larry Mayse glass vase etched with Paph. henryanum for our raffle. She thanked everyone who participated in the successful auction, both donors and purchasers; the auction at this meeting raised \$3,000. She thanked Laura Harper for her help cataloguing the more than fifty auction items; Roberta invited Tom Harper to come and accept a check for \$1,500 for 50% of the auction proceeds. A hearty round of applause followed. She also mentioned that this was the 10th year of the raffle and that it had netted over \$3,770 for the MAOC, with a couple years missing, so likely over \$4000.

Doug Martin wanted to purchase “the last” tickets to the raffle, which at that time had brought in \$680 in ticket sales. The winner was Deb Delmas of the Heart of Dixie Orchid Society.

Motion to accept the report passed.

Old Business: None

New Business: Jack Shumaker from the Saginaw Valley (MI) Orchid Society invited everyone to attend the 60th anniversary of the Paph Guild which will be held in California in January, 2016.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:16 am.

Respectfully submitted:
Cheryl Erins, Secretary

Income and Expense 1/1/2015 thru 3/14/2015

| Income | Actual | Budgeted |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Books | 125.00 | 0.00 |
| Dues | 491.50 | 1500.00 |
| Donations | 100.00 * | 600.00 |
| CD | 13.00 | 0.00 |
| Show Tags | 90.00 | 250.00 |
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| Total | 819.50 | |

***Donation from Beth and Doug Martin-Conservation Speaker's Fund**

| Expense | Actual | Budgeted |
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| Book reimbursement | 20.00 | 0.00 |
| Conservation Speaker | 750.00 | Endowed |
| Meeting Loan | 2500.00 | To be reimbursed in this calendar year |
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| Total | 3270.00 | |

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Treasurer's Report

Income and Expense 1/1/2014 – 12/31/2014

Income

| Category | Budgeted | Actual |
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| Auction Income | | |
| Spring | 1250.00 | 8985.00 |
| Fall | 2500.00 | 2085.27 |
| Investment Income | 50.00 | 47.47 |
| Donations/Honoraria | 600.00 | 250.00*100.00**100.00***50.00**** |
| Meeting Income | 3000.00 | 0.00 Both meetings hosted |
| Show Tags | 250.00 | 250.71 |
| Society Dues | 1500.00 | 1511.00 |
| Income Not Budgeted | | 2125.00 books |
| Transferred from BMO | | 4189.56 |
| Refund from insurance | | 5.00 |
| Bank Charges | 25.00 | 0.00 |
| Conservation Grants | 2000.00 | 19709.91 |
| Conservation Speaker | 750.00 | 0.00 |
| Filing Fee-Ohio | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Judging Center Support | 900.00 | 900.00 |
| Insurance | 450.00 | 550.00 |
| Show Expense | 3000.00 | 775.00 |
| Postage & Copies | 100.00 | 95.41 |
| Officer Expense | 100.00 | 63.40 |
| Shirley Burr Moore Speaker | 1500.00 | 1392.00 |
| Trophies | 550.00 | 539.15 |
| Website | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total budgeted | 9425.00 | 6364.96 |
| Expenses not Budgeted | | 2190.00# |
| Transferred from BMO | | 4189.56 |
| Auction Hosts Share S&F | | 4320.50 ⁸ |
| Total Expenses | | 10700.06+6364.96=17065.02 |
| Total YTD | | 2644.89 Income |

Expenses

*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

*****Donation from Kim and Steve Livingston

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| Essay Prize | 125.00 |
| Host Auction Share | 4320.50 |
| Book Cost | 1890.00 |