



# Mid-America Orchid Congress

## Spring Business Meeting

Cincinnati, Ohio

March 20, 2016

**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  
Atlanta Orchid Society  
Central Indiana Orchid Society  
Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society  
Greater Pensacola Orchid Society  
Heart of Dixie Orchid Society  
Illinois Orchid Society  
Miami Valley Orchid Society  
Mobile Area Orchid Society  
Northeast Alabama Orchid Society  
Blue Grass Orchid Society  
Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee  
Orchid Society of the Ozarks  
South Metro Orchid Society  
Three Rivers Orchid Society  
Windsor Orchid Society  
Kentucky Orchid Society  
Saginaw Valley Orchid Society

Ann Arbor Orchid Society  
Batavia Orchid Society  
Eastern Iowa Orchid Society  
Greater Lansing Orchid Society  
Gulf Coast Orchid Society  
Central Ohio Orchid Society  
Memphis Orchid Society  
Michigan Orchid Society  
Niagara Frontier Orchid Society  
Northland Orchid Society  
Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City  
Orchid Society of Minnesota  
Smoky Mountain Orchid Society  
Greater Omaha Orchid Society  
West Shore Ohio Orchid Society  
Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society  
Peoria Orchid Society

**Absent:**

Orchid Growers Guild of Madison  
Central Kentucky Orchid Society  
Iowa Orchid Society  
Essex County (Ontario) Orchid Society  
Greater Akron Orchid Society  
Greater Toledo Orchid Society  
South Mississippi Orchid Society  
Michiana Orchid Society

Central Iowa Orchid Society  
Central Missouri Orchid Society  
Central Ontario Orchid Society  
Grand Valley Orchid Society  
Greater Cleveland Orchid Society  
Little Egypt Orchid Society  
London Orchid Society  
Northeastern Wisconsin Orchid Society

Orchid Society/the Royal Botanic Garden  
Prairie State Orchid Society  
Springfield MO Orchid Society  
Mansfield Orchid Society

Orchid Society of Gr. St. Louis  
Paducah Orchid Society  
Wisconsin 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.
- 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 \$2500 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 \$1500 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:** Jan 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 Ondontioda Star Trek x Onc. leucochilum 'Fantastic Vision' AM of 80 points, owned by Russ Vernon, New Vision Orchids. Phrag. Grande was also noted as Best of Show. in the Cypripedium Alliance Class and Best in Show.

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

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

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.

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

Mid-America 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.

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

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.

The Miami Valley Orchid Society also has a third award named in memoriam for a member, the Al May Award for Best Pleurothallis given to Lepanthopsis astrophora 'Stalky' CCM/AOS owned by Stephen Benjamin, Kentucky 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, 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, please email the Communications Chair, Alexa Noel. We thank Brian Spittler 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 \$8000 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 want 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 as the committee reports in the fall.

**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

**ADDENDUM A- TREASURER REPORTS Spring, MAOC**

MAOC Net Worth, December 2015

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

**Restricted funds      31306.16      39%    Unrestricted funds      49632.38      61%**

**MAOC Trophy Fund Status as of 12/31/2015**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Fox Valley Cypripedium 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						
	Budgeted	Actual	Difference			
Income						
Auction						
Spring	\$1,500.00	\$4,250.32	+\$2750.32			
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 OSTM 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 MVOS will
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		

