

AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXHIBITOR OF ORCHIDS AWARDED A CHM, CBR AND OTHER PROVISIONAL AWARDS

On behalf of the American Orchid Society, congratulations on your award! While all AOS awards are provisional until they are officially processed and recorded, there are a few things you must still do before your award can be further processed.

1. Provisional awards that require taxonomic verification.

All Certificates of Horticultural Merit (CHM), Certificates of Botanical Recognition (CBR), and the first award given to a species regardless of awards category require taxonomic verification by a taxonomic authority approved by the AOS before they can be processed by the Awards Registrar. In addition, under some circumstances one or more judges on a judging team may request verification of an awarded plant resulting in a "provisional award."

These awards shall be held by the chair of the judging center in which the award was granted until the exhibitor provides written taxonomic verification or **one year**, whichever is less. An extension of time may be granted for reasons acceptable to the chair of the judging center, if requested.

If documentation is not received within the specified time frame, the Provisional Award will be nullified. Nullification of a provisional award does not remove the exhibitor's obligation to pay respective award fees.

The list below contains the names, contact information and specialties of the various taxonomic authorities acceptable to the AOS. **As requirements with regard to samples and images as well as cost charged to provide an identification vary greatly, the individual taxonomist or organization chosen should be contacted directly by the exhibitor. All orchids are subject to the laws that regulate international traffic in endangered species (CITES). When choosing a Taxonomic Authority, please consider CITES restrictions on shipping prohibited plants, or plant parts (including pickled flowers), across international borders.**

When verification in writing (email and fax are acceptable written documentation) is received by the exhibitor it should be forwarded promptly to the chair of the judging center, who will then transmit the necessary documentation, description and award images to the AOS Awards Registrar. The Award Registrar (registrar@aos.org) can be contacted for the current name and contact information for the appropriate judging center chair.

The invoice for the award fee will then be sent to the exhibitor from the AOS office.

It is very important to handle the above expeditiously to avoid administrative delays.

2. Awards to unregistered hybrids

All awards to unregistered hybrids shall be treated as "provisional awards" pending registration of the cross. The time limit detailed in (1) above shall apply. The process for clearing such provisional awards is:

- a. A diligent effort should be made to determine the originator of the cross. The place to begin would be the source of the plant.
- b. Once the originator is determined, ask the originator to register their cross or for their permission to register the cross.
- c. If the originator cannot be determined after a diligent effort is made it is possible to register the cross by certifying that the originator is unknown.
- d. Obtain a copy of the official registration form. Copies are available from the AOS Awards Registrar (registrar@aos.org) or the Royal Horticultural Society at www.rhs.org.uk/plants/registerpages/orchidform.pdf.
- e. Submit the finished form along with any required photos and the registration fee to the Orchid Registrar, Royal Horticultural Society.
- f. When written proof of registration is received (email acceptable), forward documentation to the chair of the appropriate judging center, who will then transmit the necessary documentation, description and award images to the AOS Awards Registrar.
- g. The invoice for the award fee will then be sent to the exhibitor from the AOS office.

AOS Species Identification Task Force (SITF)

awardid@aos.org

No specialty

Identifications provided as a service to our exhibitors.

Detailed digital images are required.

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Specialty: Australian epiphytic and terrestrial orchid species, *Dendrobium*, *Bulbophyllum*, *Coelogyne* and *Dendrochilum*

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Specialty: Cypripedioideae,

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Specialty: All Orchidaceae, *Cochlioda*, *Odontoglossum*, *Cyrtochilum*, *Solenidiopsis*

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Specialty: Pleurothallidinae

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Specialty: *Lycastes*, *Anguloa*, *Ida*

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Specialty: *Odontoglossum*, *Sigmatostalix*, *Encyclia*,
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Zygopetalinae

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Specialty: *Encyclia*

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