

**MEMBERS MEETING, PORTLAND, OR**

**JUDGING COMMITTEE AGENDA — HARRY GALLIS, CHAIR  
MEETING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012 — 9:00 AM – 12 PM**

- I. **Roll call and introduction of guests – Maynard Michel for Todd Kennedy, Chris Rehmann for Paul Sheetz, Carlos Fighetti for Jose Exposito, Karen Kimmerle for Mike Blietz and John Stubbings for Julius Klehm**
- II.
- III. **Excused; Patsy Boersma (Shreveport), Judy Cook (Dallas) and Bonnie Riley (West Palm Beach)**
- IV. **Minutes of JC meeting of Thursday, April 26, 2012 , Wichita, KS**  
Approved
- V. **Task Force Reports: 9:10-9:40**
  - **Species Identification Task Force\*– Ron McHatton for Patricia Harding (Attachment K)**  
Report accepted as read
  - **Contested Awards Task Force – Ron McHatton**  
Harry discussed the removal of *V. denisoniana* from the agenda pending further evaluation of information. The JC needs to consider the future handling of contested awards.
  - **Center Program/AQ Plus – Howard Bronstein.**  
Due to the AOS move and staff transitions, there has been little progress with the final form of Orchids Plus. A company has been hired to do the work (since Mitch is gone) and is working on getting caught up. Priority is the whole platform. Howard has high hopes that it will be all on the website and move away from the current AQ to the next generation program.  
  
Report was accepted.
  - **Training Coordinator– George Hatfield**  
George introduced his committee and they want to help the Centers to help provide better training for all judges. All Centers need to have Training Coordinators and if one is not appointed one, please do so quickly. Space will be given on the AOS website for training PowerPoint presentations so Centers can download them for their use. George asked that Centers open up the line of communications for their training and passed around a folder that Bergen Todd from PNWJC training coordinator gives to students. Harry wants responses to emails sent even if it is a simple *yes it has been forwarded* to the rest of the judges in the center.  
  
Report approved.
  - **Handbook Task Force\* – Glen Brown**  
Basic comment - Handbook committee does not change policy.  
  
**Taxonomic identification change – updating SITF to be the taxonomic authority for AOS awards (Attachment A)**

Yes 13, No 8, approved. Motion made to send it back to make additional changes suggested during discussion and these will be incorporated into Handbook.

**Responsibility of uploading award images (Attachment B)**

Approved

**Change to CCE/CCM – Changing the length of time of plant ownership (Attachment C)**

Approved. If possible ask the exhibitor how long they have grown the plant and place in the description.

**Show Trophy – (Attachment D)**

Motion approved to table until spring meeting. Rocky Mountain came up with their own best exhibit trophy and it has been successful. Suggestion, start your show by judging for the AOS show trophy, which many centers do already.

- **Ethics Task Force\* - No report**
- **Working Task Force – Harry Gallis**  
Have handled issues by email or conference calls including discussion on contested awards.

**\*Action/Changes Require JC Recommendation to Board of Trustees**

**IV. Personnel Recommendations (Require JC Recommendation to Board of Trustees)  
9:40-10:00**

**Motion to move into executive session**

**A. Elevation of Certified Judges, Probationary to Certified Judge, Accredited:**

<b>Bruce Bradham</b>	<b>Dallas</b>
<b>Sharon Duncan</b>	<b>Shreveport</b>
<b>Paula Hansen</b>	<b>Pacific Northwest</b>
<b>Poul Hansen</b>	<b>Pacific Northwest</b>
<b>Rhonda Heide</b>	<b>West Palm Beach</b>
<b>Wayne Louie</b>	<b>Pacific Northwest</b>
<b>Mary Mancini</b>	<b>Shreveport</b>
<b>Audrey McIntosh</b>	<b>Florida-Caribbean</b>
<b>Julio David Rios</b>	<b>Florida-Caribbean</b>
<b>Brittany Payeur</b>	<b>Chicago</b>
<b>Katie Payeur</b>	<b>Great Lakes</b>
<b>Ron Payeur</b>	<b>Great Lakes</b>
<b>Abu Salleh</b>	<b>Pacific Northwest</b>
<b>Dave Sorokowsky</b>	<b>California Sierra Nevada</b>
<b>Deborah Ward</b>	<b>Pacific Northwest</b>

All above approved

**B. Elevation of Students to Certified Judge, Probationary:**

<b>Judy Bailey</b>	<b>West Palm Beach</b>
<b>Paul Batz</b>	<b>Toronto</b>
<b>Cecil Bullard</b>	<b>California Sierra Nevada</b>
<b>Bruce Embury</b>	<b>Rocky Mountain</b>
<b>Alison Gallaway</b>	<b>Alamo</b>
<b>Karina Schmid</b>	<b>Florida-Caribbean</b>

**James Shao  
Ty Triplett  
Dennis Wade  
Jackie Wood**

**California Sierra Nevada  
Mid-Atlantic  
California Sierra Nevada  
West Palm Beach**

All above approved

**C. Accepted as Students in these Centers:**

<b>Dr. Joe Abendroth</b>	<b>Shreveport</b>
<b>Tony Blanc</b>	<b>West Palm Beach</b>
<b>Laura Bonnell-Raymond</b>	<b>Toronto</b>
<b>Daniel Callahan</b>	<b>Dallas</b>
<b>Darrell Ching</b>	<b>California Sierra Nevada</b>
<b>Lorraine Conover</b>	<b>West Palm Beach</b>
<b>RJ D'Alessio</b>	<b>Great Lakes</b>
<b>Sue Davis</b>	<b>California Sierra Nevada</b>
<b>Joanne Gerow</b>	<b>California Sierra Nevada</b>
<b>Steven Gonzalez-Costa</b>	<b>Chicago</b>
<b>Eileen Jackson</b>	<b>California Sierra Nevada</b>
<b>Sharon Johnson</b>	<b>Pacific Northwest</b>
<b>David Miller</b>	<b>Great Lakes</b>
<b>Sara Patterson</b>	<b>Carolinas</b>
<b>Tom Pickford</b>	<b>California Sierra Nevada</b>
<b>Margaret Prat</b>	<b>Pacific Northwest</b>
<b>Phyllis Prestia</b>	<b>Pacific South</b>
<b>Eli Waring</b>	<b>Chicago</b>

All above approved

**D. Request for change in status to Senior Judge:**

<b>Judy Adams</b>	<b>Toronto</b>
<b>Yves Aubry</b>	<b>Northeast</b>
<b>Bob Burkey</b>	<b>Hawaii</b>
<b>Jane DePadro</b>	<b>West Palm Beach</b>
<b>Bill Garris</b>	<b>Florida North Central</b>
<b>Howard Ginsberg</b>	<b>Toronto</b>
<b>Marianne Montoro</b>	<b>Florida-Caribbean</b>
<b>Ruth Morlocke</b>	<b>Great Lakes</b>
<b>Dr. F. Thomas Ott</b>	<b>Mid-American</b>
<b>Dixie Stuart</b>	<b>Alamo</b>
<b>Rob Terry</b>	<b>California Sierra Nevada</b>

All above approved

**E. Request for change in status from Senior to Accredited Judge:**

**F. Request for change in status to Retired Judge:**

<b>Rita Cohen (A)</b>	<b>Northeast</b>
<b>Thomas Kalina (SE)</b>	<b>Chicago</b>
<b>Bert Logsdon (SE)</b>	<b>Pacific Northwest</b>

All above approved

**G. Request for change in status to Judge Emeritus:**

<b>Peter Furniss</b>	<b>Atlanta (attachment E) Approved</b>
<b>Paul Gripp</b>	<b>Pacific South (attachment F) Approved</b>

Norito Hasegawa  
Byron McGraw  
Lena Parker

Pacific South (attachment G) Approved  
Shreveport (attachment H)  
Shreveport (attachment I)

Motion moved and approved to table the Shreveport requests until a Center representative is present.

**H. Request for change in status to Retired Judge Emeritus**

**I. Termination for cause**

Joan Bailey (S)

Pacific South

Approved

**V. Personnel Notifications received by the Judging Committee (Do Not Require Recommendation to Board of Trustees)**

<b>A. Granted leaves of absence in these Centers:</b>	<b><u>Length of time &amp; Start</u></b>
Gilberto Arrieche	6 month extension
Mark Blietz (Hawaii)	1 year (7/2012 – 7/2013)
Linda Bourgeois (Shreveport)	1 year (7/2012 – 7/2013)
John Bourgeois (Shreveport)	1 year (7/2012 – 7/2013)
Rita Cohen (Northeast)	5 months 6/1/2012- 10/31/2012)
Darin Clapp (Cincinnati)	1 year (9/15/2012 – 9/15/2013)
Joe Gordy (Atlanta)	Until October 2012
Greg Martin (Northeast)	6 months (9/2012 – 2/2013)
Pam Norberg (Great Plains)	6 month extension – 11/2012
Ines Naftali (West Palm Beach)	1 year (7/2012 – 7/2013)
Jose Nieves (Florida-Caribbean)	6 months
Jose Oliveras (Florida-Caribbean)	6 months
Karen Smith (Pacific South)	1 year (1/2013 – 1/2014)
Ricky Wong (Pacific Central)	6 months (5/2012 – 11/2012)
Gary Blankenbiller (Great Plains)	1 year (April 2012-April 2013)
Ray Gabaldon (Great Plains)	1 year (Sept 2012-Sept 2013)
Karl Seigler (Great Plains)	1 year (Sept 2012-Sept 2013)

**B. Returned from leaves of absence in these Centers:**

Charles Sims (California Sierra Nevada)	6/1/12 (return after one year)
Pam Norberg (Great Plains)	November 2012

**C. Resigned in these Centers:**

Dr. Joe Abendroth (S)	Shreveport
Francisco Baptista (A)	Pacific Central
Art Buckman (S)	Hawaii
Bill Cadman	Great Lakes
Larry Erickson (A)	Mid-America
Geoff Frost (S), resigned 2010	Alamo
David Genovese (S)	West Palm Beach
Pam Norberg (A)	Great Plains
Bayard Saraduke (S)	Mid-Atlantic
Richard Schmidt (S)	Houston

**D. Automatic Termination in these Centers:**

**E. Transferred in these Centers:**

Kevin Hill from National Capital to California Sierra Nevada  
Vicky Leighty from Florida North to Mid America

## Calvin Wong from Toronto to Pacific Northwest

### F. With regret, the deaths of the following judges are noted:

David Lambert	Pacific Northwest
Ginnie Worthington	Pacific South
Wilbur Chang	Hawaii
William Greenwood	Hawaii
Ursula Ploch	Florida-North Central

### G. Center Location changes

**Dallas: Garland Senior Activity Center, 600 West Avenue A, Garland, TX 75040**  
**Northeast: Bartlett Arboretum and Gardens, 151 Brookdale Road, Stamford, CT 06903**  
**Shreveport: Riverview Theater Complex, 600 Clyde Fant Parkway, Shreveport, LA 71101**  
**Rocky Mountain: No Change**

### VI. Newly Elected Center Chairs: (Officers new to JC in red)

Sallie Delahoussaye	Chair	Alamo
Wayne Marine	Vice Chair	Alamo
Aileen Garrison	Chair	Atlanta
Gail Furniss	Vice Chair	Atlanta
Kathy Barrett	Chair	California Sierra Nevada
Susan Wedegaertner	Vice Chair	California Sierra Nevada
Linda Thorne	Chair	Carolinas
Stan Hutto	Vice Chair	Carolinas
Jim Spatzek	Chair	Chicago
Arnold Klehm	Vice Chair	Chicago
Janice Yates	Chair	Cincinnati
Jordan Hawley	Vice Chair	Cincinnati
Judy Cook	Chair	Dallas
Manny Aybar	Vice Chair	Dallas
Jose Exposito	Chair	Florida Caribbean
Richard Fulford	Vice Chair	Florida Caribbean
Carlos Fighetti*	Vice Chair, Puerto Rico	Florida Caribbean
Glenn Brown	Center Chair/Chair Orlando	Florida North Central
Arthur Katz	Center 1 <sup>st</sup> V.C./V.Chair/Orlando	Florida North Central
Patty Cartwright	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair/Chair/Tampa	Florida North Central
Jim Williams	3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair/Vice Chair/Tampa	Florida North Central
Joseph Peterson	Chair	Great Lakes
Lynn O' Shaughnessy	Vice Chair	Great Lakes
Bryon Rinke	Chair	Great Plains
Carolyn McCabe	Vice Chair	Great Plains
Mike Blietz	Center Chair/Chair Maui	Hawaii
Mayetta Sciuto	1st Vice Chair/VC Maui	Hawaii
Ruth Chun	Vice Chair/Chair Honolulu	Hawaii
Dale Miyasaki	Vice Chair/Honolulu	Hawaii
Sandra Song	Vice Chair/Chair Hilo	Hawaii
Karen Kimmerle	Vice Chair/Hilo	Hawaii
Julius Klehm	Chair	Houston
Don Ghiz	Vice Chair	Houston
Joe Lankton	Chair	Mid-America
Loretta Franklin	Vice Chair	Mid-America

Paul Sheetz	Chair	Mid-Atlantic
Walter Off	Vice Chair	Mid-Atlantic
Taylor Slaughter	Chair	National Capital
Valerie Lowe	Vice Chair	National Capital
Robert Winkley	Chair, Boylston	Northeast
Robert Hesse	Vice Chair, Boylston	Northeast
John Sullivan	Vice Chair/Chair Stamford	Northeast
Al Messina	Vice Chair, Elmsford	Northeast
C. Todd Kennedy	Center Chair /Chair Oakland	Pacific Central
Maynard Michel	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Oakland	Pacific Central
Japheth Ko	Center V.C /Chair San Fran	Pacific Central
Amy Chung	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair San Francisco	Pacific Central
Jennifer Ritchie	Center Chair /Chair Seattle	Pacific Northwest
Bill Zimmerman	Center V.C./Vice Chair Seattle	Pacific Northwest
Russ Volker	1 <sup>st</sup> V. Chair / Chair Vancouver	Pacific Northwest
Ruth 'Betty' Berthiaume	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Vancouver	Pacific Northwest
Tom Etheridge	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair / Chair Oregon	Pacific Northwest
Nadine Gindhart	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Oregon	Pacific Northwest
George Hatfield	Center Chair/Chair Santa Barbara	Pacific South
Jim Sloniker	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Santa Barbara	Pacific South
Peter T. Lin	1 <sup>st</sup> V.C./Chair Long Beach	Pacific South
Norito Hasegawa	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Long Beach	Pacific South
Paul Tuskes	1 <sup>st</sup> V.C./Chair San Diego	Pacific South
Helmut Rohrl	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair San Diego	Pacific South
Cindy Coty	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair San Marino	Pacific South
Arthur Pinkers	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair San Marino	Pacific South
Marion Allen	Chair	Rocky Mountain
Lois Dauelsberg	Vice Chair	Rocky Mountain
Patsy Boersma	Chair	Shreveport
Wilton Guillory	Vice Chair	Shreveport
Terri Kennedy	Center Chair /Chair Toronto	Toronto
Doris Jenseon	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Toronto	Toronto
Andre Lévesque	Center 1 <sup>st</sup> V.C/Chair Montreal	Toronto
Michel Tremblay	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Montreal	Toronto
Bonnie Riley	Chair	West Palm Beach
Carole Holdren	Vice Chair	West Palm Beach

\*see item in IX below

**All above approved**

**Executive session ended. Motion made to approve all actions taken during executive session.**

**VII. Special Awards – Taylor Slaughter 10:00-11:30**

- Anne and Phill Jesup – *Dendrobium lindlei* CCE/93
- Butterworth – *Angraecum Crestwood*, CCE/95
- W.W. Wilson – Paph. Prince Edward of York, FCC/92
- Masatoshi Miyamoto – *Rhyncholaeliocattleya Memoria Rosa Vaquez*, FCC/91
- Herbert Hager – Phal. Jose Carreras, HCC/79
- Carlyle A. Luer – Masd. *limax*, AM/85
- Roy T. Fukumura – *Aeridovanda Somsri Sunlight*, AM/80
- James and Marie Rioppelle – *Miltoniopsis Arthur Cobbledick*, FCC/91
- Robert B. Dugger – *Odontoglossum Stroperry*, AM/81
- Benjamin Kodama – *Dendrobium cyanocentrum*, AM/80

Fred Hillerman – *Aerangis biloba*, CCE/91  
Benjamin C. Berliner – *Lycaste Garfield*, CCE/91  
Milton Carpenter – *Aspasium Lovely Morn*, AD  
Ernest Hetherington – *Cymbidium Greek Goddess*, AM/81  
Bill Thoms – *Bulbophyllum graveolens*, AM/82  
Merritt Huntington – *Cattleya gaskelliana* f. *alba*, FCC/90

**VIII. Old Business – 11:30-11:40**

**Judging illegal Paphiopedilum species and hybrids – Zimmerman, Blietz**

**Harry:** Per AOS policy published on Website this month, we are not to judge plants that are illegal. This should be implemented at the center and show level and not passed on to AOS staff. When in doubt, awards should be provisional pending documentation by the exhibitors and they should be warned that awards could be nullified if not properly documented. As per instructions in our minutes and on Website, proper documentation should be forwarded to the AOS. As “illegal” plants reach the stage of propagation and legality in the US, we should develop systems to communicate this information to our judges.

If plants are illegal here and legal offshore are we to judge?

**IX. New Business – 11:40-12:00**

**Petition of Puerto Rico to become an independent judging center (Attachment J) – Carlos Fighetti**

**\*If approved, acceptance of Chair and Vice Chair nominees Carlos Fighetti and Julio D Rios, respectively**

Motion made and approved to accept Puerto Rico as an independent site.

**Items below will be discussed at the next JC meeting.**

**Discussion of elimination of Silver Certificate, elimination of charge for Gold Certificate – Harry Gallis, for final decision at a later meeting**

**Judging Center management: Harry Gallis**

**Memberships and subscriptions of judges: Chairs should address the issues of membership and subscriptions to AQ with their judges: according to the HB they should be terminated. In the past I have given them 30 days from the date that I am notified)**

**Management of awards: systems issues – JC system, provisional awards, expansion of personnel assisting with awards entry in each center,**

**AQ Plus and responsibilities of judges to maintain knowledge and competence**

**Respect of judges (including Judging Center Chairs) for AOS, judging system itself, AOS staff and volunteer leadership and adherence to the Handbook**

**Relationships with orchid societies in our regions – collaborative efforts in scheduling and implementing shows**

**X. Announcements**

**XI. Adjournment**

**Harry Gallis  
Chair**

## ATTACHMENT A

### 5.5.2.2 Taxonomic Verification

(1) Taxonomic verification of all previously unawarded species is required, no matter what award is granted. Although taxonomic verification need not be presented prior to an award's being granted, if it was previously obtained, it should be accepted when the plant is judged. Awards will be held in a provisional status until identification is complete.

(2) If any certified judge on the judging floor questions the identity of a species being considered for any award, then the award will be held in a provisional status until identification is complete.

(3) Taxonomic Verification Options

a) Taxonomic verification which had been previously obtained as noted above;

~~b) Submission of a flower to an AOS recognized taxonomic authority~~

b) e) Referring the necessary plant measurements and images to the Species Identification Task Force (SITF), as obtained by the judges and photographer at the judging session;

~~d) Referring the necessary plant measurements and images to the SITF as obtained by the exhibitor or designee.~~

~~(4) The exhibitor must designate on the plant entry form the desired identification option as listed above. If no designation is made or if the judging chair does not believe that the judges or photographer in attendance have the capability of implementing the SITF protocol, option 5.5.2.2 (3) b) will be implemented.~~

### 6.2.9 Certificate of Horticultural Merit (CHM)

Awarded to a cultivar of a species, subspecies or natural hybrid with outstanding esthetic appeal that contributes to the horticultural aspects of orchidology. The entire plant must be exhibited and not just the inflorescence and the plant and flowers displayed should be in good condition and have sufficient flowers to judge the horticultural merit of the plant. This certificate may be awarded more than once if a plant has characteristics significantly desirable and different from other awarded cultivars. The distinctive features of the cultivar must be clearly described, measurements recorded and the country of origin should be noted, if known. The award should not be granted to a cultivar, which has previously received a Certificate of Botanical Merit (an award that has been discontinued). A score of at least 80 points on the point scale in paragraph 7.3.2 is required. This award is granted provisionally and filed with the judging center chair pending identification from SITF. ~~the exhibitor supplying full taxonomic verification by a taxonomist acceptable to the AOS as published annually in the Awards Quarterly under the heading "AOS Taxonomic Authorities". The name of the taxonomic authority must be included in the description when it is submitted.~~ Although taxonomic verification need not be presented prior to an award being granted, if it was previously obtained, it should be accepted when the plant is judged. Once an award has been cleared it will be allowed to stand, regardless of subsequent name changes resulting from taxonomic changes or award challenges. If such verification is not received within one year, the judging center chair must disallow the award unless there is satisfactory evidence that the



question of verification is being actively pursued by a taxonomist. A species or natural hybrid shall not receive, at the same judging, a CBR and a CHM.

#### 6.2.10 Certificate of Botanical Recognition (CBR)

Awarded to a cultivar of a species, subspecies, variety or natural hybrid deemed especially worthy of recognition for rarity, novelty or educational value previously unrecorded by AOS. The entire plant must be exhibited and not just the inflorescence. The plant need have no special horticultural value. The CBR is not a lesser award than the CHM, but is granted for different reasons. No award of any kind may have previously been made to the taxon. A taxon may be granted a second CBR only to correct a clear taxonomic error in the record and the description of such an award should clearly state the reason for the second award. Once an award has been cleared it will be allowed to stand, regardless of subsequent name changes resulting from taxonomic changes or award challenges. No point scale is used, but the award shall be granted only by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the judging team assigned. Full description, measurements, country of origin, if known, and the name of the taxonomic authority must be supplied on the summary sheet since the plant, by definition of the award, has not previously been described in AOS records. This award is granted provisionally and filed with the judging center chair pending identification by SITF. ~~the exhibitor supplying full taxonomic verification by a taxonomist acceptable to the AOS as published annually in the Awards Quarterly under the heading "AOS Taxonomic Authorities"~~. Although taxonomic verification need not be presented prior to an award being granted, if it was previously obtained, it should be accepted when the plant is judged. If such verification is not received within one year, the judging center chair must disallow the award unless there is satisfactory evidence that the question of verification is being actively pursued by a taxonomist. Taxonomic verifications should acknowledge the name under which the species has been previously known if that differs from the botanically correct name. A species or natural hybrid shall not receive, at the same judging, a CBR and a CHM.

Rational for change: Taxonomic verification is to be handled by Species Identification Task Force (SITF). This is just updating the sections.

### **ATTACHMENT B**

#### 3.2.1 Chair

(9) Be responsible for certifying the accuracy of summary sheets and up loading the proper images and ~~proper identification of photographic material and for forwarding~~ completing the data entry ~~these~~ to the AOS no later than 60 days from the date of judging.

Rational: Since it is the Center Chair's responsibility (or their representative) that all information for the summary sheets be complete, the addition of uploading images needs to be included.

### **ATTACHMENT C**

#### 6.2.7 Certificate of Cultural Excellence (CCE)

Awarded to the exhibitor of a specimen plant of robust health and appearance with an unusually large number of flowers. The plant must have been in the care of the exhibitor at least ~~six months~~ one year

immediately prior to the award. The plant must score at least 90 points on the point scale in paragraph 7.3.1.

#### 6.2.8 Certificate of Cultural Merit (CCM)

Awarded to the exhibitor of a specimen plant of robust health and appearance with an unusually large number of flowers. The plant must have been in the care of the exhibitor at least ~~six months~~ one year immediately prior to the award. The plant must score between 80 and 89 points inclusive on the point scale in paragraph 7.3.1.

RATIONAL: less than one year the plant is really growing/blooming from the previous grower.

### **ATTACHMENT D**

#### **OPTION 1 (stays the same)**

##### 6.3.2 AOS Show Trophy

(1) A trophy intended to encourage the improvement of the standards of exhibits will be made available upon request to the AOS to any show staged by an affiliated society within or outside the United States, which has conformed to the procedures in paragraph 5.6.1 for securing AOS sanction for the show, including the exclusive use of AOS judges for award judging. It is intended that this trophy encourage excellence by recognizing in competition the best collective material meritoriously displayed in public exhibition (see 7.4 Principles of Design). Only one trophy may be awarded at a show. The awarding of the trophy shall not be obligatory. The pooling of resources by groups or individuals is permitted. The following regulations apply:

(2) All certified senior and emeritus judges present may participate in the decision whether or not to award the trophy with the exception of judges who must disqualify themselves [see paragraph 4.8 (2)] and the chair of AOS judging, whose vote is reserved to break a tie in accordance with paragraph (4). Should the chair of AOS judging be similarly disqualified, the eligible judges shall elect one of their number to be held in reserve to break any tie.

(3) In the event that fewer than 3 judges are eligible to vote, the following procedure should apply. Each judge present may nominate one choice for best exhibit excluding his/her own exhibit. All nominations must be signed to qualify. Those judges whose exhibits are not nominated may participate in the trophy balloting process, which shall follow the procedure in 6.3.2(4) and (5).

(4) All exhibits entered in a show shall be considered eligible for the AOS Show Trophy, except in the case of 6.3.2(2) above, when only the nominated exhibits are eligible. All displays should have orchids as the focal point. The use of foliage is encouraged and an occasional non orchid flower(s) that is not a focal point should not disqualify the display. Each judge voting must submit a ballot in favor of the one exhibit he/she scores highest (at least 80 points) on point scale 7.3.3, or note "No Award" on the ballot if no exhibit scores at least 80 points. All ballots must be signed to qualify.

(5) For any exhibit to win the trophy, two-thirds of the judges present and voting must vote in favor of some exhibit. If more than one-third of the voting judges vote "No Award", the trophy shall not be awarded. The exhibit which receives the highest number of votes shall win the trophy. If a tie in votes exists between two or more exhibits, the exhibit with the highest score shall win. If a tie still exists, the chair of AOS judging shall cast the tie breaking vote to award the trophy. If the chair is not eligible to vote, the designated reserve judge shall break the tie.

(6) An exhibit must be scored by each judge voting and a favorable vote must consist of a score of at least 80 points on the scale in paragraph 7.3.3. The factor of labeling shall be evaluated on completeness, correctness of names, neatness, and legibility to the viewing public.

#### **OPTION #2 (delete the minimum 80 points)**

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### **OPTION 3 (Pay for the show trophy when it is awarded)**

#### 5.6.1 American Orchid Society Sanction of a Show

(7) The required fees, for the judging supplies and the show trophy, if desired, must be submitted either to the center chair or designated administrative chair, or directly to the AOS Awards Registrar, as directed by the center chair or designated administrative chair. When all applications have been submitted and all fees paid, the Awards Registrar will notify the center chair or designated administrative chair and the Show Chair of completion. The show trophy will be payable by the Society sponsoring the show only if the trophy is given at the show.

## **ATTACHMENT E**

### **Judge Emeritus Nomination**

This is a unanimous recommendation from the Atlanta Judging Center. The Center Chair asked Donna Craig to write the narrative as a way to honor both of them.

### **Peter Furniss**

Peter Furniss' record encompasses over 30 years of dedication to orchids and to the people who grow them, supported throughout by his devoted wife, Gail. However, reading through Pete's list of achievements can make one glassy-eyed, the reading becoming almost mechanical. His service has been about as mechanical as judging itself.

So all-encompassing his record has been that he has been recognized by his home society in Atlanta, the American Orchid Society and numerous orchid organizations abroad, including the rare honor of being invited to judge with the Royal Horticultural Society. His record of service to the entire orchid world is unparalleled in diversity and depth. He stands alone.

Taking the mission of the AOS to provide global leadership to heart, Pete has rendered unselfish service to the world of orchids through countless trips abroad, usually at his own expense, judging and speaking. He gives generously of his time and attention, being equally available to beginner grower/judges and international leaders.

Pete is a distinguished judge. Constantly in study, he possesses that rare blend of the ability to appreciate the beauty of the orchids, capturing the wonder, excitement and joy they bring us, with critical analysis of quality. His cooperation with the Royal Horticultural Society has enable him to keep abreast of ongoing taxonomic developments and orchid trends

He is a consummate Southern gentleman; composed, confident, highly intelligent, yet self-deprecating, and refreshingly amusing. If you are an orchid lover, his record of service and dedication to the culture, science and judging of orchids will astonish you.

It is a privilege to recommend Peter Furniss for elevation to the position of Judge Emeritus in the American Orchid Society.

Sincerely,

Donna Craig

# PETER R. FURNISS

## *Orchid curriculum vitae*

- 1980-present American Orchid Society: Various committee, committee chair, and officer positions of the American Orchid Society - Treasurer from 1991-1992, Executive Vice President from 1992-1994, President from 1994-1996, Treasurer [again] 2010-2012.
- Made Honorary Vice President in 1999; awarded American Orchid Society Gold Medal of Achievement in 2002; AOS Ambassador Award in 2004; AOS President's Award in 2012
- 1981-present Atlanta (Georgia, USA) Orchid Society: Various positions including President in 1986.
- Presented 1<sup>st</sup> Award of Distinction in 1997 for outstanding service to the orchid world.
- 1988-present The Pleurothallid Alliance member
- 1990-present International Phalaenopsis Alliance charter member
- 1991-present Greater New York (New York – USA) Orchid Society member
- 1992-present Trustee of the World Orchid Conference Trust (President from 1996-1999 and from 2005-2011)
- 1993-present American Orchid Society Accredited Judge
- 1993-2008 International Orchid Commission member (Vice Chairman 2002- 2008)
- 1995-2007 Asian Pacific Orchid Conference Main Committee Honorary Advisor
- 2002 Presented Gold Medal of Appreciation by Organizing Committee of the 17<sup>th</sup> World Orchid Conference (Shah Alam, Malaysia)
- 2010-present Royal Horticultural Society Orchid Committee and Advisory Sub-Committee on Orchid Hybrid Registration member
- 2011-present Orchid Society of Great Britain member
- 2011 Awarded Fellowship of OSSEA (Orchid Society of South East Asia)

## ATTACHMENT F

### Paul Gripp

Date: 10/13/2012

To: American Orchid Society Judging Committee

From: Pacific South AOS Judges, George Hatfield, Pacific South Chair

Re: Recommendation of Emeritus Status for Paul Gripp

At the business meeting of the AOS Pacific South Region held on 4 August 2012, the judges voted unanimously to recommend Mr. Paul Gripp for Emeritus status to the Judging Committee. The region would appreciate it if the JC would take this proposal under consideration during the spring business meeting at Portland, Oregon.

The Pacific South Region provides the following information in the hope that the Judging Committee will, after review, concur and vote to give the honorary status of Emeritus Judge to Mr. Paul Gripp.

#### **Local Participation:**

Paul Gripp has been a certified judge for 42 years. During that time he has:

- Graduated with a degree in Ornamental Horticulture from UCLA in 1957.
- He has been a strong and active member in many local affiliated orchid societies and most notably has been a member of the Orchid Society of Southern California continuously for sixty years!
- Paul has served on the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show Committee as a board member for over thirty years, serving four times as its President.
- Paul was instrumental in the establishment of the Santa Barbara Judging Center.
- Paul has mentored many student judges in his 42 years of judging.
- Paul is recognized as innovator in identifying orchids that will adapt to 'garden culture' in coastal Southern California.

#### **National Involvement:**

Paul is famous worldwide for his passion and avocation in growing orchids, specifically growing orchids outside in garden settings in Southern California:

- Paul is an accredited Cymbidium Society of America Judge.
- From 1964-1970 Paul wrote a monthly column "A Gripp on Growing" for the American Orchid Society Bulletin.
- Past President of the Cymbidium Society of America.
- Member, Research Committee of the American Orchid Society (fifteen years).
- Paul has presented and judged at numerous World Orchid Conferences.
- Paul has been a guest lecturer at numerous AOS affiliated orchid societies around the United States.
- With his work at the Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, Paul has received numerous awards around the world for his many different genera of orchids.

It is nearly impossible to identify and list the accomplishments of someone who has had a love of orchids for over sixty years! The Pacific South Region hopes that the Judging Committee will

concur with our belief that Paul has made a consistent and substantial contribution to AOS judging and the Orchid community both in the United States and elsewhere, and is worthy of the honor of being recognized as Judge Emeritus.

## **ATTACHMENT G**

### **Norito Hasegawa**

Date: 10/11/2012

To: American Orchid Society Judging Committee

From: Pacific South AOS Judges, George Hatfield, Pacific South Chair

Re: Recommendation of Emeritus Status for Norito Hasegawa

At the business meeting of the AOS Pacific South Region held on 4 August 2012, the judges voted unanimously to recommend Mr. Norito Hasegawa for Emeritus status to the Judging Committee. The region would appreciate it if the JC would take this proposal under consideration during the spring business meeting at Portland, Oregon.

The Pacific South Region provides the following information in the hope that the Judging Committee will, after review, concur and vote to give the honorary status of Emeritus Judge to Mr. Hasegawa.

#### **Local Participation:**

Norito Hasegawa has been a certified judge for 38 years. During that time he has:

- Served as chair and vice chair of the Pacific South Judging Center at Long Beach, California; served as Training Coordinator to the Pacific South Judging Region for over a decade; has had excellent attendance at the Pacific South Judging Centers at the Huntington and Long Beach; has presented numerous outstanding judging presentations at our training sessions;
- He has served as an officer and active member in many local affiliated societies.
- His outstanding displays and orchids in regional shows is a notable contribution to both the societies and shows and have certainly been appreciated by the public.
- Norito has functioned as the judging chair for well over 50 shows with AOS judging and gives approximately 30 presentations a year to orchid societies, many with no financial compensation!

#### **National Involvement**

Norito Hasegawa has been very influential in promoting, hybridizing, and educating AOS Judges regarding *Paphiopedilums*. Specific achievements include:

- Norito is co-author of the book "Novelty Slipper Orchids".
- He has served as a Trustee of the American Orchid Society.
- Served on numerous national AOS committees currently Library / Archives.
- Has served on the Board of Directors of The Orchid Digest Corporation.
- Numerous registered *Paphiopedilum* hybrids which have given him hundreds of AOS and Cymbidium Society of America awards.
- Recognized as one of the world leading hybridizers of *paphiopedilums* and has received:
  - The Cymbidium Society Hudlow Medal for outstanding *Paphiopedilum* hybridizing in 2005
  - Has served as an AOS judge internationally in Japan, South Africa, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Germany, New Zealand, Taiwan, England, France and Switzerland.

- Norito has a genus (*Hasegawara*) named in his honor.
- As a worldwide advocate of paphiopedilums he:
  - Has written many articles in various orchid journals
  - Presented many papers at numerous World Orchid Conferences.
  - Has been a continuous exhibitor and lecturer at the Tokyo Dome Show since its inception over 20 years ago!
  - Received numerous international awards on his Paphiopedilum hybrids.

The above lists some of the more notable accomplishments. What is not addressed by that list is his kind and professional behavior that he extends to everyone, his willingness to always answer questions, his support of Orchid Conservation via the Orange County Orchid Society and his overall generosity to the orchid community and fellow AOS judges.

The Pacific South Region hopes that the Judging Committee will concur with our belief that Norito has made a consistent and substantial contribution to AOS judging and the Orchid community both in the United States and elsewhere, and is worthy of the honor of being recognized as Judge Emeritus.

## **ATTACHMENT H**

### **SHREVEPORT JUDGING CENTER**

#### **Byron McGraw**

August 24, 2012

Subject: Recommendation for Byron McGraw's elevation to Judge Emeritus

The Shreveport Judging Center voted unanimously to recommend the elevation to Judge Emeritus status for Byron McGraw. Byron has been spreading the word about orchids and their culture for many years. He began his orchid career as a hobbyist grower in 1975.

Byron was a founding member of the Central Louisiana Orchid Society and became a charter member in 1980. He has been a part of that society for thirty-two years, serving in every position several times. He is currently serving as President. He has served as the AOS Representative for the society for many years. Byron was editor of the CLOS Newsletter from 1980 to 2007. He has served as Show Chairman or Co-Chair for most of the orchid shows hosted by the society.

Byron has been active in the Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association where he has served in various offices from President to Chair for several committees. He has been the chair of the Bylaws and Judiciary Committee for over twenty year and helped publish the SWROGA Procedure Manual.

In 1990 Byron became an Accredited Judge for the AOS, being affiliated first with the San Antonio Judging Center, then the Dallas Judging Center, and currently the Shreveport Judging Center. Byron was elected Second Vice-Chair of the Dallas Supplemental Center (Shreveport) upon its formation. Upon the death of Mickey Parker, First Vice-Chair, he became First Vice-Chair. When the Shreveport Center was designated as an independent center, Byron was elected Chair and remained in that position until January 2012.



Byron has been an active member of the American Orchid Society since 1980 and has attended numerous AOS Members Meetings. He has served on the Affiliated Societies Committee and the Personnel Committee.

Byron is the CLOS *Orchid Digest* representative and was instrumental in obtaining affiliation with the *Orchid Digest*. He served as a 2003-2006 Board Member for *Orchid Digest*. In 2011 Byron was named as an Orchid Digest Diamond Award Winner for his many years of service to the orchid growing community.

Byron has been an ambassador for orchids for many years. He trumpets the joys of growing orchids and orchid judging to everyone he meets.

The judges at the Shreveport Judging Center unanimously recommend Byron McGraw for elevation to Judge Emeritus.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patsy Boersma  
Chair, Shreveport Judging Center

## **ATTACHMENT I**

Lena Parker

August 24, 2012

Subject: Recommendation for Lena Parker's elevation to Judge Emeritus

The Shreveport Judging Center voted unanimously to recommend the elevation to Judge Emeritus status for Lena Parker. Lena has worked tirelessly in the promotion of orchids and orchid growing locally, regionally, and nationally.

Lena and her late husband, Mickey, began growing orchids in the early 1970's. She has been a member of the Shreveport Orchid Society since the 1970's, where she has served as president, program chair, treasurer and secretary several times. Lena was chair of the AOS Trustees Show and Sale in 1988, 1999 and 2011. She has been instrumental in the development of several orchid societies throughout Louisiana, as well as one in Arkansas and one in East Texas. She has helped local societies organize and hold Orchid Growing Workshops on several occasions. These workshops have resulted in new members in every instance.

Lena served the Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association as president, vice president and secretary. She set up and conducted the first SWROGA auction that has become a regular part of SWROGA's semi-annual meetings. She has funded several trophies and helped SWROGA become the financially stable organization that it is today. She served as editor of the SWROGA News for ten years.

Lena began her service to the AOS in the early 1980's serving on the Membership Committee which she chaired for five years. She was a Trustee for eight years. She was the first chair of the Special Funding Committee which she chaired for ten years. She served on the Affiliated Societies Committee and was awarded the AOS Achievement Award in 1999.

Lena began her judging career in the late 1980's in San Antonio where she became an Accredited Judge. When the Dallas Center was formed, she moved there, and then to the Shreveport Center when it was formed. Lena served as Training Coordinator in Dallas and in Shreveport. She served as Alternate Chair of the Shreveport Center for several years. She is a very dedicated orchid judge and takes advantage of many judging opportunities every year. She has visited several foreign countries to judge and view orchids in their native habitat such as Canada, Africa, South America, and Central America.

The judges of the Shreveport Judging Center believe that Lena Parker has been an outstanding advocate for orchids, orchid judging, and for the AOS. We believe that her qualifications for being named Judge Emeritus are unquestionable, and the Shreveport Center unanimously recommends her elevation.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Boersma  
Chair, Shreveport Judging Center

**Attachment J (Sent as separate document)**

**Petition for Independent Judging Status of the Puerto Rico Center**

**Carlos Fighetti**

**Attachment K**

**SITF Report – Patricia Harding**

As of today we have confirmed or obtained correct identification for 451 Submissions (79 since last meeting). We have 41 submissions we are working on that are unverified as of today, 1/2 are current submissions, 1/4 are species that are new and need to be described, the last 1/4 are waiting for better pictures or more information to be presented. We post the submissions to a blog that the public can view. Some of the public have posted there, but this has been very few. However since the blog began it has been viewed over 43,000 times, with 2600 views in the last month.

<http://speciesidentificationtaskforce.blogspot.com/> is the blog.

There one can also find a list of members of SITF, and instructions for submission and various forms one can use to aide in gathering information we may need.

Patricia Harding