

AOS TRUSTEES REORGANIZATION MEETING, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
Saturday May 1, 2010

Chris Rehmann, President - Presiding

The annual Reorganization Meeting of the American Orchid Society was called to order about 12:30 PM at the Clarion Convention Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Proof of Due Notice of the Meeting: Secretary Karen McBride confirmed due notice of meeting in the March 2010 issue of *Orchids*.

Roll Call: Secretary Karen McBride called the roll.

Officers Present: Chris Rehmann, Lowell Jacks, Sandra Svoboda, Peter Furniss, Karen McBride, Carlos Fighetti

Officers Excused: Norman Fang

Trustees Present: Howard Bronstein, Tim Brooks, Mario Ferrusi, Aileen Garrison, Don Ghiz, Alan Koch, Fred Missbach, Nancy Mountford, June Simpson, Taylor Slaughter, Frank Smith, and Linda Wilhelm

Trustees Excused: Fred Clarke, Tom Etheridge, Deane Hall, Bob Henley, Carol Holdren, and Ben Singer.

Staff Present: Ron McHatton

Visitors: None

Quorum: Secretary Karen McBride declared a quorum.

Approval of Committee Chairs and Appointments

Chris Rehmann

Proposal: It is my belief that the Committee structure should be reorganized to be more effective. Certain committees will remain while this process is properly reviewed. My goal is to focus the major committees on the core values of the Society. It is my belief that we must focus on the education of our members on growing and exhibiting orchids. Therefore our committees should be focusing their activities to concentrate on this goal.

It is my request that the following committees be realigned for this purpose.

1. Consolidate the Web Committee with Education. The purpose of this committee will be to:
 - Develop Webinars to train our members in growing the various genera of orchids.
 - Re-establish our library of programs for our local Societies with the cooperation and coordination of the Affiliated Societies Committee.
 - Establish demonstration programs at Trustee meetings from experts in particular genera for training members.

2. Consolidate Special Funding under Development to improve the process of raising funds for the Society.
3. Eliminate the Technology Committee and establish an Information Management Committee. Too often the way we communicate with our members is through technology but it is necessary to think along the lines of being more effective in the transmission of that data. To that end, I would focus the Information Technology Committee on the following goals:
 - Develop the replacement program for AQ+ and the related awards management program as a top priority.
 - Develop and/or recommend a replacement for IMUS, with input from the Finance Committee.
 - Integrate the training program developed by Frank Slaughter into the education program of the Society.
4. Refocus the Research Committee as to their purpose of funding research in orchids to the establishment of:
 - Establish a list of research issues that will benefit the education of our members to grow orchids better.
 - Develop a list of funding sources for research grants for orchid related research.
 - Promote the research community to take on the research issues that are established by the Committee for the benefit of our members.
 - Review and recommend research grant awards.

Appointment of Development Committee:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Trustees VOTED to approve as members of the Development Committee: Norman Fang, chair, Carlos Fighetti, Jeff Bradley, Mary Beth Clarke, and Sandra Svoboda.

Appointment of Finance Committee:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Trustees VOTED to approve as members of the Finance Committee: Peter Furniss, chair, Don Ghiz, Max Thompson, Karen McBride, Nancy Mountford and Fred Missbach

Appointment of Information Management Committee:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Trustees VOTED to approve as members of the Information Management Committee: Ted Kellogg, chair, Howard Bronstein, Frank Slaughter, and Mitch Vogler

Appointment of the Governance Committee:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Trustees VOTED to approve as members of the Governance Committee: Taylor Slaughter, chair, Deane Hall, Mario Ferrusi, Will Rhodehamel, and Harry Gallis

Appointment of the Nominating Committee:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Trustees VOTED to approve as members of the Nominating Committee: Mario Ferrusi, chair, Carlos Fighetti, Harry Gallis, Lynn Fuller, Susan Wedegaertner, Tom Etheridge

Appointment of the Judging Committee chair and representatives:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Trustees VOTED to approve as chair and representatives of the Judging Committee: Harry Gallis, chair, Cordelia Head, Howard Bronstein, Taylor Slaughter, Frank Smith, and Lowell Jacks

Investment Policy:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Trustees VOTED to authorize the Finance Committee to update the Society's Investment Policy and submit it to the Board for approval.

Auditors:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Trustees VOTED to approve the proposal submitted by Purvis Gray to continue as the Society's auditors for three more years.

Appointment of Assistant Treasurer:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Trustees VOTED to Approve Don Ghiz as Assistant Treasurer.

Committee Changes:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Trustees VOTED to incorporate the Web Committee with the Education Committee.

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Trustees VOTED to
replace the Technology Committee with the
Information Management Committee.**

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Trustees VOTED to
incorporate the Special Funding Committee within
the Development Committee.**

Other Business

Acceptance of new affiliates:

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Trustees VOTED to accept
Gruene Orchid Society,
Asociacion Quindiana de Orquideologia,
Sociedad Orquideologica de Costa Rica,
Merritt Huntington Memorial Symposium, Inc., and
North Central Pennsylvania Orchid Society
as affiliated societies of the American Orchid Society**

Signatories:

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Trustees VOTED
that current staff signatories be continued in their positions**

President Rehmann then called for a motion to adjourn.

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Trustees VOTED
to adjourn the meeting at about 1:30 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen McBride
Secretary

