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To All Members:

Our next SWROGA meeting is November 4-6, 2005 at North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Although that is five months away, each committee should be preparing, while taking care of its current responsibilities. Please contact your committee chairman if you have any business that needs attention.

Also, we will elect our next year's officers at this fall meeting. Please give thought as to who would be good in each job. Contact a member of the nominating committee with your nomination, or be prepared to nominate from the floor.

We saw Arkansas at an outstanding show in the spring and I am looking forward to seeing it in the fall.

Lloyd D. Burns, President

The Baton Rouge Orchid Society
presents our 26th annual Show and Sale:

"Midsummer Orchid Dreams"

Set up and A.O.S. Judging Friday, July 8

Show open Saturday, July 9 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
and Sunday, July 10 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

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7950 Independence Blvd.

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SWROGA Discussion Group Now Available!

Do you know that there is a Swroga Discussion Group/Newsgroup that has been set up and it is ready for you to benefit from it?

There are many things you can do: Send a question, show off your flowers in bloom, and more! It's a way of sharing orchid information with the SWROGA community. No need to worry about spam email, you will only receive email from people that belong to the SWROGA discussion group, no one else can be a member but the SWROGA community, and Manuel Aybar, as a moderator, approves who joins the group. You can also choose to receive an email every time a person sends one to the discussion group, or you can choose to get a weekly digest of the discussion that has been going on...

This discussion group is powered by Yahoo Groups. And what is Yahoo! Groups?

Yahoo! Groups is a free service that allows you to bring together family, friends, and associates through a web site and email group. Yahoo! Groups offer a convenient way to connect with others who share the same interests and ideas. For more information, please go to <http://www.swroga.org/> and click on SWROGA discussion group.

Some time in the near future, you will receive an email with an invitation to join the SWROGA discussion group. If you haven't done so, you can join now or wait until the email invitation gets to you...whichever you prefer.

Looking forward to linking the SWROGA community with this service!

Happy Orchid Growing,
Manuel Aybar (Manny)

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“We print all the news that fits”

MINUTES of the 88th SWROGA DIRECTORS and MEMBERS SPRING 2005 MEETING
Saturday, April 16, 2005, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Rogers, Arkansas

hosted by the Orchid Society of the Ozarks

President Lloyd Burns called the semi-annual Spring 2005 SWROGA meeting to order at 10:40 am after being assured that a quorum was met by Registrar Billie Beck Kramer. The President then offered a gracious welcome to all attendees and hoped many had enjoyed the beautiful drive through the mountains as had he.

Lena Parker made a motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting as published in the Winter 2004 SWROGA Newsletter. Motion was seconded by Lowell and approved by Director vote.

Carolyn McCabe, Treasurer, presented the Semi-Annual Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2005. A new Section has been added for the new Research Fund with Funds on Deposit being \$560. The accounts Total Funds are \$75,159.76. Membership dues increased this year to an amount of \$4,046 up 36 Members from this time last year. Newsletter outlay costs for the Winter and Spring issues were \$1,917.26. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Mavis Klehm and was carried by the Directors.

2005 SWROGA Directories were distributed.

President Burns called for the Reports of the Standing Committees:

Steve Eagle, Chair of Affiliated Societies Committee reported on future SWROGA Shows: Arkansas Orchid Society will host the 89th Fall 2005 Show in North Little Rock, Arkansas from November 4 – 6, 2005; the Red River Orchid Society will host the 90th Spring 2006 Show in Wichita Falls, Texas from March 31 to April 2, 2006; and Greater North Texas Orchid Society/Fort Worth Orchid Society will host the 92nd Spring Show in May, 2007. We need a host Society for the Fall 2006 SWROGA show. New Orleans Orchid Society will host the 94th Spring Show from May 30 to June 1, 2008. The Committee discussed Society loss and will endeavor to find ways to re-incorporate the Societies and recruit new ones. Report was approved and filed.

Byron McGraw, Chair of the Bylaws and Judiciary Committee met earlier today with 2 Members with 1 excused absence. They discussed with the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer a number of concerns regarding the financial condition of SWROGA. The Committee Chair reminds the other established committees that the SWROGA Bylaws were designed to establish committees to function accomplishing necessary action required. All committees were urged to review the Bylaws to ensure that their primary function was being performed. The addition of another function is not precluded provided it does not interfere with the primary function of the Committee, or the functioning of other committees. Motion made by Mickey Parker carried. Report was filed.

Jim William's Conservation Committee had 4 Members present at today's meeting. He stressed the need to preserve the unique lands upon which native species thrive through the cooperation and coordination of agencies and private land owners. Relocation of species is not always a good solution. Some societies are publishing articles of significance on native species in their newsletters. In coordination with the Publications

Committee the latter will pursue the possibility of posting Societies' newsletters on the SWROGA website for all to access. Committee Member Ron Hazelhuhn of the Kansas OS is recompiling and revising, as may be necessary, his State's native species list with pictures

and distribution maps...a good objective of all states! Jim needs to know the name of your Conservation Rep if it is not documented in this year's SWROGA Directory. Societies should consider Native Species Tours by piggy-backing onto other broader group tours, such as Audubon birding groups and Natural History Museum tours. Take advantage of local area expertise and continue its development. Network with other naturalists, especially if it takes you into swamps and bogs! Report approved and filed.

Patsy Boersma, Chair of the Programs and Education Committee, reports 2 members were present at their meeting earlier. The Slides List and Speakers List were discussed. The latter has been updated thanks to the helpfulness of supportive Members. GOOD PROGRAMS ARE THE LIFE BLOOD OF OUR SOCIETIES. Betty Kurka, our Librarian, continues to evaluate our many outdated slide programs. If you have a program in the directory please update it or it may be discarded. A Society pays \$15 for postage to rent a Slide Show and negative feed-back is too common. NEW SLIDE SHOWS ARE NEEDED! Report was accepted and filed. Lowell McCabe, Chair of the Show Committee reports it is hard to please everyone all of the time but the Show Committee tries hard and does its very best. He reminds the Societies that they are forbidden to delete a class in the Show Schedule but they may add or expand a class for their show only after submission, review, and approval by the Committee. Class 342 has been dropped as a result of so few entries. Lois recommended expanding Class 341 to incorporate 342. The Committee will take her recommendation into consideration. When requesting a SWROGA Show Schedule obtain it directly from Lowell via e-mail or USPS mail. Do not download it from the SWROGA website. Lloyd reminded members that the Alpha List of Species and Intergeneric Hybrids is included as a supplement with the Show Schedule. This is an index for plant entries and should be referred to for proper plant classification! Also, Lowell stressed the importance of reading and being familiar with the Preface to the Show Schedule. Mickey motioned to approve report. Motion carried. Report filed.

Amanda Saar, Chair of the Publications Committee, had 5 members present at their meeting earlier. Deadlines and cost of ads are in each issue. To improve readability, the color of the newsletter paper has been changed. Notice that our website looks different! Thanks to Manuel and Tom. These guys are setting up a discussion group. SWROGA@YAHOO.COM will access a closed e-mail list with everyone in the group getting the e-mail. Responses are optional. Click. Join. Be a part of the group. Share pics and opinions. Brag. The SWROGA News will be available in PDF format and can be easily downloaded to all those with capabilities. Snail mail will be available. Motion to approve report was made by Lowell. Report approved and filed.

Dick Jamison, Chair of the Research Committee, distributed a one and a half page typed document "SWROGA FUND FOR RESEARCH" "Proposed Procedures to be followed by the Research Committee". This procedural vehicle, referred to at our prior meeting, is intended as a guide for a working procedure to determine grant eligibility. It is intended to be a "start" and is "not in stone". Chairman Jamison gave the Directors and Members a brief synopsis of the document and its intentions. Byron McGraw made a motion wanting the By Laws Committee to review the document prior to voting on it. This motion was seconded by Lois. Opposition requested that this motion be tabled. Discussion ensued. Wally was concerned about any

government prohibition. Byron was not seeking to approve or disapprove the document; he just wanted it reviewed prior to voting. A motion was made by Mickey Parker to accept the procedural document as presented today. Ruth Wright requested to amend Mickey's motion to allow review of the document by Byron's By Laws Committee before a vote is taken. This motion was seconded by Carolyn McCabe. There was a call of Question on the Amendment to end debate and vote on the motion made by Mickey. Opposition carried. A vote was called. Majority voted to accept the procedural document as presented. Byron has requested that the minutes make note of his opposition to the vote at this time. The document is attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes.[Editor's Note: The document was filed by the Secretary with the other reports, and is not printed in this issue of the *SWROGA News*.]

There were no reports from Ad Hoc Committees.

The President called for Reports of Continuing Functions. Historian Betty Kurka brought and had distributed 6 issues of ORCHIDS magazine at the Show. She is unable to find documentation of the names of SWROGA Presidents from 1962 to 1977.

Lowell McCabe reported on Show Tags. Show Tags are prepackaged at 250/pkg. The Societies' \$35 standard cost covers 2 packages (500 tags) plus shipping. The last 1500 tags were not legible and had to be returned. We have about 15K tags on hand. Our order requests that the bottom sheet of the NCR show tags be thicker and extra firm. An error was made at the printer and when corrected we were shipped an additional 20K tags at no cost to us. SWROGA came out ahead. Registrar and AOS Rep Billie Beck Kramer had no reports.

There was no Old Business.

A Nominating Committee of Mickey Parker, Lois Dahlsberg, and Wayne Marine will present a Slate of Officers at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Lowell McCabe to rescind the requirement to return \$35 Trophy money if trophy is not awarded at a Society's SWROGA Show. A brief discussion ensued. Mickey noted that Societies were not spending the full \$35 but the problem has since been resolved. Question was called and debate ended and a vote was called. Motion carried to rescind requirement to return funds.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Gengler, Secretary

Treasurer's Corner

Thanks to all of the Society Treasurers for helping update the SWROGA membership list for 2005. By now all treasurers should have received a copy of the 2005 SWROGA Directory and a personal disk containing their society's membership and officers information as documented in the Directory.

Here are some of the highlights since the last report:

The Affiliated Societies combined auctions and raffles at Rogers, Arkansas, brought in a whopping \$5,406.00. As previously directed, the proceeds were deposited in the Research Account.

The Orchid Society of the Ozarks submitted a check in the amount of \$185.00 for show registrations at \$1.00 per registrant.

Newsletter advertising receipts from societies was \$80.00. Payment for this newsletter is pending.

SWROGA Funds on hand as of May 17, 2005

General	\$ 15,309.32
Research	\$ 5,935.85
Trophy	<u>\$ 60,037.29</u>

Total \$ 81,282.46

Your SWROGA treasurer, Carolyn McCabe

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Continuing List of Orchid Shows Within SWROGA

These dates and information were provided by SWROGA Affiliated Societies Liaison Committee
 For more recent information check the SWROGA website at www.swroga.org.

2005 Dates	Host(s)	Event Location	Contact(s)
June 3 - 5	New Orleans Orchid Society	Lakeside Mall Metairie, LA	<u>Alice Barrios</u> 1861 Carol Sue Ave Gretna, LA 70056 504-227-1127 <u>Max Mipro</u> 2129 N. Turnbull Dr., Metairie, LA 70001 (504) 887-1738;
July 8 – 10	Baton Rouge Orchid Society	Baton Rouge Garden Center 7950 Independence Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA	Bob Danka <u>rdanka@cox.net</u> 225-769-7762
August 5-6	Houston Orchid Society	Summer Workshop 2005 Holiday Inn Select Kirby Dr. @ SW Freeway Houston, TX	Greg Scott <u>gscott@consolidated.net</u> 936-520-6631
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