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To All Members:

To All SWROGA Members,

The final meeting of my term of office will be March 31 to April 2 in Wichita Falls, Texas. I have some fond memories of several shows there and am looking forward to this one.

We have been approached to set up in SWROGA a relief committee to help SWROGA victims of our two hurricanes by replacing uninsured orchid plants lost to the storms. At our last meeting the Board approved the setting up of the committee. The Board did not approve our using previously dedicated funds so we are getting off to a slow start.

By Wichita Falls we hope to have fund raising and information gathering to the point we can finalize the mechanics of carrying out the relief to present to the Board for final approval. We cannot obtain and ship during the cold weather so expect to do so after the Wichita Falls Show.

We will ask the President of each society to contact the members of their society to ascertain the losses and when the individuals will be in position to accept replacement plants. The Society President will be asked to obtain approval of a cash donation to SWROGA from the Society.

Thank each of you for any help and suggestions you can offer as this effort will need each of us to be successful.

Lloyd D. Burns, President

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A REQUEST FOR HELP

SWROGA archives are in need of a complete and accurate list of SWROGA show data. The list is nearly complete, with a few exceptions. These are listed below. If you can help complete this list, please send information to Ed Wright, <u>ewright8@satx.rr.com</u> for entry into the archive files. THANKS!!!

SWROGA show #4, held Nov. 3-4, 62 at the Tulsa Garden Center: who was the show chairperson?

SWROGA show #5, held Mar. 2-3, 63 at Sharpstown Mall in Houston: who was the show chairperson?

SWROGA show #8, held Mar. 19-21, 65 at the Corpus Christi Convention Center: who was the show chairperson?

SWROGA show #25, hosted Oct. 26-28, 73 by the Oklahoma Orchid Society, show chairperson George Payne: where was the show located?

SWROGA show #30, held Apr. 9-11, 76 at Memorial City Mall in Houston: who was the show chairperson?

SWROGA show #48, hosted by the Greater North Texas OS May 31 – Jun 2, 85 at the North Park Inn: who was the show chairperson?

SWROGA show #69, hosted by the Denver OS at the Denver Botanical Garden Oct. 13-15, 95: who was the show chairperson?

SWROGA show #70, hosted by the Ft. Worth OS Mar. 8-10, 96, Dotty Woodson Chair: where was the show located?

SWROGA show #82, hosted Mar. 1-3, 02 by the OS of Jefferson, Ann Leavy Chair: where was the show located?

Thanks in advance for your help – and memory a lot better than mine! ed

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MINUTES of the 89th SWROGA DIRECTORS and MEMBERS FALL 2005 MEETING

Saturday, November 5, 2005, at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas Hosted by the ARKANSAS ORCHID SOCIETY

President Lloyd Burns called the semi-annual Fall 2005 SWROGA meeting to order promptly at 10:32 am. Following assurance from Registrar Billie Beck Kramer that a quorum was met, President Burns addressed the Members and Directors and thanked the Arkansas Orchid Society for being a very fine host and saving the beautiful tree color until the weekend of the Show.

The Minutes of the 88th SWROGA Spring meeting were approved as printed in the Summer 2005 SWROGA NEWS, Vol. 37, Issue 2.

Treasurer, Carolyn McCabe, summarized the SWROGA Semi-Annual Financial Report for the period ending September 30, 2005, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these Minutes. As of 9/30/05 the account total was \$80,010.26 showing an increase of \$4,850.50 since the last report for 3/31/05. Carolyn assured the Members that there was no limit for a 501(c)3 organization but \$25,000 in income does require IRS reporting. The Treasurer's Report was approved and filed. The Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year ending 9/30/06 was presented with questions taken by the President. Patsy Boersma will coordinate the Education Expense with Clyde Holt. The Budget for 2006 was approved and filed and is a part of these Minutes.

President Burns called for the Reports of the Standing committees.

In the absence of Steve Eagle, Maureen Ferrara reported for Affiliated Societies that the 90th Spring 2006 Meeting and Show will be hosted by the Red River Orchid Society at the Remington Hotel, Wichita Falls, Texas, on March 31 through April 2, 2006. Contact Chair is M.C. Porter. The Greater North Texas OS will host the AOS/SWROGA meeting for Spring 2007 and Greater New Orleans will host Spring 2008. Today, approval is being requested by Heart O' Texas to host the Fall'06 Show. Houston has received a date approval for the Spring '09 Show from AOS, per Mavis Klehm. Fall '07, '08, and '09 is open. Today's Raffle raised \$245 for the Research Fund. Report approved and filed.

Byron McGraw, Chair of the Bylaws and Judiciary Committee, with all Members present, reported discussing a number of issues but no suggestions or action of the Committee was taken at this time. Report filed.

In the absence of Jim Williams, there was no Conservation report.

Patsy Boersma, with 2 members present reported for the Programs and Education Committee that the Speakers List has been updated and reminded Members that the List of Speakers and Slides is in the SWROGA Directory. Our librarian, Betty Kurka, is the contact person for Slide Shows. Slide Shows are usually made by the Members and are donated to SWROGA for rental. Few are used. Olie Garrison will take a few of the Shows and scan them and put them on CDs and see how it works. Lena mentioned that the Judging Center is getting good slides. A questioned was presented as to who approves a Slide Show or CD or DVD? Patsy responded that the Programs Committee members can review and approve the presentations, but warned that any copy written material should have prior written approval before use. The report was approved and filed.

The Chair of the Show Committee, Lowell McCabe reported that they have a new member, Karleen Sanborn. \$525 was collected for show tags in FY 2005 with a cost of \$62.70 for mailing them. The Committee is working on a PDF file of the Show Schedule. Report was approved and filed.

Publications Chair Amanda Saar reported four members present with a visitor, Byron. Amanda was happy to report that ads in the *SWROGA NEWS* have increased (for no known reason). Deadline for next issue is December 2, 2005. We now have an official Webmaster, Manny Aybar, who has a lot of exciting ideas for redesigning our Website! In 2006 Members will be invited to join a News Group. Whether you receive your *NEWS* by e-mail or snail-mail there will be a link to PDF reader on Website. Upcoming articles in the *NEWS* will include (but not be limited to!) an article by Manny, *Benefits of SWROGA Membership*, by Byron, *Proper Lighting at SWROGA Judging*, and by Amanda, *SACRO*, *a Conservation Effort in Costa Rica*. For \$25/year commercial vendors can have a link on the SWROGA website, but if they do a full-page ad for one year the link will be free. There will also be a free link for a Society's website. Report accepted and filed.

Dick Jamison, Chair of the Research Committee, reported that the Committee has received the comments of the SWROGA Bylaws and Judiciary Committee relating to the SWROGA Research Fund Procedures. The Research Committee is appreciative of the efforts of the BJC. Most of the suggested changes are minor in syntax, wording and grammar. The document is now greatly improved. The was a substantive change suggested: that monies donated to SWROGA for <u>directed grants</u> be disbursed to the designated recipient after the approval of the Research Committee and the Continuing Operating Committee. The Research Committee supports this change. Report was approved by Members and filed.

The Nominating Committee, as reported by Mickey Parker, has offered the following Slate of Officers for the next year:

President-Elect
Vice-President

Mavis Klehm Ronnie Brandenburg Treasurer Amanda Saar Carolyn McCabe Newsletter Editor Secretary Maureen Ferrara Burrell Gambel Member-at-large, Contin. Op. Comm. Michael Saar, as current President-Elect, does not need to be nominated. He will serve as President beginning Spring 2006. Report was accepted as presented and filed.

Betty Kurka, Historian, reported *in absentia*, that a new comprehensive list is now available of all past Presidents of SWROGA, including '62 through '77, for publication. A copy is attached to these Minutes. It is noted that extra copies of the SWROGA Directory cost \$5.

Billie Beck Kramer made a motion to set aside \$500 to help replace greenhouses of SWROGA Members devastated by hurricane Katrina. Motion died due to lack of second.

Lena moved to setup an ad hoc committee of perhaps five Members to determine a preliminary need for assistance in reestablishing plants for those lost as victims of hurricane Katrina in the southern Louisiana area. After much discussion regarding need and the determination thereof, specifically earmarked donations, applications of need, and funding, the motion was amended to set-up a committee which would establish guidelines for the providing of assistance to Members in need of plant replacement as a result of hurricane devastation. The motion to establish the ad hoc committee was seconded and passed by the Directors. The committee will report at the Spring '06 meeting.

Wally Boersma, SWROGA official auditor, reported that the fiscal books look great and are in good order. Motion was made to approve report. Seconded and approved by Directors.

Al Taylor proposed that proceeds of this Fall's Auction be directed to a Hurricane Victims' Fund rather than the Research Fund as had previously been approved by the Directors. Much discussion ensued. Byron suggested leaving the proceeds earmarked as is even though the Research Committee has no grant applications at this time although they are ready to accept SWROGA funds. Dick would have no objections to a funding change. A motion was made and seconded to apply this Fall's auction proceeds to a Hurricane Victims' Fund and use next Spring's auction funds to support the Research Fund. The motion failed to carry the votes of the Directors and was not approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Sandra Gengler, Secretary

Treasurer's Corner

TREASURERS/NEWSLETTER EDITORS,

It's time to start thinking about SWROGA dues. December 31st, 2005 is the cutoff date, payable by the end of February. The dues are still \$2.00 per member and still are for only the number of members you have listed for the calendar year ending December 31st, 2005.

In January, please start thinking about sending me your updated 2006 membership list and officer form for 2006. The list you send should be <u>ONLY</u> your <u>2006</u> members, not your 2005 members. Please send your lists as soon as you can after you compile them. I use the lists to generate the mailing labels for the newsletter and to include in the SWROGA 2006 Directory. Also, if possible, would you send your updated 2006 lists to me by e-mail—same with the officer form. It really helps me keep your membership information correct so that ALL your members receive their newsletter throughout the year. (Please note that I have a new e-mail address: <u>orchids@mbo.net</u>)

A 2006 directory will be printed for each society President and Treasurer. If your society would like to have any additional directories at \$5.00 each, please let me know before it goes to the printer (March 10th).

Thanks to all of the newsletter editors that are sending me your newsletters. I do read the newsletters I receive from you and enjoy them very much.

Here are some of the highlights since the last report:

A check in the amount \$524.73 for the fall newsletter was sent to the printer. A check in the amount of \$220.00 for an ad insert was received.

The auction and raffle in Arkansas increased the research fund in the amount of \$1,935.00. A donation to the research fund in the amount of \$50.00 was received.

SWROGA Funds on hand as of December 5, 2005

General	\$ 14,313.35
Research	\$ 7,920.85
Trophy	<u>\$ 60,475.86</u>

Total \$ 82,710.06

Your SWROGA treasurer,

Carolyn McCabe

Night and Day

Byron McGraw

Did you ever look at your Orchids at night in your greenhouse? If your greenhouse is like mine, it has fluorescent lights. These are fairly bright lights and things are easy to see but the flowers are dull. The color just doesn't seem as vivid as when you looked at them earlier in the day when the sun was shinning. Daylight really enhances the color of the flowers. We always want to see our orchids at their best, therefore we need good light. Fluorescent lights may be fine for the greenhouse but not for judging.

SWROGA shows are judged at night. This is necessary as the Saturday morning is taken up with Committee meetings, Directors meetings and the General meeting leaving no time for the judging of the show. This means your flowers do not get the proper consideration. Several years ago the Directors recognized this problem and placed the requirement that a light corrected for daylight be made available at each SWROGA Show. Specifications were developed in order that the light could be made available. To my knowledge two of this apparatus was made by SWROGA members. Both of these were clumsy, heavy and were rarely used. Finally, it seems that most societies hosting the show just ignored the requirement, thus denying the members whose orchids were pulled for AOS Judging the possibility of being seen at their best. Some societies today like to have their regular show judged at night..

Today we have such a light available, providing the daylight wide spectrum, at your local retail store or they may be ordered from several catalog sources at very reasonable prices. If your society is still using standard incandescent bulbs or traditional fluorescent bulbs for judging, you are not providing the proper light for the show plants to be judged. Not only do these lights provide daylight but additional brightness to allow the Judge to see the correct color, texture and the flower details.

Recently at a judging, even though it was during the day, the cloudy weather did not allow the Judges to see the actual color. Fortunately, a daylight lamp providing this wide spectrum light was available. The Judges used this light and the flower received an Award of Merit, whereas it probably would have only received a High Class Certificate. If your society is planning a show in which the judging will occur at night, please visit a retailer of lamps in your area and consider buying one of these lamps. You will be amazed at the results as well as the price. Help turn the Orchid Judging from **Night to Day.**

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38, #3	Fall 2006 (before Fall SWROGA show)	July 25, 2006	·	Quarter Page 4-1/2"x4"	\$45	\$65	\$85	\$105

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38, #4	Winter 2006 (after Fall SWROGA show)	November 17, 2006		Eighth Page 3-1/2"x2-1/2"	\$25	\$45	\$65	\$85	
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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 <u>www.swroga.org.</u>

		Event Location	Contact(s)
January 27- S 29	Shreveport Orchid Society	Barnwell Art and Garden Center 501 Clyde Fant Parkway Shreveport, LA	R.M. Jamison <u>Rjamison10@aol.com</u> 8602 Rampart Pl. Shreveport LA 712106 318-861-9095
February 11 [Dallas Judging Center Workshop & Judging	Michelson Art Museum Marshall, TX	Patsy Boersma pboersma@shreve.net 376 Henderson Schoolhouse Rd Marshall, TX 75670
March 10- 12	Greater North Texas Orchid Society	Texas A & M Agricultural Extension 17360 Coit Rd. Dallas, TX	Henry Horton henry.horton4@verizon.net 2702 Stoneridge Dr. Garland, TX 75044 Bobby Dillard 619 W. Hammond Lancaster, TX 75146 972-227-6923
	Alamo Orchid Society Show & Sale (celebrating the Society's 50 th anniversary)	San Antonio Garden Center 3310 N. New Braunfels Ave. San Antonio, TX 78209- 6636	Tom Davis ted1016@aol.com 210-650-9720
	Red River Orchid Society Hosting SWROGA	Remington Hotel & Conference Center 401 Broad Wichita Falls, TX	M.C. Porter <u>mccporter@aol.com</u> P.O. Box 4263 Wichita Falls, TX 76308 940-692-1997
	Houston Orchid Society Flower and Plant Extravaganza	George R. Brown Convention Center Avenida de las Americas Houston, TX	Don Ghiz doninhoustontx@aol.com 3217 Amherst St. Houston, TX 77005 713-661-1885
June 2-4	New Orleans Orchid Society Show	Lakeside Shopping Mall	Max Mipro 2129 N. Turnbull Dr. Metarie, LA 70001
July 7-9 E	Baton Rouge Orchid Society	Baton Rouge Garden Center 7950 Independence Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA	Bob Danka <u>rdanka@cox.net</u> 942 Woodstone Cir. Baton Rouge, LA 70808 225-769-7762
September (Galveston Orchid Society Show	Nessler Center	Sheila Skov orchidsandtropicals@msn.com

15-17		2010 5 th Av. North Texas City, TX	15727 Brook Forest Dr. Houston, TX 77059 281-286-1471
2006 Dates	Host(s)	Event Location	Contact(s)
October 20-22	Heart O'Texas Orchid Society Show, hosting SWROGA	Austin's Texas Star Events Ctr. 11810 Manchaca Austin, TX	Geoffrey L. Frost 1011 Strickland Dr. Austin, TX 78748-4878
2007 Dates	Host(s)	Event Location	Contact(s)
May 2-6	Fort Worth & Greater North Texas (Dallas) Orchid Societies Show and AOS	Arlington Convention Center 1200 Ballpark Way Arlington, TX	Ronnie & Jerry Brandenburg <u>roneidab@aol.com</u> 11045 Swaffar Dr. Dallas, TX 75228 972-279-4075

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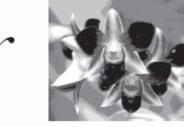
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