

SWROGA



SOUTHWEST REGIONAL ORCHID GROWERS ASSOCIATION SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to SWROGA! Do you know how widespread an area this Association covers? We include Orchid Societies from Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas with 23 societies represented. Each person is a member of SWROGA if their society belongs to SWROGA, which at last count we were at about 1200 individuals.

As we move forward, the Tulsa Orchid Society will be hosting the Spring 2018 member meetings. Please consider hosting combined AOS/SWROGA venues. It would solidify working relationships with the AOS, and provide reasons for larger shows, and greater judging opportunities.

Thank you very much, all of you, for your hard work over the past year, and as we look forward to a productive 2018, we will be putting forth more effort to make SWROGA the best it has ever been!

What benefits are there in being a SWROGA member?

SWROGA supports all our societies hosting the semi-annual spring and autumn SWROGA meetings and shows. We provide funds or physical trophies for the shows so the host society can provide great trophies to the winners. SWROGA can provide a loan to the host society if needed to help with things like booking the building. SWROGA provides a show entry schedule and classification that is used for SWROGA events. Most societies use the schedule as published or modified as they wish for all of their shows. This provides consistency so members can enter their plants easily across the entire region. SWROGA has a committee responsible for updating the schedule based on number of entries seen in each class and especially based on the official name changes from RHS. We also print and distribute the two part show entry tags.

ALL NEWSLETTER INPUT WELCOME!

If you would like to contribute an article, photos, society event, culture tips, etc., please contact the newsletter editor, Rex Ulmer at rexorchids@gmail.com

All SWROGA members are encouraged to participate. This is a great opportunity for all of SWROGA to know what is going on with you and your society. We publish the newsletter about six weeks before the next upcoming SWROGA meeting. Please let us hear from you!

SWROGA PROGRAMS FOR AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

If your society needs a presentation, please contact Lowell McCabe. He has finished converting the old slide presentations to PowerPoint. There are about 37 presentations available.

If you have a presentation you would be willing to share with SWROGA, please send it to him. Lowell may be reached at 405-899-4228 or orchids@mbo.net. This is a labor of love! We would like to thank Lowell for his continued service and dedication.

The SWROGA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This little note is to explain an honor you may or may not be fully familiar with—the SWROGA Achievement Award. This award was created subsequent to the efforts of an ad hoc committee chaired by Lena Parker in 1992. The purpose of the award is to recognize extraordinary members and their efforts in behalf of SWROGA.

Past honorees are: 1993 Fred Strothman; 1998 Ed Wright; 2000 Byron McGraw; 2003 Kathy Wright; 2004 Burrell Gambel; 2006 Carolyn McCabe; 2007 Doris McGraw; 2012 Don Maples; 2013 Julius Klehm; 2014 Lowell McCabe, 2015 Lena Parker; 2016 Lois Dauelsberg; and 2017 Jerry and Ronnie Brandenburg.

Conditions and procedures are that any member can nominate a potential recipient (living or deceased). Nominations are made by letter to the SWROGA President, and should list the nominee's accomplishments. The letter must be received by the Continuing Operating Committee at least 60 days prior to the next meeting to be considered. The letter is then circulated to SWROGA officers for their recommendation. Then if recommended by the officers, the nomination is presented to the Board of Directors for approval, to be presented as soon as possible.

ATTENTION: SWROGA AFFILIATED ORCHID SOCIETIES WHO HAVE WEB SITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA CONTACTS

If your society has its own web site for a public face, please update your information on the SWROGA web site. Many of you have broken links, and/or incorrect contact information for your society.

If your society has decided to use Face Book, Twitter, or any other social media instead of a web site, please provide this information also. We want to help you to put your best foot forward, and that includes the most up-to-date information we can provide them with. Thank you.

Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association 113th Meeting of Directors and Membership November 3, 2017

The SWROGA Directors and Membership meeting was held in the Iris Room, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens, 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd, Ft Worth, Tx 76107.

Lena Parker, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed all in attendance.

Per Procedures Sec F, it was noted President Mary Mancini was not in attendance and Lena Parker agreed to act for her as Vice President Sharon Duncan was also not in attendance. Acting Secretary, Charles Hess was present.

Lena reported a quorum with sixteen directors from 9 societies having signed in. After Lena clarified the SWROGA by-law definition of a quorum as being the directors present, all then agreed to proceed.

Jana Butcher reviewed the minutes from the previous Spring 2017 meeting in Tyler Texas. Lena Parker clarified that the corrected minutes were the ones published on the website that contained the by-laws changes presented at the Tyler meeting by the By-laws and Judiciary Committee. Don Maples moved that we accept the copy of the minutes as published in the SWROGA website as the official minutes to be accepted. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jana Butcher for Carolyn McCabe

Copies of the Annual Report (October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017) were distributed to the directors and membership present.

Jana reported that Carolyn was attending judging at another show but wanted to remind everyone of the 2018 dues of \$15 per society were coming due.

Jana highlighted the Summary of Accounts to show a balance of \$128,850.34. The difference between inflows and outflows was noted to be a negative \$859.83.

The new Conservation Fund approved in the Fall 2015 Directors meeting showed a net difference between inflows and outflows of \$550.

There were no inflows or outflows for the Research Fund.

The Trophy Fund has 18 Endowed Trophies with 17 available for Endowment at \$2500 each. The net difference between inflows and outflows is \$313.74.

Johnita Turner moved that the Annual Report be accepted as read (and published) and it was approved by vote of the directors.

The Budget for the 2017-2018 cycle was presented. For the Operating Fund, the projected receipts and disbursements balanced out to \$0. The Conservation Fund shows disbursements greater than income by \$550. The Trophy Fund has a projected increase of \$270.

Bill Parker asked about the \$50 budgeted for Administrative Expenses (Officers). It was concluded this was to cover any need expenses such as mailing papers and is rarely used but needs to be there in the budget if needed.

Bill Parker moved to approve, and it was accepted.

Committee Reports:

By-Laws and Judiciary Committee

Lena Parker, chair

Lena reported the SWROGA Procedures Manual is being updated and requested direction on three issues:

- 1) We used to accept advertising in our newsletter to cover mailing costs. Now, since everything is electronic, she suggested we eliminate the advertising cost and so moved. Lena's motion was approved.
- 2) Lena pointed out that in the Directory under "Show Schedule Instructions", we historically published the procedures for awarding the SWROGA Trophy for the "Best Flower" with a trophy price of \$50. Since then, we have been also awarding a similar trophy for "Best Grown Plant" but no information is shown in the Directory. Lena moved that we add the information and same cost for the awarding of the "Best Grown Plant". Her motion was seconded by Bill Parker and the motion was voted on and passed.
- 3) Lena moved that we take out the Section H Procedure paragraph titled "Funding Requests over \$1000.00". It states that any motion to spend this amount or more must be tabled, published, and voted on in the following Directors meeting. We have historically been granting these request by vote at the same meeting and cited the Conservation and the Research committees as typical examples.

Lena pointed out that her motion only affected this one paragraph and all other spending approvals in the Procedures were still in place and not effected. Her motion was approved by show of cards.

The revised Directory (which includes the Procedures) will be published in the next SWROGA newsletter and voted on at the Spring 2018 meeting for final approval.

Show Committee Don Maples for Alison Gallaway, Chair

Don requested approval to make changes quickly for up and coming shows:

- 1) In the Cattleya Alliance:
Class 113: Laelia species- Cinnabarina should be taken out of Laelias and moved to Cattleyas. This is just an example of the changes needed. The purpose is to make the show schedule consistent with the website classification table.

Sam Wylie asked why Laelias needed to be listed at all. Don explained that Laelia type species were originally from Mexico. Now with Laelias from South America with different DNA, a different class is needed.
- 2) In the Vanda Alliance:

Class 309: We need the wording “Vanda (syn) neofinetia and hybrids resembling Neofinetia” changed to say “Vanda (syn) neofinetia species and hybrids resembling Neofinetia. (The word “species” added.)

Class 310-312: Take out the words “syn. Neofineitia”

3) In the Miscellaneous Genera:

Class 702: Clowesia in Class 702 needs to be moved to Class 704.

Class 706: Stanhopea needs to be taken out and moved to Class 715 (all other genera).

Class 714: All genera grown for beauty of foliage (need not be in bloom) should have the word “primarily” inserted before “grown”.

- 4) Under the “List of Donated SWROGA Show Trophies” in the Show Schedule, the listing shows “Endowed” trophies. In the title, the committee would like to replace “Donated” with “Endowed”. (It was noted that it used to say “Endowed” but was changed.)
- 5) For the Class 924 showing “Funded”, this should be changed to “Funded bi-annually” (every 6 months)

Lena Parker moved that we authorize these changes and it was approved.

Don made an appeal from the Show Committee requesting any changes that people see need to be addressed, to please bring them to the attention of the Show Committee.

Changes for one class or one flower may not be changed but changes for clarification will be addressed.

Lena Parker added that SWROGA show schedules are available for local shows to use and that they may add or subtract. Just make sure the judges know about these changes. For SWROGA shows, adding a class is no problem (just not subtraction). Make sure the judges know about the change however.

Conservation Committee

Charles Hess, chair

Charles noted that the society support for conservation has recently increased to an all-time high and called for recognition for the \$500 Oklahoma Orchid Society donation, the \$300 Calcasieu Orchid Society donation, the \$250 Orchid Society of the Ozarks donation and \$175 from the Greater North Texas Orchid Society.

In recognition for their prior year (2016) strong conservation support, the Ozarks society will have their name shown as sponsoring the NAOCC’s Large Whorled Pagonia (*Isotria verticillate*) Orchid-Gami model.

The SWROGA Conservation Committee will be partnering with the Orchid Conservation Alliance (OCA) to support funding the new 1475-acre expansion of the Dracula Reserve in the Ecuadorian Cloud Forest. This expansion brings the reserve to 2616 acres. Funds collected will be sent to OCA which in turn be matched by Rainforest Trust.

Beginning this year, societies that “comp” the vendor table costs for the conservation fundraising table at shows will receive recognition in the AOS magazine for the equivalent donation to the AOS Herbarium. These funds qualify for additional matching thereby doubling the benefit.

A summary was distributed (attached below) showing the individual society fundraising and the projects supported for 2017. It was noted that the matching fund benefit afforded TI retirees has been a major help in our conservation effort.

The summary has since been amended to reflect final 2017 calendar year funding and is as follows:

SWROGA Conservation Committee 2017

SWROGA Society Fundraising

Revised
12/31/2017

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Show Fundraising</u>	<u>Society Donations</u>	<u>Show Table Comp'ed</u>	<u>Total</u>
SWROGA General Fund				1,950
Oklahoma (OOS)*	915	500	400	1,815
Calcasieu (COS)	1,145	300	200	1,645
Fort Worth (FWOS) SWROGA	380	500	400	1,280
Cen. East Texas (CETOS) SWROGA	830		200	1,030
Greater North Texas (GNTOS)*	725	225		950
Ozarks (OSO) (\$250 in 2017)		850		850
	<u>3,995</u>	<u>2,375</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>9,520</u>

Projects Supported**

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Total</u>
BRIT (Bot. Res. Inst. Of Texas)	Herbarium Collections	Inc. TI Match Funds	6,100
	Texas collection Digitizing	TI Volunteer prog.	750

NAOCC (N. Am. Orchid Con. Ctr)	Orchid Gami	Inc. TI Match Funds	4,000
Rainforest Trust (SWROGA check)	Dinagat Preserve, Philippines		2,550
American Orchid Society	Herbarium and Library	Inc. TI Match Funds (Table donations)	2,000
Orchid Conservation Alliance	Dracula Preserve, Ecuador 2017 expansion	Joint project w/ Rainforest Trust	1,875
Dallas Parks and Wildlife	Annual Hexalectris Survey	TI Volunteer prog.	250
			17,525

* Includes donated speaker fees

**Non SWROGA fundraising included

Affiliated Societies Committee

Jana Butcher, chair

Jana began by expressing appreciation for the improved new website by Manny Aybar where show postings can be made and where the list of current shows can be seen. Manny has allowed the committee to assist in adding shows if societies have not yet been able to post.

It was noted that Rex Ulmer will put a "Did you Know" feature on the site to list future shows and ones that occur at the same time every year.

Sam Wylie asked if it was possible to automate the posting for societies that have their show at the same time every year.

Jana put out an appeal for a sponsor for the Fall 2018 SWROGA and Spring 2019 show mentioning that she had a list of about 5 societies she will contact.

A new form is in draft that can be placed on our website that will provide a guideline for setting up shows and features key deadlines and requirements. This draft will be made available for use as a trial run. Once the process is refined, it will be incorporated in our procedures.

Research Committee

Rich Jamison

No report

Programs and Education Committee

Lowell McCabe

No report.

Publications Committee

Rex Ulmer

No report.

New Business

Spring SWROGA Show: Jack Heflin reminded all present of the next SWROGA show the Tulsa society is Sponsoring for the 3rd weekend in April (Apr 20-22), the first time in 20 years to do so. Tom Mirenda will be coming from his new assignment in Hawaii as a speaker and expenses will be shared with the Mid America show the following weekend. There are about 7 vendors lined up for Tulsa.

2017 SWROGA Achievement Award: Lena Parker announced that SWROGA is recognizing Jerry and Ronnie Brandenburg with the SWROGA Achievement Award for 2017. Lena read the list of accomplishments and service to SWROGA for the last several decades. Lena, having joined the judging program about the same time recounted their combined efforts in establishing the Dallas Judging Center which was a major undertaking.

Nominating Committee Report: Charles Hess, chair of the nominating committee presented the slate of officers for the 2018, 2-year term.

Vice President : Judy Cook
Secretary : Charles Hess
Treasurer : Tim Carr
Editor : Rex Ulmer
Member At Large : Bill Parker

A discussion was held about whether "President-Elect" Karlene Sanborn is still planning to serve, due to her current health. Phone calls were made, and it was found out that she would not be serving. Nominations were opened for a president to be nominated from the floor. Jana Butcher, who consented to serve, was nominated from the floor and added to the slate.

Lena called for a vote that we accept the slate as amended (with the addition of Jana as President) to be voted on in the Spring meeting. The slate was accepted as amended.

****Addition to the minutes:** Since the Fall SWROGA meeting, Allen Koch, Treasurer of the Oklahoma Orchid Society has offered to replace Tim Carr on the slate to be voted on in the Spring 2018 SWROGA show.

For clarity, the minutes are being updated to reflect the expected slate to be voted on for election at the Spring 2018 business meeting at Tulsa as follows:

President : Jana Butcher
Vice President : Judy Cook
Secretary : Charles Hess
Treasurer : Allen Koch
Editor : Rex Ulmer
Member At Large : Bill Parker

With no new business, at 9:00 PM a motion was made to adjourn; the motion was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted and signed,
Charles Hess Acting, Secretary

The SWROGA Show Trophy
Submitted by Carolyn McCabe



Is your society planning a show? If so, don't forget to order a SWROGA Show Trophy for Best Flower of Show to award to one of your deserving exhibitors!

The trophy can be purchased by e-mailing Carolyn McCabe, SWROGA Treasurer, at orchids@mbo.net. The price of the trophy is \$50.00 including shipping.

Your check should be made payable to SWROGA and mailed to Carolyn at 16351 Banner Road, Lexington, OK 73051. The trophy will be mailed to you via USPS priority.

SWROGA EVENTS CALENDAR

Acadian Orchid Society Show and Sale, April 4-6

Houston Orchid Society Show and Sale, April 14-15

**SPRING SWROGA MEMBER'S MEETING,
SHOW AND SALE, Tulsa Orchid Society, April 20-22**

**Oklahoma Orchid Society's Annual Mother's Day
Orchid show and sale, May 12-13**

**Galveston Bay Orchid Society Mother's Day
Orchid show and sale, May 11-13**

**66th Annual New Orleans Orchid Society
Orchid Show and Sale, June 1-3, 2018**

**Houston Orchid Society's 39th Annual Summer Workshop,
August 3-4, 2018**

**Calcasieu Orchid Society, Lake Charles, LA,
Orchid show and sale, October 26-28**

**CURRENT SWROGA AFFILIATED SOCIETIES
CONTACT INFORMATION**

(If your information is missing, it is because it is not posted to the SWROGA website, or is in some other way incomplete)

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The Heart of Texas Orchid Society

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