**PROPOSED :**

**SWROGA Procedures: March 2024**

**SECTION A – CONSERVATION**

**CONSERVATION REPRESENTATIVE**

**Each affiliated society should appoint a local Conservation Representative to exchange information between SWROGA and their society. The name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number of the local Conservation Representative should be included in the SWROGA Directory in the list of Officers.**

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**The SWROGA Conservation Committee shall consist of all affiliated society Conservation Representatives and any other society member wishing to participate.**

**ORCHID HABITAT ~~CONSERVATION~~ SUPPORT**

**SWROGA conservation financial support is to be solely voluntary through society donations and individual member donations.**

**SWROGA societies may select a local orchid area or preserve to receive SWROGA support and specify that their society’s SWROGA Conservation Committee donations go to these preserves.**

**The orchid preserves currently receiving annual SWROGA support are:**

1. **Watson Rare Native Plant Preserve- a 10 acre preserve near the Big Thicket in East Texas most noted for its large population of Platanthera chapmanii .**
2. **Cedar Ridge Preserve- Located 30 miles south of Dallas and known for its large population of Hexalectris warnockii (The official SWROGA logo orchid ~~logo~~).**

**TYPES OF SUPPORT**

**Support for native orchid habitats within the SWROGA region may be in three forms: direct financial support, research stipends (indirect), or volunteer work.**

**Direct financial support:**

**Donations may be made at any time and are raised primarily through:**

**(1) Annual Conservation Fundraising Campaigns**

**The Annual Conservation Fundraising Campaign will begin with a flier sent to all society Directors and Treasurers by the Conservation Committee prior to the annual announcement of dues. Societies wishing to contribute may include their conservation donations along with their annual dues.**

**(2) The Dr Lawrence Magrath Memorial/Conservation Fund**

**Donations made to the Dr Lawrence MaGrath Memorial /Conservation Fund in remembrance**

**of society members (See Section K) will go to support the SWROGA conservation programs.**

**Research Stipends (indirect supoort)**

**The Conservation Committee shall ~~also~~ be responsible for granting periodic stipends to**

**students or organizations conducting research on orchids found within the SWROGA**

**region. Society and individual member ~~D~~donations to the Conservation Committee**

**specifically designated as “Research” and will be held separately in the Research Fund**

**and this fund will be the source of stipends given by the Conservation Committee.**

**Volunteering (time support)**

**The annual Hexalectris survey at Cedar Ridge Preserve in Dallas takes place in June and July on Mondays and Thursdays for approximately 6 weeks. To join the survey, send an email to Charles\_M\_Hess@ymail.com to be added to the survey contact email for times and locations. Surveys begin at 8 AM and last for 3 to 4 hours depending on Dallas summer temperatures. Individuals may participate in any of the surveys that they wish.**