

Maryland Orchid Society
Board of Directors
April 10, 2008

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Orchid Society was held at the home of Marilyn Lauffer at 7:30 p.m. on April 10, 2008.

Members of the Board present: Bill Ellis, Marilyn Lauffer, Valerie Lowe, Ann Lundy, Lee Lundy, Tom McBride, Clark Riley, Bill Scharf, David Smith, Gary Smith, Laura Sobelman, and Cyrus Swett.

Others present: Sue Spicer.

The President, Ann Lundy, called the meeting to order. In the absence of the Secretary, Lee Lundy was asked to act as recording secretary for the meeting.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved.

The Treasurer, David Smith, reported on the finances of the Society. He will be moving funds from our checking account to an account with a higher yield.

The Controller, Lee Lundy, reported on discussions with S & L Productions, which conducts the Maryland Home and Garden Show in March of each year of which the MOS Show has been a part. After discussion, the Board adopted a motion approving acceptance of the offer by S&L to hold the 2009 MOS Show in the same venue (with the second weekend of the Maryland Home and Garden Show) on the same terms and conditions as the 2008 Show.

The Education Chair, Eric Wiles, reported on plans for a workshop to be held on April 12, 2008, at St. David's Church in Baltimore. A potential trip to the Smithsonian was discussed, and the Education Chair will look into available times, specific arrangements, and logistics.

The Auction Co-Chair, Bill Ellis, reported that he would make the necessary payment to reserve the same venue for the MOS 2008 annual auction (the Saturday after Thanksgiving) as that in which the Auction was held in 2007.

The Away Shows Chair, Valerie Lowe, announced changes in plans for 2008 away shows; no MOS exhibit is planned for the NCOS show, and it is possible that there will be no MOS exhibit for the SOS show.

The Membership Chair, Marilyn Lauffer, reported that there were 18 new members from the 2008 Show.

The Nominating Committee Chair, Cyrus Swett, reported that the Committee is close to having a slate to recommend to members at the MOS April meeting in accordance with the Bylaws.

The Program Chair, Ann Lundy, reported on expected speakers for the upcoming meetings.

The Show Chair, Bill Scharf led a discussion of Show issues. He will get in contact with the *Baltimore Sun* regarding the advertising charge we received.

The Newsletter Chair, Laura Sobelman, reported on developments regarding the newsletter.

The President, Ann Lundy, announced that a sale of the plants owned by Charlie Geis, late Life Member of the Society, would take place at his former residence on April 19, 2008.

Valerie Lowe announced the Central Pennsylvania Orchid Seminar on August 10, 2008, which will cost \$30 per person. She proposed, and the Board by motion adopted,

that the Society would subsidize Society members who wish to attend to the extent of \$10 per member, so that any member who wants to attend may do so for a cost to the member of \$20, provided that the member makes payment to Valerie Lowe by June 30, 2008.

A discussion of monthly meeting show table classes was held. Consolidation of greenhouse classes and adding a dendrobium class are under consideration.

The Web Site Chair, Clark Riley, announced that the MOS web site was now on a FiOS server, resulting in higher speeds.

Bill Ellis, who had agreed at the preceding Board meeting to head a mentor program for new MOS members, will present proposed details of the program at the July Board meeting.

It was announced that the Society would have the opportunity to make an *Orchid Digest* award of merit to a Society member annually.

The Board determined that the next meeting would be held July 10, 2008, at the home of David and Margaret Smith.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Lee Lundy, Jr., Recording
Secretary for the Meeting