

# June 7th, 2021 Zoom Meeting Minutes Final

**6:00 PM Business Meeting** Marta Hudson started the meeting by welcoming everyone then asked Larry to continue with his Culture Class presentation.

**6:00 PM – Culture Class** Roy

**6:30 PM** – Marta greeted everyone and spoke about the following ongoing topics:

**Membership update – Amy:** New members, guest, Forms, Members dues

You've received invoices/pledges in the mail. Please pay with credit card or send a check to the address in the application. Contact Amy for the New Motes Month to Month Books, a must have for everyone.

**Annual Scholarship Awards** – Barbara Delgato (chair of the Scholarship committee) presented Two scholarships for 2021 to Charles Foster & Ethan Marshall both with remarkable grade point averages and career goals.

**New Board members voting**

Marta has been challenging members to step-up to the needs of the organization to give current leaders a chance to step-down and focus on their life and other things. Here is the update:

- \*Tracie Cady (**Communications Director**) has agreed to fill the vacancy
- \*Karen Clark (**Secretary**) has agreed to fill the remainder of Randy Brodsky's term. Randy stepped down early to spend more time with family.
- \*\*Nancy Morrison (**Director-at-Large** candidate) Per the SOS By-laws, our members must vote for candidates to the Board at the annual meeting; however, due to covid 19, the nomination committee continued to interview interested Board candidates. Marta asked to vote to elect Nancy to the board and she was approved by the members.

**Board of Directors 2021-2022**

### ***Officers for 2021-2022:***

Marta Hudson (Past President, Acting President)

Leta Mulholland (Treasurer)

\* Karen Clark (Secretary)

### ***Directors for 2021-2022:***

Susan Gerhardt (Meeting Director)

Amy Boyd (Membership Director)

Ann Votta (Development Director)

Roy Krueger (Education Director)

\*Tracie Cady (Communications Director)

Laurie Stoner (Technology Director)

Larry Desiano (Show Director)

\*\* Nancy Morrison (Director-at-Large)

### ***Key Open (Non-Term) Positions for your consideration:***

Membership Roster (assist during meetings)

Website Editor

Social Media Administrator

Volunteer Coordinator for the Annual Show

Show Hospitality

**Word of the month:** mealybug (MEE-lee-bug): A group of sucking insects commonly found in the leaf axils and along the inflorescences of orchids, characterized by white elliptic bodies.

**Quote of the month:** Just because I disagree with you, doesn't mean that I hate you. We need to relearn that in our society. MLK

**Seedlings Contest** Postponed for July.

### **Orchid Tasks For June by Motes**

- Careful watering this month often means no watering at all. Arise early to enjoy the cool and water only when truly necessary.
- Space plants amply. Good air circulation is essential across the coming months.
- Re-pot Phals and re-set Vandas. Make sure that plants are firmly set in their new abodes.

- Begin or continue a disease prevention program with the prophylactic application of Thiophanate Methyl (Cleary's 3336) and Alliette or with Banrot.
- Clean up growing area and plants . Remove dead leaves from plants and the ground. Pull weeds.
- Prune trees and shrubs to increase light and air circulation.
- Apply snail bait lightly early in the month and again lightly mid-month 8. Set air conditioning thermostat at 80 and enjoy living in the Tropics.
- With the late and dramatic break of our drought, the long aestivating snails and slugs will be voraciously hungry.

### **Ongoing or Upcoming Activities:**

- I. Mentoring program** –Contact Randy
- II. Next Monthly Meeting:** July 5th at Selby's
  - a. Bill Nunez – **Topic:** "Growing Orchid Seedlings from flask to bloom"
- III. Cattleya Alliance:** Cancelled for 2021
- IV. Progressive New Members Gathering:** July 10<sup>th</sup>, starts at 9:00 am at Marta's House & ends at Mary Jo's.
- V. IPA International Phalaenopsis Alliance Symposium:** August 6-8  
604 E Main St Apopka
- VI. Next Board Meeting:** June 28<sup>th</sup> at Susan Gerhardt
- VII. Tamiami International Orchid Festival:** October 1st - 3rd, 2021 from 10am - 6pm. Miami-Dade County Fair Expo Center. 10901 Coral Way

**7:00 Speaker Presentation:** Speaker Norman Fang "The New Color Forms of Phalaenopsis Species"

Degree in Ornamental Horticulture from California State Polytechnic University in Pomona in 1988. While still a student, he managed the Raymond Burr Orchid Collection on campus. Two scholarships to study plant tissue culture also allowed him to study under Dr. Murashige at the University of California and Dr. Tanabe at the University of Hawaii.

In 1986, he started his nursery, Norman's Orchids, based in both California and Taiwan. He has been the recipient of many AOS awards and Show Trophies.

Norman has traveled around the world to judge orchid shows, from Asia to South Africa, from Canada to South America.

Former Vice President of the American Orchid Society, Founding Member and Regional Director of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance, currently celebrating its 25th year!

**7:00 PM Virtual Display Table** Presentation with Roy

**7:30 - PM Door prizes** donated by Cheryl Robbins

1. Blc. Yellow Bird (not in bloom) - Doriel Boyce
2. Rth. Paradise Beauty 'Golden Angel' - Kaitlin Brancato

**Marta** adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone who attended. We made lemonade out of lemons and had a real nice social gathering afterwards among the members who were present.

Please stay safe and healthy, and may God Bless you!