

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am CDT by President Don Dramstad.

Present

Those present were: Don Dramstad, Terry Schroeder, Harry Rissetto, Brad Freeman, Mark Oldenkamp, Bob Schroeder, Rosemary Freeman, Alan Fisher, Jerry Landerholm, Linda DeRooy Holmes-Cook, Ken Jensen, Mark Oldenkamp, Sharon Swaney, Claudia Biggs, Ray Phillips, Lois Ann Helgeson, Marion Landerholm, Eileen Jensen, Rob Swaney.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

New England Dahlia Society

Rosemary Freeman moved and Bob Schroeder seconded to accept the New England Dahlia Society as a new society within the American Dahlia Society. The motion passed.

Honorary Judge

Bob Schroeder went over the information on Honorary Judges:

- Title changed to Honorary Senior Judge
- Honorary senior judge must maintain membership in local dahlia society and the ADS. The position is used for a senior judge who has served many years, but is no longer fully able to fulfill the requirements for maintaining their judging status.
- Honorary senior judges may judge at a local show at the invitation of the Show/Judging Chair. An honorary senior judge may not judge on the seedling bench or at a trial garden. The honorary senior judge should not be a team leader except when a senior or accredited judge is not available. An honorary senior judge should not judge the Head Table or Court of Honor.

An honorary senior judge can return to fully recognized senior judge status within three years after becoming an honorary senior judge by:

- Being listed as an accredited judge in the club's judging record for the first year after request (transitional year)
- During the year they are listed as an accredited judge, they must fulfill all requirements to maintain status for a senior judge.
- Attend a judging class which is being presented by a local club/conference
- Show and judge in two (2) ADS sanctioned shows.
- Judge four (4) seedlings at an ADS trial garden or on the seedling bench, supervised by a senior judge. If a trial garden or seedling bench is not within a reasonable distance, the applicant may perform the seedling judging at a local garden, where seedlings are grown, as described in the policy manual.
- When all above items are completed the applicant may retake the senior test.

If the individual completes all requirements during the transitional year, the Accreditation Chair may list the individual as returning to senior status. If the individual does not complete the requirements during the transitional year, the Accreditation Chair will notify the individual in writing that their request for returning to senior status was not approved. If the individual was listed as an honorary senior judge for longer than three (3) years, they must re-enter the judging program as an accredited judge and complete all required training the same as a new accredited judge to advance to senior judge.

Bob Schroeder moved and Linda DeRooy Holmes Cook seconded to approve the criteria for Honorary Senior Judge. The motion passed.

Membership

There was discussion regarding the membership year and what members should receive as far as The Bulletin and Classification and Handbook of Dahlias. **Harry Rissetto moved and Mark Oldenkamp seconded that a new member, as defined below, joining the Society will receive a welcome letter, a copy of "Dahlias, A Monthly Guide" published by the Puget Sound Dahlia Association, and a copy of the current version of Classification and handbook of Dahlias. The new member will be advised that back issues of the ADS Bulletin are available on the "members" portion of the ADS website. A "new member" is a person(s) who has not previously appeared in the records of the ADS as a member.** The discussion continued with what it states in the bylaws, "...shall receive one copy of each issue of the BULLETIN of The American Dahlia Society and the current Classification and Handbook of Dahlias." **Bob Schroeder called for the question and Linda DeRooy Holmes Cook seconded. Jerry Landerholm moved to table the motion and Alan Fisher seconded. The motion to table the motion failed, with three voting yes and 6 voting no.** There was further discussion. **Harry Rissetto called for the question on the initial motion and Linda DeRooy Holmes Cook seconded. The original motion passed with three opposed.**

ADS Organization

Mark Oldenkamp presented an ADS Organizational Chart based on what he presented at last year's planning meeting with changes made, based on the comments at that time. This chart has the officers, including past president, three vice presidents, membership chair, classification chair, bulletin chair, finance chair and trustees on the executive committee. Mark feels the executive committee is a pathway for efficient decision making between meetings. There was discussion about having the executive committee made up of only elected officers or elected officers, trustees and immediate past president. It was discussed to look at the implications with what would need to be changed in the bylaws respective to the change of having an executive committee. It was decided to move forward to investigate moving ahead with this structure. **Mark Oldenkamp moved and Jerry Landerholm seconded to investigate what needs to be done to move forward with this type of structure for the ADS. The motion passed.**

Nominations

It is again time for elections. Don appointed the Nomination Committee Chair to be Harry Rissetto. The nominations should be done by April 15 so they can be included in the June Bulletin. Ron Miner's trustee position is the only one up for election this year. Harry Rissetto's and Wayne Shantz's positions will be up for re-election in 2018.

Based on the discussion in the planning meeting, there was discussion about creating a US/North American map, to be on the website, with dots indicating where individual societies are located. Sharon Swaney said she will investigate this and see what can be done.

Judging Roster

Bob Schroeder would like to move the Judging Roster to be sent with the June issues instead of the March issue. He feels it will be easier to get the information from the Judging Accreditation Chairs by mid-April. It still is in plenty of time for the show season. No one had any concern with that being done.

Minutes

Harry Rissetto moved and Mark Oldenkamp seconded to approve the February 21, 2016 minutes with corrections. The corrections were on page 4 at the end of the first paragraph the Federation of NW Dahlia Growers will host the 2020 National Show. Also on page 4 in the last paragraph on Photography, it should be Puget Sound Dahlia Association.

There was discussion regarding developing an app for a color chart, since most people now have smart phones. Some other items to consider for the future are having a list of judges who are willing to travel and provide judges training in remote locations. Develop a fast track system. Develop a list of areas that have needs for judges training. Put together a canned program that can be used in conjunction with the typical judges training.

Bob Schroeder and Ken Jensen were asked to determine where to have the next Spring Planning Meeting.

Don Dramstad extended appreciation to the Central States and Southtown Dahlia Societies. He thanked Steve Meggos and the staff of Pheasant Run for hosting the meeting and for the wonderful treatment they provided.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 pm CDT

Respectively Submitted,

Terry Schroeder, ADS Secretary