

American Dahlia Society
Conference Call Minutes
July 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm EDT by First Vice-President Brad Freeman acting as President, per ADS bylaws, Article 7, Section 2.

Present

Those on the call were: Brad Freeman, Ken Jensen, Don Dramstad, Terry Schroeder, Harry Risetto, Wayne Shantz, Eleanor Shantz, Bob Schroeder, Jerry Landerholm, Don McAllister, Linda Holmes-Cook, Martin Kral, Steve Nowortarski, Rosemary Freeman, Alan Fisher, Charles Miehm and Claudia Biggs

Brad Freeman stated since this was a special meeting we would not go through reports, including approval of the minutes. Those would be done at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Request for Reimbursement

Brad Freeman sent out a draft policy for computer and software purchases in accordance with the motion approved during the June 8, 2014 conference call of the Executive Committee. It was clarified that this discussion of policy was not related to the request for reimbursement that had been made. It is felt the language should be broad enough to include all forms of technology. It is important to remember that all pieces of equipment have a life. It was moved and seconded and approved to adopt the following policy:

Equipment Purchase Policy

The Executive Board may approve the purchase of equipment including computer hardware and software for an Executive Board member to fulfill their duties for the American Dahlia Society. The equipment will not be used for personal or other business purposes. The American Dahlia Society will retain ownership of the equipment and Executive Board can transfer it to another individual as needed.

Brad Freeman, acting as President, stated he has authorized \$300.00, from the President's Discretionary Funds, to be paid to Don McAllister to be used toward the replacement of his computer. Brad felt this is appropriate given that Don McAllister's work on the Colorado Dahlia Society website has brought the dahlia to the attention of gardeners in United States and perhaps worldwide. In addition his work on the Big List has direct benefits to the dahlia hybridizers in United States.

ADS 2015 Centennial Planning

Harry Risetto reported he anticipates having a rough draft of the publication for the last 50 years done by year end. He still needs input on the Symposium as to what we would like to see covered, how it would be funded and who would be the person to do the presentation. He will work out with the Mid Island Dahlia Society the timing for the Symposium. At this point, it looks like it may be Sunday night, after dinner. It was decided to have a Conference Call on July 13 to discuss the Symposium. Mid Island Dahlia Society is planning a spectacular weekend for the 2015 show. The funding is running well to keep costs down. There will be no cash awards.

International Affiliated Society Membership

It was suggested that we leave this item on the table. It is likely this will be an important part of our future and will likely be discussed at a Spring Planning Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 pm EDT.

Respectively Submitted,

Terry Schroeder
ADS Secretary