

**American Dahlia Society  
Minutes – Board Meeting  
May 3 & 5, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm PDT by President Brad Freeman. Brad thanked the Alberta Dahlia & Gladiolus Society for hosting the Spring Board and Planning meeting this year. Introductions were made around the room. After introductions, Brad asked for a moment of remembrance for those who are ill or have passed away since our last meeting. Harry Risetto shared that our former ADS President, Don Dramstad, is having some significant health issues.

**Present**

Board members present were: Brad Freeman, Mark Oldenkamp, Ken Jensen, Terry Schroeder, Charles Miehm, Harry Risetto, Ron Miner, Linda DeRooy Holmes-Cook, Bob Schroeder, Elva Sellens, Rosemary Freeman, Sharon Swaney, and guest, Rob Swaney.

Members of the Alberta Gladiolus & Dahlia Society present were Elsie Zak, **Roberto** Zak, Debbie Hatt, Marilyn McArthur, Lorne McArthur, Eileen Grant.

**Minutes**

Corrections noted for the February 2019 minutes: The meeting was opened by President Brad Freeman (not Don Dramstad) Larry Smith was present at the meeting. Under Treasurer, the ADS's fiscal year is June 1 to May 31 (not May 21) and Charles is in the process of changing the signers to Harry Risetto and himself on the Ameriprise account (not the secretary). Under Membership, (360 X 2=720) and (41 X 2 = 82) (= sign instead of + sign). It was also noted different fonts and sizes were used and it should be consistent. **Bob Schroeder moved, and Charles Miehm seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed.**

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

**President**

Brad Freeman asked for any remembrances. It was stated that former President, Don Dramstad is having some significant health issues.

**Treasurer**

Charles Miehm submitted the following report, as of 4/30/2019. From January 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019, the ADS has had a total income of \$41,903.63 and expenses of \$12,414.61. Ameriprise (restricted) balance is \$61,920.00, unrestricted is \$14,003.81. The Vanguard account is \$71,420.34. The Wells Fargo account has a balance of \$74,082.74. The total ADS funds are \$220,360.89. The inventory value as of 4/30/2019 is \$14,078.00. Restricted funds in the Wells Fargo account are: Virus Fund – Sheetz-Chuey Foundation, \$4,890.39, Genome Project, \$34,796.94, 2019 National Show, \$200.00, 2022 National Show, \$2,525.00 and 2023 National Show, \$50.00 for a total of \$42,462.33 restricted funds in the Wells Fargo bank account. Charles reported the Lake City bank account was closed. There is an issue with checks drawn on Canadian bank accounts not being able to be processed through Wells Fargo. The question of an audit was brought up; Mac did have someone who did an annual audit for him. Charles will look at costs of getting an audit and will look at PayPal or merchant account to process Canadian memberships. There was discussion about using Amazon Smile as a fundraiser. We do have an account and a small amount has been donated through that program. Charles will get more information about it so we can put the information out to members. There was question about accounting for life memberships; Charles will determine

how Mac was doing it. **Ron Miner moved, and Linda DeRooy Holmes-Cook seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. The motion passed.**

### **Executive Committee**

Brad Freeman reported on the actions of the Executive Committee since the last board meeting.

1. We approved to pay \$500 each for travel expenses to the National Show to Dr. Alex Harkness and graduate student, Courtney Schiebout. The money will come from the genome project funds as they are working on the RNA sequencing.
2. We approved funding for Sharon to update the online classification guide.
3. We are working on transferring two domain names relating to national shows. Deb Haas registered them but no longer wants to continue. We are working on transferring them from Deb Haas and GoDaddy to where the rest of our computer stuff resides.

### **First Vice President**

Mark Oldenkamp reports the GroupVine implementation for ADS email seems to be working well. Sharon Swaney has been very important in the testing and debugging of this program. As we get everyone more used to this tool, I see opportunity for some of the committees to consider using this communication tool. There is adequate capacity to handle this with the current subscription.

I am thrilled to note the recent announcement of a new society, The Central Coast Dahlia Society, operating in the San Luis Obispo area. I will be able to visit San Luis Obispo in early June and have made arrangements for a special meeting with the club members which will include a judging seminar as well as a general question and answer. I was pleased to hear that the PSW Conference has provided some seed money to help this new society with its startup.

Tomorrow we will have a discussion of the organizational structure that was adopted recently. I believe that the VP's are on a learning curve with their various assigned committees toward developing a routine on communication and making an effort to cc the VP in charge of their committee. More discussion about this goal will occur on Saturday at the planning meeting.

### **Third Vice President**

Ken Jensen provided information on the schedule for activities put on by the Alberta Gladiolus and Dahlia Society this weekend. On Saturday, there will be a silent auction of various items donated by members. Saturday night there will be Beef and Bowling, with pie and ice cream. On Sunday there will be a tour of Lorne and Marilyn McArthur's property, including the trial garden, Lorne's taxidermy shop and their son's tile shop. After that, we will drive out to Deb Hatt's property and see her garden and her quilting operation; snacks will also be available.

## **REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS**

### **Mid Atlantic Conference**

Gettysburg Dahlia Society, National Capital Dahlia Society, and The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society experienced a moderate winter, not a lot of snow and minimal bitter cold weather. Enthusiasm for growing the new season's dahlias is ramping up. Societies are ramping up for tuber sales, scheduled for late April. We would expect strong sales this year since interest in dahlias from the general public is very high right now. It is, after all, The Year of the Dahlia.

NCDS is a very active society, maintaining an Exhibition and Trial Garden, holding monthly meetings, and providing informative monthly newsletters. In addition to all this, they consistently offer dahlia educational opportunities to the public with their Annual Show, as well as tuber

division demonstrations, dahlia cutting instructions, helping 4H youth, and more. Their enthusiasm and friendliness are contagious, and many new members have caught the "bug."

GPDS has formed a committee to develop new ways to promote dahlias to the public and encourage as many people as possible to try our favorite flower. Some of the ideas being considered include special bargains at our tuber sales for multiple purchases, free tubers to our members who help out at the sales, donations of arrangements to public libraries, blooms to retirement communities, reintroducing a novice category in our dahlia show, with more cash prizes for the novice and junior categories. Our membership has significantly increased. At our March meeting, which was standing room only, member Tim Elkner, Penn State Extension Educator, presented an informative talk on new biological fungicides and pesticides. We followed the meeting with the ever-popular tuber division demonstration for our newer members.

### **Midwest Dahlia Conference**

Randy Foith reports the Midwest has been receiving its share of rain at this time. We are in the final planning stages of the MDC Spring Meeting and Plant Auction in Elkhart, Indiana. The proceeds from the auction go to the society that hosts that year's Midwest Show. The West Michigan DS will host the 2019 National/Midwest Dahlia Show in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The venue, The Frederik Meijer Gardens is beautiful to say the least! Dahlia tubers and cuttings are potted, waiting for the soil to warm for planting out. Wish you all a great growing season from the Midwest Dahlia Conference!

### **North Atlantic Conference**

Ed Bonci reports last weekend nine members of MIDS gathered at Eisenhower Park to repair and prepare the beds for the Eastern Trial Garden, under the supervision of Mine Shukofsky, trial garden director. Mike advises me that the trial garden will be ready the weekend of May 12.

CDS had a very successful tuber sale on April 28 at Elizabeth Park. Tuber sales throughout the conference will take place during May and June. In addition to their regular tuber sales, LIDS has a booth set up with tubers and started plants at the Farmingdale University plant sale. This 3-day event is run by the horticultural students and exposes the public to quality exhibition dahlias at affordable prices.

### **Pacific Northwest Conference**

Mark Oldenkamp reports PNDC has met to develop some strategies for the future. Held in advance of the annual meeting, it was reported that a complete bylaws review would occur in 2019 and has started. Our new President, Larry Smith, has been reviewing nearly 65 years of archives for a historical significance. Using this as a foundation there is conversation about what PNDC should look like in the future. There are some initial directives from leadership regarding standing committees and the possibility of a combined annual show book. Geography for the six societies make it a challenge for face-to-face meetings, so we are experimenting with web meetings using ZOOM software.

The Canby Trial Garden will be full again this year, in fact the 35 reservations filled earlier than ever. We keep a waiting list and were able to accommodate a few hybridizers as some who had made reservations needed to cancel. Tubers were potted up in early April and the planting is scheduled for May 11. The garden will be relocated with soil tests and layout being arranged. The location will still be very visible to the public.

The Portland Society has put in a bid for the 2023 National Show. There is significant enthusiasm. Once ADS officially approves the bid, the site contract will be completed. It will be at the Red Lion on the River which is the same location as 2012.

The two Canadian Societies have struggled a bit in recent years. Judges training is one area of support they have asked for help. I have a trip planned to Vancouver Island in July and have

been able to coordinate that schedule to include an afternoon judges training session in Nanaimo.

### **Southern States Conference**

Ray Phillips reports the Southern States association is doing well, life and old age are creeping in on many, but we have new and younger members coming on strong to take our places in the next few years. There will be three Southern State shows this year instead of the usual four. The future plan is to rotate one club out per year except the Carolinas society, which opted to continue with a show each year. The schedule is planned for Carolinas to move into the next to last week in September, Tennessee will host a show on the last weekend in September and Alabama on the first weekend in October; ya'll come if you can.

Tuber sales were assisted this year by sharing out the 2500 tubers harvested at the home of Jack Leatherwood last fall. All four societies were represented at the dividing last December and labeling the tubers this spring. The Tennessee society held a two-day sale at the Chattanooga Market last weekend and raised funds for our future needs. The yearly tuber sale there is well accepted, and people come back year after year to purchase our offerings. This has also been a great way to get new members to sign up, start attending meetings and learning to grow good dahlias.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Advertising**

Brad Freeman reports Teresa Bergman, from the Portland Dahlia Society has agreed to take on the Advertising Chair position for the *Bulletin*.

### **Classification**

It was reported some of the clubs are struggling with how to handle the micros. It's important to remind members we are experimenting, and we are just starting. It will need some sorting out as we continue. It's a five-year trial and we will work through it.

### **Editor**

Linda reports the June *Bulletin* is in the hands of our printer at this time. We have had good representation from the clubs, getting their reports in close to the deadline. Thank you also to everyone who prepared articles and educational content. Linda is still working toward getting the report and information earlier/better. We are still hoping to be able to add more color pages to the *Bulletin*. This and other ways to improve our *Bulletin* will be topics of discussion at our Spring Planning meeting. Donna Lane has joined the *Bulletin* staff as our new Show Reports Editor. She also has volunteered to help with proofreading. She is a great addition and I am happy to be able to have a second pair of eyes look through the copy after Dave has done setup and layout on our *Bulletin*. Teresa Bergman is also going to be taking over the responsibility of Marketing and Advertising chair. Thank you to our newest volunteers! There was a short discussion about including more color and mailing to Canada. There will be additional discussion regarding the *Bulletin* on Saturday.

### **Finance**

Harry Rissetto reports the finances of the ADS are in good shape. The Finance Committee proposes including a donation envelope in September including genome project and national show support as options.

## **Garden Dahlias**

Alan Fisher reports he is working on a couple of articles for garden lovers who dabble in dahlias:

- Soil Improvements
- Combining Dahlias with Other Plantings

He is hopeful he will be able to do something for growing dahlias in containers.

## **Historian**

Harry Risetto reports he has sent the ADS minutes, Financial Records, and Reports back to the late '40s to the Archive at the Cherokee Library. He has also sent the Library the Bulletins that were missing back to 1965 and they have all the disks back to 1965. There are about 75 antique dahlia prints which are stored in the Cherokee Library. He would like to send the board reports as well. Terry Schroeder will send him reports that she has and all of them in the future.

## **Image Library**

Claudia Biggs reports this year's new introduction program had fewer requests. Business was slow. Could have been the weather during that period. Also consider that all photos, scores, etc. are now listed on the web site. Haven't received any requests since late February. Am currently working on the 2018 Fabulous Fifty Dahlias program. It might be worthwhile to put something in the September *Bulletin* about the availability of the New Originations DVD so societies can order ahead.

## **Insurance**

Cheryl Shores reports I have received many requests for Certificate of Insurance (COI) from many societies. A lot of the societies sent the requests directly to Mercer, which is fine, but if they don't cc me, I have no idea if they have requested a COI. And some societies sent/faxed the information to Mercer, cc'd me but didn't send in a check. She provided information on what societies have sent nothing or have something missing.

## **Judging Accreditation**

Bob Schroeder reports the Judging List has been sent to the printer for inclusion in the Judging Roster. He reports three clubs did not send in reports. With one club he tried getting hold of various persons in the society and received no response. One club has only candidates and the other is in Canada. There was discussion about judges' training and the possibility of having a basic curriculum for training.

## **Membership**

Elva Sellens reports Renewals and new memberships are still coming in almost daily. For 2019, we had 160 new individual memberships and 49 new family memberships for a total of 258 new 2019 members. We also have one new participating society in 2019, Central Coast Dahlia Society in the San Luis Obispo CA area. As of 4/29/19, we have 446 family memberships and 893 individual membership for a total of 1,785 members. There are 56 participating societies and 2 Associate Societies. Of the 2018 memberships, there are 409 memberships that have not yet renewed for 2019.

There are 92 individual memberships and 45 family memberships for a total of 182 members in Canada. There are 11 new individual members and 1 new family membership for a total of 13 new members. Of the 2018 members, there are 15 individuals and 7 family membership that have not yet renewed for 2019. We show that there are 9 participating societies and 1 associate society.

There are 21 other foreign 2019 memberships. There have been several bulletins returned due to address reasons, as it appears that the individuals have moved, and we do not have a

current mailing address or any other contact information for them. John Thierman, who passed away recently, paid 4 foreign memberships. Two of these individuals have had bulletins returned due to address reasons.

### **National Exhibition**

There are National Shows lined up for the following years, 2019 West Michigan DS, 2020 Federation of Northwest Growers, 2021 Vacant, 2022 National Capital DS, and a recent bid for 2023 from the Portland DS. The ad hoc committee to revise the National Show Handbook is working well but still has some unfinished sections to complete. Rosemary Freeman will present what we have completed to date at the meeting.

### **New Society Coordinator**

Rosemary Freeman reports that she is pleased with the new society in California and the support they have received from the Pacific Southwest Conference and Kevin Larkin. Mark Oldenkamp is also connected with them.

### **Photography**

Deb Pavich reports the 2019 Photo Contest rules and application form have been submitted for publication in the June ADS *Bulletin*. A sincere thanks to Martin Kral for his help with the transition. The contest is structured the same for 2019. However, I do have some changes in mind for future contests which need the approval of the ADS board. She has proposed the Kids and Critters class be renamed Folks and Critters and removing the Dahlia Personalities class as that could be included in Folks and Critters. She also would like to create a Junior Photo Contest to involve more youth. This would require approving additional funds for the prize money. She looks forward to discussing how to increase involvement with the Executive Board.

### **Policy**

Ron Miner states there is nothing new to report for policy.

### **Publicity/Public Relations**

Larry Smith reports his vision for ADS publicity will take shape with greater clarity after having a chance to interact with the ADS Board, whose ideas will assist in creating our plan. There will be a discussion via telephone conference on Saturday at the Planning meeting. I have written an article for the June *Bulletin* in order to introduce myself to the membership and clarify what I could do to help them with traditional media promotion. In the article I highlighted the power of personal grassroots promotions on a local level. There is a fair amount of free publicity available for those who know who to approach and how to ask for it. I am on board with President Freeman's initial approach to encourage societies to work with their local nurseries to promote the Year of the Dahlia. Clubs can be encouraged to offer educational presentations and other events within the nurseries to attract potential new members. It was noted there is not a social media person.

### **Research and Education**

Nick Weber reports the March *Bulletin* contained several important efforts ongoing for both virus testing and research as well as the rapid movement of work on the Genome Project. Large and continuing efforts in these areas are ongoing as we begin the 2019 dahlia growing season.

The following comments are excerpted from the upcoming article on Virus Testing in the June *Bulletin* as well as from a Genome Project Update. A large committed effort on Virus Testing is being supported by Professor Pappu at Washington State University along with financial support by the Sheetz-Chuey Foundation to continue the extensive virus testing and analysis that has occurred over the past few years and has begun to help guide and inform us concerning virus presence in dahlias. As noted in the December 2018 *Bulletin* a key conclusion was that the

most reliable source of virus-free dahlias was from stock that had tested clean the previous season. In addition, a corollary that was confirmed was that cleanliness and disinfection practices should be rigorously followed. We were encouraged that the positive virus rate dropped from 38% in 2017 Gx (previous year clean stock) stock to 17% in 2018 in Virus Team Gx stock presumably due to even greater adherence to cleanliness and disinfection practices.

A significant effort by two societies within the Midwest Conference to provide clean stock to their members and at the Midwest Conference auction is noted as well as the identification of the tested stock at the auction that supported premium prices. This outcome should encourage vendors to continue to participate in the vendor virus testing program started last year at WSU again with the financial support of the Sheetz Chuey Foundation.

It is noted that a Dahlia Club Project for virus testing is also being supported by the Sheetz-Chuey Foundation for testing of club-sponsored plants at \$150, half the usual cost for 30 samples where several basic requirements are needed along with a completed form by June 30. This is to further encourage clubs to focus on clean stock and the principals needed to obtain it.

A free vendor virus testing program is being extended to the 2019 season to further encourage vendors to supply clean stock and their efforts to help ensure this result. The results are confidential and the number of tests at no cost will be determined after we know the number of vendors participating.

### **Seedling Bench Evaluation**

Roger Walker reports Applications to hold a seedling bench evaluation class at 2019 shows will go out to ADS club reps in June.

### **Special Awards**

Jerry Landerholm reports he attached a current quote and 2017 quote from Osborne Coinage for the medals we award frequently. It shows that prices have gone up a bit, except for silver. This quote doesn't include the Hart, Dudley and Gullikson Medals. We should be okay on these for a few years. We are also okay on the Johnson Silver Medals. If the treasury can stand it, I would like to have permission to order medals as per the quote. I have made contact recently with the company that has the die for our ADS Gold Medal. Their sales representative would like to give us a quote on our standard-sized 1.5" round medals. I will ask for a quote if it is decided that we want to order more. I say "if" because the board perhaps should discuss whether we want to continue with our medal program as it is now. Some local clubs don't have medals and apparently don't find them necessary and some that have had them for years have decided to discontinue purchasing medals. The bylaws state we give our societies a bronze medal annually, so to discontinue the medal program would require a change to our bylaws. Bottom line, I will do my best to get the best pricing for the ADS for the medals we purchase.

### **Trial Garden**

Ron Miner reports the trial gardens are full.

### **Virus Update**

Ron Miner states the information on virus is included in the Research and Education report.

### **Genome Sequencing**

Kristine Albrecht reports all of the RNA transcriptome data from young leaves has been completed. There are billions of sequenced bases from 15 species and 10 cultivar examples. Postdoc Alex Harkness and masters student Courtney Schiebout are busy organizing these data. The dahlia data, species by species and cultivar by cultivar, is organized into lists of genes and a consensus sequence is derived for each gene type. Consequently, from the multiple examples of each gene sequence, the "best" version of the gene's actual sequence is

derived. This process takes a few days for each sample, given the huge size of the datasets. Once this task is completed, the sequences are compared between species and cultivars to determine which samples are closely or distantly related to each other. This process is what human DNA analysis does; identifying close and distant relatives. We have multiple examples of the two most commonly mentioned likely parents of modern dahlias, *D. coccinea* and *D. sorensenii*, to obtain an idea of how diverse these species are today. We do not know from which part of Mexico the original species were collected that were sent to Europe. The records suggest that samples were taken from a botanical garden in the Mexico City region, but that garden contained plants collected throughout Mexico. The goal is to complete the analysis and derive a family tree for dahlia by the ADS national meeting this summer. Statistical tests will be performed for every step, to assign a “likelihood” of the family tree presented. We will know whether we have identified the likely parents or whether we need to collect more species in Mexico. If another collecting trip is required, we will know which “branches” of the family tree need to be sampled more densely with all extant species. Fortunately, Mexican botanists just published an excellent summary of the distribution of dahlia species, state by state and by region and habitat, that will guide the collecting.

### **Website**

Sharon Swaney reports once again the ADS Website offered to post the tuber/plant sales information for local societies. About half of the societies provided information for the listing. The request for **show** information will be made soon. Please encourage your ADS Reps to provide information when requested.

The virus team provided updates and reorganization to their area of the site. The area now looks very sophisticated and previously issued documentation is easy to find. Anyone else who would like to reorganize or spiff up their information on the site need only ask (and provide info).

As always, we need general pictures for the site and pictures of individual blooms for the Online Classification Guide. In the general picture category, we particularly need pictures of gardens and club activities. We also covet pictures that show the glory of the dahlia, bouquets overflowing their vases, etc. Sharon plans to add a feature that highlights picture galleries of our members. If you or an ADS member you know has an Instagram, Flickr, or other photography account dedicated to dahlias, and would like to be considered for this feature, please let Sharon know.

Sharon is evaluating software to overhaul the Online Classification Guide (OCG) area of the site. The current guide is very tenuous, hard to maintain, and needs enhancement.

Mac Boyer indicated he will continue to handle the ADS vases.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm CDT on Friday May 1, 2019.

Sunday, May 5, the meeting was opened by President Brad Freeman at 9:05 am CDT. Brad went over a some of the highlights from Saturday’s planning meeting.

- Have a group together to work on a tuber auction to help with financing.
- We have some ideas on what we can offer local societies as far as spring meetings. A couple ideas were an educational piece that is dahlia-related to offer them and to get a little information on history, how they do things, etc.
- Bob Schroeder and Ken Jensen are going to search locations for future spring meetings, such as northeast US, Colorado, New Mexico. We



hope to go some places we haven't been and reach out to the local societies/conferences

- Got some good ideas on publicity and PR and provided Larry Smith with some direction. Important to find that social media person(s).
- Talked about the National Show. As a board, we need to review the information presented on the update of the guidelines provided to us and give the committee input. Brad hopes to get this wrapped up by this fall. Once that is complete, we need to start recruiting for national shows 2023 and forward. It was felt that we want to continue to have national shows every year.
- Take a look at the *Bulletin* and put together an RFP to get out to printers. This will help us to make a good decision on the printing and mailing of the *Bulletin*.
- Membership issues were discussed. Brad wants to have Tony Evangelista to lead an ad hoc committee to work on the membership items.
- Have Ron see if we can get our top few dahlias every year listed as "All American Selection" and get it out to the broader horticultural community.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Foreign Membership

Harry Risetto proposed a foreign/overseas membership that would have a \$15 annual fee and would receive publications via email only. The membership would be January to December. Harry offered to handle the renewals for the first couple of years. **Harry Risetto moved, and Rosemary Freeman seconded to adopt a conceptual agreement for a program to establish overseas associates/supporters. The motion was approved.** In order to adopt this change, a bylaws amendment would need to be approved. The change would be in Article 2, adding a new section, 8, entitled Overseas Associates. The new section would read as follows:

### Overseas Associates

Article II.\_Membership.

Section 8. **Overseas Associates Supporters (Membership)** – Overseas Associates shall be deemed Friends of the Society, and on the payment of a fee, will receive an electronic version of the ADS Bulletin and Handbook of Dahlias, pursuant to rules adopted by the Board. Overseas Associates must reside outside the Western Hemisphere and shall not be members of and will not have full rights and privileges of membership in this society. Nothing herein will preclude someone qualifying as an Overseas Associates Membership from becoming a member of the Society under Clauses 1-7 above.

**Harry Risetto moved, and Rosemary Freeman seconded to propose the bylaws amendment at the annual meeting in September as shown above. The motion passed.** The amendment will be published in the June *Bulletin* and voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting. It was agreed that the password would be removed before sending out the *Bulletin* electronically.

## **Virus Research/Clean Stock**

Ron Miner wanted to add to the comments that were in Nick's report. The research project at WSU and the field research activities by the virus team have reached a significant plateau of progress. ADS members now have a clear course of action to reduce the presence of virus in our gardens. Two key steps are required. First, clean starting stock is essential. The best-looking plants from last year are a good starting point, but stock that was tested and found to be free of virus is better. "If in doubt, throw it out." Second, cutting tools must be cleaned between each plant. "Clean Between!" The new ADS brochure describes those steps in detail.

Our 2019 plan, again based on the cooperation of Professor Pappu and his team at WSU and on the financial support of the Scheetz-Chuey Foundation, aims to improve the availability of clean stock within our ADS clubs by providing half-price testing to all ADS participating and affiliated societies. The objective of the tests is to build a set of parent stock that will yield clean tubers and cuttings for the following spring. The other major pieces of field work will be more free testing for dahlia vendors and ongoing analytical work within the virus team. Nick's Research and Education report and the June *Bulletin* article will describe those efforts in detail.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **National Show Approval**

There has been a bid from the Portland Dahlia Society to host the 2023 National Show. **Linda DeRooy Holmes-Cook moved, and Elva Sellens seconded to approve the bid for the 2023 National Show. The motion was approved.** Mark Oldenkamp stated the show will be held at the Red Lion on the River, which is the same location as the 2012 show. He noted the contract has privileges for putting an Eggland's Best trailer in the parking lot. There is a lot of enthusiasm from the Portland Dahlia Society.

### **Action Items from Planning Meeting**

On page 13 of the Policy Handbook, update that a National Show must have an ADS Seedling Bench evaluation.

There should be a co-chair for National Exhibition.

Under Membership, New Membership packet will include a welcome letter, current *Dahlias of Today*, current *Classification and Handbook of Dahlias*. Membership Chair will let the new member know they can access past issues of the *Bulletin* on the ADS website. It was noted that a new member is a person not on the ADS membership list. Elva Sellens would like to have the membership form revised. Membership needs to have the member's current address, phone number and email. It is felt that we should send out an email in October with the expectations of the membership to get their membership dues in by December 31.

### **Location of 2021 Annual Meeting**

On Saturday, after the discussion regarding the National Show Booklet, there was discussion regarding the need to have an Annual Meeting in 2021, since there is not a National Show booked for that year. As a result of Brad's article in the March 2019 *Bulletin*, The Dahlia Society of Ohio started looking at the possibility of having a

National Show. As a result of our discussion at the Planning Meeting, **Harry Rissetto moved, and Ken Jensen seconded to provide a special national show supplement on a non-precedential basis of \$3,000 to Dahlia Society of Ohio. The motion passed.** Ron Miner will go back to his society and see if they are willing and able to do the work to plan a national show in two years.

Brad stated the next meeting will be a conference call in early July and will be Officer, Regional VPs, and Committee reports as well as old business, which will consist primarily of the National Show Book.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 am MDT.

Respectively Submitted,

Terry Schroeder  
ADS Secretary