

**American Dahlia Society
Minutes – Board Meeting
November 17, 2019**

Present

Board members present were: Brad Freeman, Mark Oldenkamp, Ken Jensen, Tony Evangelista, Terry Schroeder, Charles Miehm, Harry Rissetto, Ron Miner, Dana Miller, Lou Paradise, Linda DeRooy Holmes-Cook, Claudia Biggs, Bob Schroeder, Elva Sellens, Art Haskins, Rosemary Freeman, Debbie Pavich, Nick Weber, Roger Walker, Jerry Landerholm, Marilyn Walton, Sharon Swaney.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm EST by President Brad Freeman. Brad asked for remembrances for those who are struggling with medical issues or have passed. He also asked to pause for all veterans, since this is Veteran's Week.

Minutes

Lou Paradise moved, and Mark Oldenkamp seconded to approve the minutes of July 14, 2019 as presented. The motion passed.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President

Brad Freeman reports the fall is a very busy time for most ADS members. The show season wraps up in September, and then it is on to digging and dividing your dahlias in October and November. During that time, you need to find time to prepare your reports and articles for the December *Bulletin* which are due in mid-October. At the same time the Seedling Bench and Trial Garden Committees are working hard to compile the results from the various shows and trial gardens in North America. While all of this is going on, Lou is working on the Classification Book so it can get to the printer in a timely manner for December distribution. It sure seems like we are packing a lot into a short period of time and this also may constrain the local societies to prepare their show reports. Brad's "outside-the-box" thought is to change the Bulletin issue dates to January, April, July and October. That would give everyone an extra month in the fall to get all the reports and articles ready for the upcoming Bulletin. Another benefit is that the Bulletins and Classification Book are not sitting in Post Offices waiting to be processed during the holiday mailing crunch. Also, it gives Elva more time to accept and process new memberships. This is just a thought and doesn't solve the procrastination problem with show reporters. However, it does resolve a few other constraints we have in the fall.

Treasurer

Charles Miehm submitted the following report, as of 11/10/2019.

TOTAL ADS FUNDS AS OF 11/10/19

Ameriprise Account (restricted)	\$ 76,980.00
Ameriprise Account (unrestricted)	\$ 16,427.77
Vanguard Account	\$ 81,627.42
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$ 59,575.95
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	\$ 234,611.14

RESTRICTED FUNDS

(These funds are included in the
Wells Fargo bank balance listed above)

Virus Fund - Sheetz-Chuey Foundation	\$ 2,589.83
Genome Project	\$ 35,927.06
2020 National Show	\$ 100.00
2021 National Show	\$ 50.00
2022 National Show	\$ 2,525.00
2023 National Show	\$ 50.00
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Total Restricted	\$ 41,241.89

RESTRICTED FUNDS

(These funds are included in the Wells Fargo
account)

Virus Fund - Sheetz-Chuey Foundation	\$ 4,890.39
Genome Project	\$ 34,927.06
2020 National Show	\$ 100.00
2021 National Show	\$ 50.00
2022 National Show	\$ 2,525.00
2023 National Show	\$ 50.00
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Total Restricted	\$ 42,542.45

There was a refund from postage of \$1500 from a post office in Illinois that Max had used. There is a payment account that Charles set up in the post office in Maryland that will allow deposits to be made at any post office. Charles is looking at Directors and Officers (D & O) insurance for the board. He has sent one application and is looking at another, which he will be sending. The returns from the donation envelopes was

disappointing. Membership is getting dues in now. There was appreciation for Charles' detail in his report. **Harry Rissetto moved, and Ron Miner seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. The motion passed.**

First Vice-President

Mark Oldenkamp reports he continues to send emails to the societies as requested. Lately, most have been related to show reports and show reporting. He will work to update the ADS Presidents and Reps lists as changes in leadership occur. He has provided support to Teresa Bergman in her efforts to solicit advertisers for the *Bulletin*. He is sure we will have several new advertisers starting with the December issue. He looks forward to learning the results of the seedling competitions and classification changes.

Mark also wanted to get feedback from committee chairs about using GroupVine for communication. He was thinking classification and seedling bench. Bob Schroeder said he would like to set it up for the judging accreditation. He was asked to send the names and contact members of the committee members to Mark so it could be set up.

Mark applauded the effort put in to obtaining show reports. Tony Evangelista asked about Lou Paradise getting the blues/higher reports. Lou commented he always has a problem with some. It was suggested to determine if the societies that don't get reports to Lou are the same ones that don't get reports to Donna for the *Bulletin*. Elva will send Lou a list of participating societies so he can check that against his list. It was suggested to form an ad hoc committee to look at this more closely by comparing a list of show reports and blue/higher reports that did not send in their information. He would like Lou and Tony to work together on this. They may identify societies that aren't sending information or communicating with Lou and Donna as to reasons for not sending. The committee can develop a strategy/plan of action to assist them.

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

Mid Atlantic Conference

Dana Miller reports the micro dahlias were a problem for the societies in the Mid-Atlantic region. They found it confusing and it seemed that there were too many categories. Dana was reminded it is a five-year trial to give originators a place to put the new, smaller dahlias. It will be evaluated at the end of the five years to determine whether to keep it and if so, whether changes should be made. The ADS is trying to encourage more small dahlias that work well for people with limited space. It was also pointed out that micros can be placed together in sections if that is easier for a society.

Midwest Conference

Randy Foith reports that even though he was gazing out the window at the snow, he was nonetheless thinking of new cultivars to grow for 2020. The growers have stored and tucked their tubers in for the long winter ahead. Many of the "Virus Reports" are in the hands of the growers now. Ron Miner will compile and decipher this data so that ADS can move forward in a meaningful way.

North Atlantic Conference

Ed Bonci reports that tubers have been lifted from the various display gardens and most societies are getting ready for their annual holiday parties. The Long Island Dahlia Society is celebrating their 75th anniversary during their annual party on Dec 14.

Pacific Northwest Conference

Mark Oldenkamp reports that the show season ended in late September and the rush was on to get show reports submitted. PNDC made its first attempt to provide a consolidated "Blue Ribbon and Higher" awards report to Lou for their shows. At least half of PNDC member societies participated, and the hope is that eventually, all member groups will do this. It is a big help to the Classification chair. Personally, Mark was happy to send the show reports to the volunteer who produced the combined report.

The Canby Trial Garden reports were also submitted in early October. Teresa Bergman compiled all the judges' reports, which indicated that about 75% of the entries earned passing scores. Reservations for the 2020 season are coming in fast. PNDC is grateful to Swan Island for their significant investment in the relocation of the trial garden at their Canby farm.

Preparations for the ADS Spring Planning meeting have begun. The next big project will be the development of a policy manual, covering many areas that had previously been removed from Bylaws in order to allow for more flexibility. ADS is also moving forward with a combined show schedule format for 2020. This should be a help to the societies and will require a fair bit of work to see how we can get consensus for one way to present our classes and rules. Each society can still have their own special and design classes.

The Portland Society 2023 National Show leadership is talking about some potential fundraising opportunities. Many are looking forward to the Wenatchee show and discussions are underway about our normal show dates and the possibility of trying to adjust show dates to avoid a conflict with the 2020 National Show.

Pacific Southwest Conference

John Morton reports there has not been any rain so far in California, and they have been hit with high winds and fires. Monterey Bay Dahlia Society is preparing for a Conference meeting in February.

Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers

Brad Freeman reports that the Federation changed their show schedule to better deal with the micros, after having all the micros in one section for singles and one for triples. They continue to plan for the 2020 National Show in Wenatchee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advertising

Brad Freeman reports he appointed Teresa Bergman to be Advertising Chair. Brad applauds her efforts in getting some organization behind our advertising in the *Bulletin* by working through some challenges. She submitted a report showing who purchased

advertising in the December *Bulletin* and she is confident that she will continue to do well.

Classification

Lou Paradise reports that the Classification Committee had requests to change the classification of eighteen cultivars during the 2019 growing season. Seven of these cultivars will be changed in 2020. There were also eight cultivars that were moved into one of the Micro classes. They already have fifteen change requests for next year.

The 2020 Classification Book is complete and has sent to the printer. Once again, they waited many days past the reporting deadline of Oct. 10th, hoping to get a 100% return. Again, this did not happen. There were eleven societies that did not turn in a report for various reasons – some did not have shows and others never turned in a report. There is a total of 1805 cultivars listed in the 2020 CHD, 40 less than last year. Next the committee will work on the Cream of the Crop and the Fabulous Fifty, with a goal of completion within the next several weeks. Lou extended congratulations to Richard and Danielle Parshall on winning the Stanley Johnson award for CLEARVIEW EDIE.

The winner of the Stanley Johnson photo contest this year is Ryan Barry. He opted to accept the cash award instead of the framed cover. The necessary information was transmitted so that Charles could send the award check to Ryan.

After many years of service to the Classification Committee, Dick Westfall has retired. He has been replaced by Jo Jepson from the West Michigan Dahlia Society. Welcome, Jo! Ray Phillips has also decided to retire, and his replacement is pending.

Editor

Linda reports that the December 2019 Bulletin is finished and most likely has been printed by now. There are so many moving parts in the December issue, that although the bulk of the bulletin material was sent to Dave before the end of October, it was November 8 before everything had been received from our contributors and chairs. It is hoped the December *Bulletin* will be in members' mailboxes by mid-December.

The show reports, which are printed separately, were also sent to Dave around the end of October. Donna Lane deserves a medal and combat pay for her work on the Show Reports this year. Her skills, patience and resilience are remarkable, and ADS is indeed fortunate to have her in the ranks.

Donna Lane reports that a total of 57 show reports were received. They came via various sources – direct, via Linda Holmes-Cook and via Lou Paradise. Of this number, all were proofread with most requiring one or more corrections to dahlia variety names; some had spacing issues running over the length allowed; 21 reports required retyping because they did not follow the format. That's 37%. Club reporters should be able to do better than that.

Of the 67 Societies, fifteen either held no show or simply did not report on their shows, and four societies held combined shows. Eight societies hosted two shows each. There was discussion about the show reports, and it was felt this should be a topic of discussion at our Spring Planning meeting.

Finance

Harry Risetto reports the finances of the ADS is relatively stable, and funds are available to meet year-end expenses. The ADS Representatives need to make a special effort to accelerate the payment of 2020 dues. We will have a better sense of where we are after year-end.

Thus far the "Contribution Envelopes" return has been minimal. There was discussion about how to improve this. A suggestion was made to have online donations available through PayPal. Harry made a note of it; his concern is what regulations we run into when we solicit on the website. Many people are interested in donating online. Another option is to add a credit card payment option. Charles can set up a merchant account with Wells Fargo. This should be explored and discussed further in the spring meeting.

Garden Dahlias

Alan Fisher reports he updated his article on dealing with dahlias, to go with his beginner's guide. There are links to both on the ADS Web site. After he finished getting his tubers dug, he plans to complete some articles that are due within the next few weeks. In addition, he will have new material on garden dahlias for the March *Bulletin*.

Historian

Harry Risetto reports that things are going okay with the Cherokee Library; there is nothing new to report.

Image Library

Claudia Biggs reports she has been busy gathering photos and information for the 2020 ADS New Introduction program. At this time, she has about 70 photos and expects a few more people to get back to her. There has been some discussion about alternate ways of receiving the video, since many laptops no longer come with DVD drives. It might be possible to put the video in Dropbox with a link that could be opened by a person after they submit payment. Sharon & Claudia will work on this.

Insurance

Cheryl Shores reports: There will be an additional change in the cost for the renewal for ADS Insurance for the 2020 year. This came up because she received an invoice for \$12 from AIG. When she called the insurance company, she was told:

1. The invoice from AIG for \$12 was for Douglas County Dahlia Society. The Douglas County Fairgrounds Board had required a separate "Additional Insured" on a Policy Change endorsement, specifically naming them as an additional insured.
2. She shared that AIG has recently made a change; they are now going to be charging \$100 for each Named Insured (American Dahlia Society) at renewal for the ability of being able to have the individual clubs request to have an additional insured listed on the COI with the blanket additional insured endorsement.
 - a. If a club requests a COI and they have someone asking to be an additional insured on the certificate; there will be no additional charge if they will accept the COI listing them as an additional insured for the event and accept the blanket additional insured endorsement.

- b. If a club requests a COI and they have someone asking to be an additional insured on the certificate, but the additional insured requires a separate endorsement naming them specifically as an additional insured, there will be a \$25.00 charge. Depending on the date of the request, the amount will be prorated.

Judging Accreditation

Bob Schroeder reports the request for updating the 2020 judging roster will be sent after the holidays. There have been some societies reporting with new and advancing judges. There are still societies not including candidates in their reports. There has been a request for an individual to be advanced to accredited when they have not been listed in the roster as a candidate. There has also been some confusion on the minimum time required for advancing from candidate to accredited. The requirements for advancing to accredited are listed on the ADS website, but after reviewing the requirements, it may be confusing. Listed below is the proposed change to the accredited judging requirements. There was discussion about the proposed changes to the accredited judge requirements. It was decided to discuss more in depth and bring to a vote, if necessary, at the spring planning meeting.

Membership

Elva Sellens reports that throughout the year, she receives ADS dues. ADS has 222 new memberships and 25 new 2020 memberships have been received. A few ADS societies have started to send in their 2020 ADS Dues.

2019 US Memberships

1052 Individual memberships

494 Family membership x 2 = 988 for a total of 2,040 US members.

There are 56 Participating Societies and 2 Affiliated Societies.

2019 Canada

89 Individual membership

43 Family membership x 2 = 86 for a total of 195 Canadian members.

There are 9 Participating Societies and 2 Affiliated Societies.

2019 other foreign membership

13 membership

Elva asked all to be sure their region and societies get their dues in to her by the end of 2019. There is a fillable Word document on the website that societies can use to complete their membership information. ADS needs to let societies know that they can use the "fillable" Word document if they wish to complete it online and send.

National Exhibition

Art Haskins reports there is nothing new to report other than the ad hoc committee has been kick-started after dahlia season and plans to finish the National Shows Handbook by year-end. It was noted the name is shown as "National Exhibition" in some locations and "ADS National Show" in others. In order to be consistent, it was believed that ADS

should just use one name. It was decided it should be “ADS National Show” and requires a change to the bylaws.

New Society Coordinator

Rosemary Freeman reports that after many months of little to no interest, she has recently been communicating with four different individuals on starting new dahlia societies; two in Washington, one in Alaska, and one in Tennessee. The process is just beginning, but nothing concrete yet; however, this is a nice trend.

Photography

Debbie reports the Photography Contest deadline is Nov 29th. She reports she has received the majority of submissions by email. She states she has sent out a reminder to ADS Reps to mention it at their November meetings.

Publicity/Public Relations

Larry Smith reports ADS completed the exchange advertisement agreement with the American Horticultural Society at no charge to either party. Their ad appeared in the September ADS Bulletin. He believes that the ADS ad appeared in their *American Gardener* publication in October. Their circulation is about five times larger than the *Bulletin*, so this was a very good deal for ADS. Larry is willing to work on more similar exchanges, but he is not familiar with the various gardening publications that are available. He asked that anyone who has connections with such groups or publications forward that information to him. The months of January through April are the best for him to devote significant time to such projects.

He says he is always available to write press releases for the ADS, specifically for such topics as Dudley, Hart, Gulliksen, Johnson Award winners and anything else that could bring ADS and our members some positive recognition. Those who have ideas of what information needs to be shared, please forward it to Larry so ADS won't miss out on any good opportunities. He has developed a great network of media partners in his area but wants to develop connections in other areas. That will take time and persistence, and any leads that people can offer will help achieve that goal.

With the National Show coming to the Pacific Northwest next year, he has been asked to assist/consult with their publicity plan and is willing to work with any group holding a National Show. Most importantly, ADS needs to enhance their social media presence. Bob Chibante, PNDC Vice President, is a social media user and has talked to Larry about helping in this area, if it will be of use to ADS.

Research and Education

Nick Weber reports Ron and Kristine submitted reports that cover the two active projects, virus and genome. The model of getting clean stock is positive. Dahlia Society of Ohio are leaders in this area and have put in a lot of time and effort to having clean stock to offer other growers

Seedling Bench Evaluation

Roger Walker reports the results of the SBE have been submitted to the *Bulletin* and website and to others who needed it. The medal winners have been notified. He sent pictures to Sharon today.

Special Awards

Jerry Landerholm reports that this is the season of gathering information from Seedling Bench Evaluations and Trial Garden competitions. He has the name of the Stanley Johnson winner, and soon medals will be sent to the engraver and congratulatory letters written. When possible, we direct the medals and letters to members and conferences so they may be presented at gatherings. This "personalization" of the presentations is often in the spring. Thank you to those who make these presentations on behalf of the ADS.

At this year's National Show, two ADS Gold Medals, two ADS Silver Medals and five Special Commemorative Medals were presented. Additionally, the 2019 ADS President's Award was presented by our ADS president. This information was supplied to the ADS *Bulletin* and our website, and the awardees' names may be found there. Thanks to Alan Fisher for capturing and supplying images of these presentations.

Jerry announced to all that our latest ADS Gold Medal recipients are Bob and Terry Schroeder. They were recognized for the significant contributions to the American Dahlia Society. Congratulations to Terry and Bob!

Jerry stated he is not ordering silver medals at this time as they wanted a large minimum order. We likely won't need silver medals for another two or three years. He will order the bronze and commemorative medals that we need.

Trial Garden

Marilyn Walton reports that Ron extends appreciation to Marilyn Walton and Jerry Zierdt for so ably taking over the leadership of the Trial Garden analysis and reporting! Thank you!

Most of the trial gardens sent reports in a timely manner. Jerry & Marilyn began to tally scores and to come to agreements on classifications. This is not an easy task. Once they knew the direction they were going, Marilyn had phone conversations with Roger to see how close they were on classification. Roger was very generous and bent their way often. Again, this was a difficult task that they both took very seriously. Finally, when they are all on the same page, they would send their reports to Lou. After a few changes to make things correct for the classification book, they felt pretty good. Jerry and Marilyn then took several pages each for the *Bulletin*. They finished them as quickly as possible while Linda waited. Thanks Linda! There are a few misspelled names, but they believe that the scores are all correct.

The originators' Certificates of Merit are almost completed and will be sent to Brad so he can sign all 74 of them. Then Brad will send them on to Terry and she will stamp them with the ADS gold seal and sign all 74. She will pass them back to Marilyn, who will place them in envelopes and send them to the originators.

They will spend the time until next season thinking of ways to improve their methods of reporting and a few little things that the trial gardens need to do.

Jerry and Marilyn send their thanks to Ron, for being there when they weren't exactly sure what to do and to Lou for patience and his ability to make things work.

Virus Update

Ron Miner provided the following information on the Virus project:

Virus Team Status

The virus test results for the 2019 season are nearly complete. Several important results were observed.

ADS Club Project: Only eight clubs participated in the “half-price” project. We will repeat the program in 2020 and will get it organized earlier this time. The results for the Dahlia Society of Ohio were excellent with no virus detected in the 36 samples submitted. Tony Evangelista has done a great job organizing and running the project for the last 5 years. The great results reflect the facts that he started with clean stock and rigorously adhered to disinfecting his working tools. The results provide confidence that significant reductions in virus are possible. The results from the other clubs, almost all in their first year, were not as good – but they provide a great start for those clubs to develop clean stock for 2020 plant sales and auctions.

WSU Activities: Dr. Lindani Moyo left WSU at the end of October and has been replaced by Dr. Prabu Gnanasekaran. Prabu is an expert on plant viruses and had the month of October to pick up Lindani’s projects. The transition seems to have gone smoothly. Perhaps the most important result at WSU is success in the first phase of dahlia tissue culture. The medium and the growing conditions for green dahlia tissue have been successfully developed. They are now in the process of developing the conditions for root growth on that green tissue.

Vendor Project: More vendors participated in the free test program in 2019. The results varied greatly among the vendors. Virtually all of them expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to participate and most indicated that they are prepared to follow the ADS guidance on reducing virus infections. The most common concern among them was where to find clean stock!

Team Activities: Inasmuch as the results are not yet complete, the analyses of the results are also incomplete. There are a couple preliminary observations that are important. First, the plants in gardens with clean preceding generation(s), Gx, and where disinfecting of tools is rigorously followed produce a very high percentage of clean results. Second, the tendencies for our two most common viruses, TSV and INSV, to persist from one generation to the next are different. Tobacco Streak Virus tends to persist into the next generation. Impatiens Necrotic Spot Virus frequently does not persist into the next generation.

We will be summarizing the results of the various analyses for publication in the March Bulletin.

Genome Sequencing

Kristine Albrecht reports after getting the results back from the RNA sequences and finding that dahlias are very closely related, Dr. Walbot and Dr. Harkess will be growing a new set of species dahlias to do a DNA sequence. The seeds that will be grown are: *D. coccinia*, *D. rudis*, *D. sorensenii* and *D. brevis*.

Once grown into plants they will use the leaf form/stature as an indicator of species. The seeds to be grown were collected in Mexico from single flowers where there has been

at least one and usually 2 grown and the plants correctly keyed. Once the plants are about one foot tall, foil will be placed over the leaves when they are small. A side branch will be used for the sequencing. The foil needs to stay on for about 10 - 14 days to get several pale leaves. Liquid nitrogen will be used to flash freeze the leaves. These leaves will be sent to Dr. Harkess on dry ice and sequenced at Hudsonalpha Genomic Sequencing Center in Auburn, Alabama.

Website Coordinator

Sharon Swaney reports that late summer and autumn brings much information to be posted on the site: national show follow-up, photography contest, seedling bench, largest dahlia contest, and more. Sadly, we did not get much information regarding local society show results. Only about thirty percent of the societies provided show results for the site. We may want to discontinue this feature going forward.

Prompted by Alan, she consolidated the links to tuber information and made the information available via a news item and a new sub menu item, "Tubers", under the GROW main menu item. The tuber information is a perennial favorite of our website visitors. Claudia, Linda, Kristine and Bob sent Sharon some great tuber pictures and she plans a pictorial guide to digging tubers. Thanks folks.

She continues to evaluate search software that might allow members to search the electronic copies of the *Bulletins*.

More updates will be posted soon: trial garden, bloom awards, and classification information.

ADS REPS – Mark Oldenkamp & Ken Jensen

OLD BUSINESS

National Show Handbook

Discussed at time of report.

Initiatives from Spring Planning

- Tuber Auction – Ken Jensen reports no one from the United States has come forward to assist with managing tubers for the tuber auction. Unless there is someone willing to do this from the US, it will not be feasible to have a tuber auction. If anyone knows of someone who might be interested in taking on this task, please let Ken know.
- Spring Planning – Bob Schroeder reports The Dahlia Society of Colorado has agreed to host the spring planning meeting in Denver. The meetings will be held in Denver at the Holiday Inn, 2212 S. Medical Drive, Brighton, CO. The rooms there will run \$135 for a single and \$145 for a double. There is another hotel adjacent, Candlewood Suites, 2204 S. Medical Drive, Brighton, CO which will run \$109 for a single and \$125 for a double. These are 15 minutes from the Denver airport. The meeting room at Holiday Inn will be \$925, which will include a projector, coffee and water for all three meetings. Bob will talk with Calvin Cook to see if the price would go down if we brought our own projector and/or only needed coffee/water some days and not all three. The dates for the

meeting are April 17 to 19. They would like some type of judging training on Saturday or Sunday; we need to determine how much training they would like. Bob will check into restaurants that are nearby.

- Bulletin Improvements – Brad has received reports from some printers and is working on production costs and layout currently. He will be putting the information together to present to the board at the spring planning so we can make a decision.
- Membership – Elva Sellens and Steve Lamb are working together on a possible membership flyer to attract new and/or returning members. Brad had a question about the availability of a membership flyer. It is felt this may be something we can do and have available at the spring tuber sales.
- Publicity/Public Relations – They continue to look for someone to take on the social media piece of publicity. Let Brad know if you know of anyone who may be interested. Brad Freeman sent Larry Smith an email regarding information about social media and some people that might be interested in helping
- All American Selections – Ron made a proposal to National Garden Bureau to be a part of their All-American Selection program and has not heard anything back from them.

Virus Testing

Ron Miner included updated information in his report on virus. He added Jim Chuey continues to support us and we plan to continue both the vendor and club projects in 2020. Brad encourages clubs and vendors to participate in this quest for clean stock.

Genome

Kristine reports the genome team will be growing out some species dahlias to get the tissue they need for DNA sequencing.

NEW BUSINESS

Overseas Associates

Harry Rissetto moved, and Ron Miner seconded to set the dues for an overseas associate member at \$15/year for the first year. Payment would be made through PayPal and would include a digital copy of the *Bulletin* and *CHD*. If someone wants a hard copy, they can become a full member for a cost of \$48/year. There is information in the December *Bulletin*. Sharon will put information on the website closer to 2021 as the overseas associate memberships will begin in 2021. **The motion passed.**

Honorarium for Secretary and Treasurer

Brad Freeman stated when they reviewed the Boeke Award requirements, it included a payment of \$250 from the Boeke fund for the Treasurer annually. Brad would like to recommend an increase in the honorarium for the secretary to \$250 and use the Boeke funds to pay the \$250 for the treasurer. The board agreed it was a good idea and will bring to the spring meeting for a motion to be taken to the Annual Meeting.

Clarification of Requirements to become Accredited Judge

This was covered in the Judging Accreditation Report.

Directors and Officers Insurance

Harry Risetto recommends that we provide Directors and Officers insurance to cover the board members.

National Shows

Ken Jensen stated the Alberta Society has voted to donate \$100 to each national show as long as there is a class for a Canadian origination. He would like to see all societies support the national shows in this way. One drawback to this is that there would be too many specials if each society had a requirement to have a specific class. Ken attended the Federation show in Wenatchee this year and the National Show meeting that was held. He brought up the suggestion of a special award for a Canadian origination and they did approve it to be included in their specials. There was a suggestion to put a dark block in the *Bulletin* encouraging clubs to send cash donations to whoever is hosting the National Show with no strings attached. Art Haskins said he could put a generic one together for Linda.

Next meeting will be on February 23, 2020, at 4 pm EST and the Spring Planning Meeting will be April 17 to 19, 2020 in Denver, Colorado. Information on the agenda for the Spring Planning meeting will be determined closer to the date.

Lou Paradise moved, and Linda DeRooy Holmes-Cook seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm EDT on Sunday November 17, 2019.

Respectively Submitted,

Terry Schroeder
ADS Secretary