

American Dahlia Society

Board meeting

April 18, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm EST by President Brad Freeman.

### **Present**

Board members present were: Brad Freeman, Mark Oldenkamp, Tony Evangelista, Ken Jensen, Terry Schroeder, Charles Miehm, Jerry Landerholm, Harry Rissetto, Ron Miner, Dana Miller, John Morton, Alli Richards, Lou Paradise, Linda DeRooy Holmes-Cook, Anna Kandra, Alan Fisher, Claudia Biggs, Bob Schroeder, Elva Sellens, Art Haskins, Rosemary Freeman, Larry Smith, Nick Weber, Kristine Albrecht, Roger Walker, and Anna Kandra. Guests present were Dick Parshall and Linda Taylor

### **Memorial**

Brad Freeman asked for remembrances for John Menzel, of Australia who recently passed away. John originated the "Winkie" varieties, Winkie Colonel being most known in the US, was a contributor to the dahlia world. participated in several national shows and wrote several articles. Recently Terry Smith of the Portland Dahlia Society passed away unexpectedly and suddenly. Terry Smith was the owner of Showcase Dahlias. Bob Miller, who had been involved as ADS Rep for PNDC passed away six to eight weeks ago. We had a moment of silence for these persons.

### **Minutes**

**Lou Paradise moved, and Charles Miehm seconded to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2021 meeting as written. The motion passed.**

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

#### **President**

Brad Freeman reported he appointed Heather Ramsay from the Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society, as Image Library Chair. Although we talked creating a video for new introductions and other informational programs, he felt we still needed to have a person fill the role of the Chair of the Image Library. He would like to see that become a repository of images from various sources. Heather will be getting those images, cataloguing, organizing, and making them available for videos, online classification, and social media. Heather will be working on setting standards on how images should be submitted to ADS. There will be more to come. We will still move forward with creating a video for new introductions that will be available for all. We still need an individual to fill the Insurance Coordinator position. It is primarily a record keeping position but is important to the ADS and local societies.

We need to realize we will need to be adjusting on the fly this year as far as activities. What happens will be dictated by what the individual societies are able to do and what the individuals within the societies are wanting to do. It is likely there will be more activities than there were last year but there will be restrictions. We need to honor each person's decisions as to whether they do or do not want to participate. Those who choose not to or cannot participate, should not be penalized. It will be important to

check the website and send information to the ADS Reps. We will put information in the June *Bulletin* asking societies to let the website chair know about shows or other events they are having.

### **Treasurer**

Charles Miehme noted this is the Treasurer's Report as of March 31. On April 1, he downloaded the first quarter PayPal receipts which add \$1527 in membership. He received a couple packets from Cheryl Shores which added \$1465 in insurance and one overseas supporter. **Alan Fisher moved and Bob Schroeder seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. The motion passed.**

### **TOTAL ADS FUNDS AS OF 01/31/2021**

Ameriprise Account (restricted)	\$ 60,540.00
Ameriprise Account (unrestricted)	\$ 18,688.17
Vanguard Account	<u>\$ 86,529.94</u>
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$ 77,738.67
	\$ 243,496.67

### **RESTRICTED FUNDS**

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

Virus Fund - Sheetz-Chuey Foundation	\$ 2,318.02
Genome Project	\$ 37,977.06
2021 National Show	\$ 50.00
2022 National Show	\$ 2,775.00
2023 National Show	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Total Restricted	\$ 43,170.08

### **First Vice-President**

Mark Oldenkamp reports it is nearly planting time in North America. For many in the northwest it may be a bit earlier than normal. Mark has updated a few club contacts that have changed. We seem to be having few issues with the GroupVine system with some email addresses not liking GroupVine. Sharon Swaney, co-admin for GroupVine, sent a note this week to the GroupVine admin asking some good questions about what may have changed.

He was able to coordinate, with prior approval from President Brad Freeman, the movement of the image library materials that were held by Claudia Biggs in Spokane to his house. There are about 10 totes and regular size boxes which are fine until they and

the image library computer can be moved to the new Image Library Chair. There has been some discussion about the possibility of digitizing some of the archives of images, some of which may prove valuable to link to the online classification tool. This could be an upcoming discussion with the new chair.

I am hopeful that our members are finding ways to get vaccinated. The government forecasts about 85% will be vaccinated by early to mid-August. Time will tell, but it appears we are on a good path toward supporting having in person activities including meetings, shows, etc. He and Laura are very hopeful to be in Ohio for the National Show in September. It is wonderful for the societies that have found a way to navigate with online meetings. Several societies have seen participation from around the globe. It is encouraging to see how technology has been adapted to make sharing and learning more accessible. Looking forward to shows with color and new cultivars to covet.

### **Second Vice-President**

Tony Evangelista reports the Dahlia Society of Ohio is planning to host the National Show this September. They plan to return to in-person gatherings with appropriate protocols this summer, including their picnic and judging seminar. They are holding both tuber and plant sales online again and will have outdoor pick up.

### **Third Vice-President**

Ken Jensen reports they were able to do their activities last year but did have about one-quarter to one-third the participants they usually would. This year they are in worse shape as far as Covid-19 due to the variants and Canada having more problems with getting vaccines. They plan to do something similar this year but expect to have a lower-than-normal participation rate again.

## **REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS**

### **MID ATLANTIC CONFERENCE – Dana Miller**

Dana Miller reports there isn't much that's new with the Mid-Atlantic Conference. The pandemic, thanks mainly to an aggressive vaccination program, is on the wane.

Barring an up-tick in cases due to the Covid variants, they hope to start getting back to some normal Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society functions. They had a club-wide Zoom meeting, featuring a lecture about soils by Dr. Tim Elkner, on March 20<sup>th</sup>. A March newsletter was distributed digitally rather than hard copy. Unfortunately, both of their tuber sales have been canceled, but once again they will make extra tubers available to members through distribution sites at a few selected members' homes. Hopefully, Longwood Gardens will give us the go-ahead for a September 2021 GPDS Dahlia Show; they should make this decision in July. Since the gardens are now open with limited ticketed visitors, we can hope that perhaps there is a good chance we can proceed. Complicating the decision may be the fact that some of the areas in the Conservatory are closed for a huge renovation project; they can only wait to see what is decided. They will have another Zoom meeting in May, and they hope to have their annual picnic and education session in August.

The National Capital Dahlia Society is continuing their virtual monthly meetings. They will conduct multiple tuber sales starting in April. If normal regular dahlia shows can't be held, they will once again have limited shows at Derwood Park. The Trial Garden has

been cleaned up and will be planted and maintained once again. They are also hopeful that actual Dahlia Shows will be held in 2021.

As you no doubt noticed the key word in this report is hope. So along with the faith we have every year that our dahlias will grow and produce beautiful blooms, this year we hope that things will return to normal.

### **Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference**

Mark Oldenkamp reports the members of the PNDC, and particularly the Portland Dahlia Society, were shocked to learn of the loss of Terry Smith, hybridizer and commercial grower from Vancouver, WA. On April 24<sup>th</sup> many will gather around his dahlia planting beds to celebrate his life and his contributions to the dahlia world. Showcase Dahlias was his handle and arrangements have been made for someone to grow his seedlings with hopes to introduce some additional "Showcase" varieties. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Several weeks ago, we also learned that Bob Miller (the Oregon one) passed. Wayne and Eleanor Shantz shared that during their time as Classification Chair, Bob and his son were "key" to converting the dahlia database into a Windows type database which then became the platform on which further developments have been made. This was many years ago, but Wayne emphasized during a recent conversation how critical that was for the classification task. Bob was one of those unknown behind-the-scenes heroes that provide solutions toward solving a problem.

The Canby Trial garden entries have been potted up for the normal prestart with the intent to plant the entries at Swan Island in mid- May. The Late March annual meeting was a success with some guest speakers on three different topics, all of which is more doable with Zoom technology.

### **Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference**

John Morton reports not all our societies will have a sale this year. San Leandro Dahlia Society will do a virtual sale once again, having growers buying and picking up in a central place. San Diego will have a regular sale, while in the Monterey Bay Society several members will hold their own sale. It seems that San Diego, Monterey Bay and John E. Stowell will not hold shows this year, Central Coast, Dahlia Society of California, and San Leandro will have a wait and see approach. Too many changes with the Covid rules make it hard to make plans and the venues can't tell us what their rules will be yet.

Zoom is still the way to hold meetings. Deborah Dietz and Eric Gaensler have been giving talks for societies across the US. Dr. Walbott spoke to the Monterey Bay group on the "scientific" of color. San Leandro has used the ADS films. Dahlia Society of California has gone one step further in online opportunities by opening membership in their club with online payment of dues.

### **Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers**

Alli Richards reports the Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers (FNWDG) has continued to utilize the Zoom platform for both their Spring Workshop and their first ever online tuber auction. Both were a great success. The workshop had an awards presentation for the FNWDG Hall of Fame and the ADS medals. The dynamic couple, Steve and Sandy Boley, were inducted to the Hall of Fame for their contributions to the

FNWDG and the entire dahlia community. The balance of the workshop was three presentations. We had a wonderful walk through of the ADS website by Sharon Swaney. The next was an educational presentation on herbicides and the impact they can have when you use contaminated compost. Lastly, we had a full rollout of the Dahlia Legacy Project mentioned at the previous ADS board meeting. The support was overwhelming for this project with many asking what they can do to help or offering information, images, and old publications.

The following Saturday was the Annual Jack Crawford Memorial Auction. This has been held during the Spring Workshop in the past. Unfortunately, with the onset of Covid we cancelled the workshop and auction for 2020. After some discussion as well as individual clubs having auctions by Zoom it was decided the FNWDG needed to do this. The members look forward to the chance to get their hands on our local new introductions and the bids reflect this. We had a stunning PowerPoint presentation created by Bob Schroeder so everyone could see the item up for bid. Alli Richards and Anne Maria Jacobson were the exuberant auctioneers, and Karen Sanchez tracked the winning bidders. Honestly, I can't say who had more fun, the auctioneers or the members trying to win the tuber! The money flowed freely, and this was the largest grossing auction in our history. At the end of the auction there was a special tuber put up for bidding, Clearview Danielle, with all the proceeds to be donated to the ADS. That was the highest selling tuber of the auction and many members included a donation to go toward the project in Danielle's name. The total amount donated on Danielle's behalf was \$950! A check for that amount was sent to the ADS Treasurer along with a breakdown of each person's donation. The monies were designated for the ADS Bulletin Scanning Project. It was so moving to see such love and support for this dahlia legend and the cause.

Our Summer Workshop will be by Zoom again with two to three presentations. We are still determining how to handle the judge's workshop. A meeting will occur in May to determine the best course of action for safety as well as adequate learning opportunities for our members. We wish the ADS dahlia community an exciting growing season!

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Advertising**

Linda Holmes-Cook reported she received information that Teresa Bergman is no longer able to chair the Advertising Committee due to her son's health issues. Linda will take care of this for the June *Bulletin*, but we need someone to take care of advertising for the September *Bulletin*.

### **Classification**

Lou Paradise reports there is not much going on right now in classification. He sent an article for the June *Bulletin* about corrections to the CHD. Sharon, web master, has had requests for the online guide to have the capability of searching cultivars by originators. We will need to discuss this option and the future of the printed Composite.

### **Editor**

Linda DeRooy Holmes-Cook reports the ADS *Bulletin* arrived in a timely manner during the month of March. Many were literally stunned when the issues showed up in our mailboxes within the first 5 days of the month! They will strive for the same regarding the June issue, but the postal service outcomes are always hard to predict.

They are receiving content with many of the Club Reports arriving on or before our April 15 deadline. The password for the Bulletins will change on May 1. The new password will be CVEdie2019@ADS and username remains member.

Information and registration details on the 2021 National Show will be featured in the June *Bulletin*. Registration numbers will be limited this year, due to COVID protocols. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Bulletin, currently or in the past.

### **Finance**

Harry Risetto reports the financial report from the Treasurer indicates there is nothing of concern.

- The Donation Envelope was productive in 2020. We should continue it and add ADS National Show as a line item. The Board should consider leaving space for a year.
- Suggested Project. Create a good YouTube or other electronic product describing and illustrating the new Seedling Scorecards. It should be available at least to all ADS judges.
- The team working on the judging manual update has been diligently working toward that end and their efforts seem to tie with the concept of an online training video for scoring both on the bench and in the TGs. I believe the new manual will be electronic which should allow for color, etc. If elements on the scorecards could be electronically linked to explanations in the judging manual that could be helpful for those who use smart phones and/or tablets.

### **Garden Dahlia**

Alan Fisher reports he submitted an article on early season dahlia care to go on the Garden Dahlia page. NCDS devoted our April meeting to a panel discussion of four long-time growers on how to grow dahlias in containers. The NCDS President recorded the Zoom session so we can make it available more broadly. When I get the link, I'll share it with Sharon to make available on the Garden Dahlia page. I requested that there be a link to Barbara Jenke's excellent article on growing dahlias in pots. Here is the link that I am requesting be made available from the Garden Dahlia page to provide more visibility.

<https://www.dahlia.org/docsinfo/articles/growing-dahlias-in-containers/?fbclid=IwAR2AdxsqbA0BKTwhczV02i510P0Vbtvzb67g6qeFANVJwbi8Ix-rRTmPBs>

### **Image Library**

Claudia Biggs reports she has received only a few requests for DVDs in the past month. She has been gathering paperwork to pass on to her replacement, Heather Ramsay. She still needs to decide how to get the computer to her. It is preferable to have a shipping place pack it, but she will talk to her computer person. This will happen probably in the next several weeks. The original crates sent to her when I took over this position and several file boxes accumulated through the years have been delivered to Mark Oldenkamp, so only the computer and supplies need to be gathered and sent.

She states she has loved this job for the past sixteen years. She has met some wonderful dahlia people and it has been fun to match names with faces. She plans to grow dahlias as long as she can and hopefully attend some national shows.

### **Insurance**

Cheryl Shores reports she has received paperwork and checks from 25 societies and hasn't heard from 25 societies (not including any Canada societies), as of 4/12/2021. She usually receives at least two per day. Many are enclosing Certificates of Insurance (COI) requests for meetings, which is a hopeful sign that maybe things are looking up! She also received a new COI request form from Mercer and has forwarded it on; it is easier to fill out than the previous form.

### **Judging Accreditation**

Bob Schroeder reports the judging chairs of all clubs/conferences have been contacted for information on the planning of having local dahlia shows and judging seminars this season. Eighteen clubs have responded; thirteen clubs plan on conducting judging seminars/shows with the remainder still unsure of their status. The committee for updating the Guidelines for Judging Dahlias are still meeting via Zoom and making great progress. The committee for developing a curriculum for candidate, accredited and senior judges are progressing with ideas for updating the judging program and developing ways to assist judging instructors in teaching judging criteria.

### **Membership**

Elva Sellens reports she is having some problems with some small societies sending their dues and is following up with them. She will be sending out to local societies a list of members who have not renewed to see if they plan to renew.

### **2021 US Membership**

This has been a busy year with new memberships. Although the membership year is a calendar year, new members who join later in the year have their membership extended into the following year. For the following information, the new membership year usually runs July through the following June. The number of "memberships" below includes individual and family membership not the total of new members.

Year	New Memberships	Members At Large Membership	Dahlia Society Membership	Total New Members
2018	234	32	202	288
2019	267	28	239	325
2020	280	52	228	331
2021*	336	92	244	398

\*2021 is only thru April 16, 2021.

As you can see, there is a 56 more new memberships so far in 2021 compared to 2020. She has been busy sending out new membership packets.

### **U.S. Members**

There are 1,530 memberships – 1,069 individual and 457 family membership (457 x 2 = 914) for a total of 1,984. There are 360 memberships and 1 Participating Society that

have not yet renewed. I am still working with one participating society to get their dues in. This year we have a new affiliated society – Yankee Dahlia Society – MA area. We now have 55 participating societies and 3 affiliated societies.

### **Canada Members**

There are 134 memberships – 85 individuals and 49 family memberships (49 x 2 = 98) for a total of 183 Canadian members. 18 new memberships – 16 individuals and 2 family memberships. 6 memberships did not renew.

There are 9 participating societies and 1 affiliated society.

### **Other Foreign**

There are 18 foreign memberships.

We have a total of 2,185 members as of 4/16/21.

### **National Exhibition**

Art Haskins reports there have been no new requests to host a national show. The committee working on the National Show Booklet are in the final throes of editing and it will be out to the executive board soon. We need to find a society to host the 2025 National Show.

### **New Society Coordinator**

Rosemary Freeman reports the interest in building new dahlia societies continues. The Yankee Dahlia Society, near Boston, MA has formally joined the ADS as an affiliated society. The ADS Board will vote to approve their joining the American Dahlia Society today, during this conference call.

I've continued communications with Jimmy Speas in Clemmons, NC, near the Winston/Salem area. They will have their first planning meeting shortly. Randy Miller in Boise, Idaho is continuing to gather interested individuals in starting a new dahlia society. They have a private Facebook group called Dahlia Growers of Idaho with around 60 members. Randy is exceptionally good in finding new people and encouraging them to join their group. Hopefully, they will be able to encourage some of those interested members to start the planning process and become a new ADS affiliated or participating dahlia society.

### **Photography**

Debbie Pavich reports information regarding the 2021 photo contest has been submitted for the next ADS *Bulletin* and ADS website. Trevor Hoff is taking a year off from submitting entries to help with the contest. They are looking into programs that could allow the entrants to directly submit their photos online rather than submitting by email.

### **Publicity/Public Relation**

Larry Smith reports he is concentrating on creating educational/informational video content and working with Sharon to get it added to the website and with Anna to add it to social media sites. He recorded Mark Oldenkamp giving a step-by-step how-to demonstration on waking up tubers and taking cuttings; it is now on the ADS website. More videos are being planned, including starting tubers inside for early blooms, various subjects regarding dahlia culture, and showing the Canby Trial Garden progress from



early to late season. Subjects relating to judging training are under consideration. If anyone has ideas, let Larry know. Regarding print media, if you are aware of any possible content that might draw the interest in your community, let Larry know and he will pursue it. To get attention in local communities, he will need your help to find local media contacts to work with.

## **Research and Education**

### **VIRUS – Ron Miner**

Ron Miner report there is just one key message from the virus team: Encourage your local clubs to participate in the Clean Stock project in 2021! The first step is to identify a project leader. He or she can find all the details under the “Know” tab on the ADS website, [www.dahlia.org](http://www.dahlia.org). The objective is to identify and distribute clean starting stock across the country. That is an important first step in reducing virus in our dahlia gardens.

### **GENOME SEQUENCING – Kristine Albrecht**

Kristine reports pieces are falling into place for moving forward on the dahlia genome project. The Harkess Lab at Auburn University and HudsonAlpha has recruited a master’s student, Zach Meharg, to begin studies in fall 2021. Zach and Dr. Harkess have worked together to develop a plan for two manuscripts, two chapters of his thesis. This advancement is critical -- previously, there was no dedicated person working on this project, due to lack of funding. Zach is going to be paid off the Harkess Lab start-up funds to begin with, but we are currently pursuing additional lines of grant funding to support his \$23,000/year stipend, tuition, and benefits cost. Currently, Kristine Albrecht has secured a grower in Huntsville who is about to receive rhizomes from several dahlia species, at least one of which is hoped to be a tetraploid instead of octoploid. They will only attempt sequencing a tetraploid species for the genome project as octoploid will be impossible. Here are the two major research lines and manuscripts that we are attempting for Zach’s Masters project.

1. Manuscript 1: A chloroplast phylogeny of the Dahlia genus
  - a. Justification: The RNA-based phylogeny did not yield sufficient phylogenetic resolution, as there appears to be very little genetic diversity within the expressed genes sampled. Here we will instead take an alternative approach and use chloroplast genome sequencing and assembly to resolve the phylogeny of the dahlia genus.
  - b. 14 species dahlias and 15 modern cultivars will be shotgun Illumina sequenced (5 gigabases of data each) in the Harkess Lab at Auburn and HudsonAlpha. Connect with Dayle Saar at WKU to gather additional species and fill out the phylogeny better.
  - c. Chloroplasts will be assembled using novoplasty (<https://github.com/ndierckx/NOVOPlasty>), and a species tree phylogeny constructed with RAxML and Astral-III
  - d. We will also assemble mitochondrial genomes from the data using Novoplasty.
2. Manuscript 2: The genomes of Dahlia species and the evolution of [something interesting]

- a. Generate Illumina genome shotgun data (40X coverage) for 5 species -- rudis, coccinia, tenuicalis, brevifolia, sorensennii.
- b. Build kmer heterozygosity plots using smudgeplots (<https://github.com/KamilSJaron/smudgeplot>)
- c. Assess genome size, ploidy, heterozygosity, and repeat content for the 5 species. Pick 2 to move forward with for PacBio genome sequencing, assembly, and annotation.
- d. Kristine already identified growers nearby Alex's lab to start seed for those 2 species. Alex makes plans to collect all tissue for a genome off a single plant individual.
- e. Resequence individuals from across the Dahlia Show winner groups to map floral mutations.

### **Seedling Bench Evaluation**

Roger Walker reports applications to hold a seedling bench evaluation will be sent to the ADS rep of each club. If clubs plan to hold a show with a seedling bench evaluation section, the rep or designee should return the application.

### **Social Media**

Anna Kandra reports the following information on social media:

Current stats:

Facebook followers: 3,551

Facebook group members: 4,268

Instagram followers: 2,059

The Photo Contest posts have been extremely popular; she has a few more to make through the end of this month. A few more planned topics to post about for the coming months are: dahlias in container gardens, feeding your dahlias/soil requirements, growing tips and care, and irrigation systems, along with any new information posted to the website.

### **Special Awards**

Jerry Landerholm reports the Derrill Hart and Evie Gullikson medals for 2020 have been sent to people who have graciously agreed to make the presentations as personal as possible considering the current situation created by the pandemic. This is very much appreciated. Included with the engraved medals is a congratulatory letter from the ADS.

Unfortunately, no medals for our Seedling Bench Evaluation program were awarded for 2020. There were too few shows to make meaningful data collection possible. We are looking for an improvement in this situation in 2021.

Wrapping up the medal awards for 2020, the ADS President's Award was awarded to Richard and Danielle Parshall by President Brad Freeman. This was done via a virtual meeting. By the time you read this, the actual award will have been presented to Richard. Also, 2020 marked the first year in presenting the Les Connell Silver Medal Award. The first medal was presented to Vivian Connell and the second to Colin Walker. The ADS website has a wonderful front-page article with photos of the

presentation to Vivian. Thanks to all in making the President's Award and the new Les Connell Silver Medal presentations possible.

## **Website**

Sharon Swaney reports since our last meeting, the website efforts have been limited to adding information (seasonal, informational, and news) to the site. Thanks, Mark Oldenkamp, for your demonstration on taking dahlia cuttings, and to Larry Smith for recording the demonstration. This video is posted in the Dahlia University and in our Vimeo account. Fun fact, we had 1100+ views of video in our Vimeo account in the last month, mostly by phone.

We have had a request to search classification information by originator (see also Classification Report). This would be a small project if the information is readily available. I would recommend keeping this search separate as I did the awards info as it seems this search will have a limited audience.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Seedling Evaluation Scorecard**

Roger Walker reported at the last meeting, we went over the justification and reasoning to update the scorecard. We talked about how distinction has been misused and would likely continue to be misused if it remains on the scorecard. Roger sent out drafts of the proposed new scorecard to the board. If there are any comments or suggestions on how it could be improved, those could be considered. If there aren't any, or just minor comments, they could be approved at this time. There was discussion about the scores assigned to the various characteristics and whether there should be "bonus" points for distinction. The committees working on updating the Judging Guidelines and developing a Judging Curriculum will make sure the new scorecard information is used in those. This statement will be removed from the open-centered scorecard. **Alli Richards moved, and Bob Schroeder seconded to accept this scorecard as presented with typos corrected. The motion passed.** The math is simple with 30/20 for form/color and 10 points each for substance, stem, foliage, bloom position, and uniformity/floriferousness. This scorecard will be used starting in 2022. The only change is to remove "top facing is fine for balls, pompons, and waterlilies" on the open-centered scorecard. If anyone finds any other typos, let Roger know. There was a suggestion to put the CHD, Judging Guidelines, Scorecards in electronic format with hotlinks for the various components, such as color, form, etc. It will be important for the ADS to move into the digital age.

### **Judging Requirements for 2021**

Bob Schroeder recommends allowing judges to advance if they are able to meet the requirements. Judging classes can be in-person or via Zoom. **Roger Walker moved and Alan Fisher seconded the motion, "Any judge that meets the requirements to progress to the next level can move up and any requirements that judges must attend events this year are suspended."** The motion carries. Basically, if judges want to move up and can meet the requirements, they are able to and there won't be any penalties for those who can't or don't feel comfortable attending shows and/or training. Bob will draft a statement to put in the June *Bulletin* and include on the website.

## CHD for 2021

It is recommended that we wait and see. Lou recommends deciding what percentage of shows would send show reports in order for us to print a new CHD for 2022. Elva Sellens commented that people want a new CHD. She has gotten many members email her about not receiving their 2021 CHD. **Roger Walker moved and Alli Richards seconded that we print a CHD for 2022 not removing any varieties currently listed, add trial garden and SBE from 2020 and 2021, add any that get added for getting two blue ribbons at a show. The motion passed.** Lou asked about picture to use on the front cover, since there was no Stanley Johnson medal in 2020. It was suggested to use the bloom that won the Les Connell award. Lou brought up the question about printing a new composite book as that was due in 2021. Lou wonders if it is necessary to print the composite since it is online. Since it is due, Lou will print a new CHD. There has been a request to search online by originator. Sharon Swaney states she could put the originator information available to members only or to the general public. All information from the composite will be transferred to the online guide. The originator name, country and year will be put on the website in the members only area.

## National Show Booklet

It is in the final throes of editing and will be out to the executive board soon. We need to find a society to host the 2025 National Show.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Yankee Dahlia Society

Rosemary Freeman states we have a new affiliated dahlia society, the Yankee Dahlia Society, outside Boston, MA. **Rosemary moved and Linda Holmes-Cook seconded to have the ADS accept the Yankee Dahlia Society as a new society and welcome them into the dahlia community. The motion passed.** Information needs to be given to Sharon for the Society page, to Lou for show reports and the ADS Reps and President information to the appropriate persons. Rosemary will get a "Welcome to the ADS" letter out to them.

The next meeting will be June 27, 2021, via Zoom, at 4 pm Eastern Daylight Time.

**Brad Freeman adjourned the meeting at 5:59 pm, EDT.**

Respectively Submitted,

Terry Schroeder

ADS General Secretary