

American Dahlia Society
Minutes – Executive Committee Meeting
October 29, 2023

Present: Brad Freeman, Mark Oldenkamp, Ken Jensen, Charles Miehme, Tony Evangelista, Harry Risetto, Jerry Landerholm, and Ron Miner

The meeting was opened at 1:04 pm PDT.

There was a discussion about the operating budget for 2024 calendar year. Nancy Mossburg joined the discussion. Nancy has been instrumental in creating the budget spreadsheet for the ADS. Actual income and expense figures from 2023 will be used to create the 2024 budget. It was agreed that the Treasurer should provide a copy of the budget document to the Board on a quarterly basis starting with the first quarter of 2024. The budget document will be a summary of the activity for the quarter. Nancy left the meeting after this discussion.

There was a discussion regarding forming the nominating committee for 2024 elections. Brad appointed Jerry to be the chair of the nominating committee.

Brad gave a brief update regarding committee chairs. Laura Fisher will join the Garden committee as co-chair. Sarina Lagor will be the New Society Coordinator. The positions of National Show committee chair and the Bulletin Advertising Manager are still open.

A discussion followed regarding the National Shows and the inability to find a chair for the National Show committee. This is not just the President's responsibility but everyone on the Board needs to help recruit the next chair. There are no National Shows scheduled after 2025 which is another concern.

Brad gave an update on the status regarding the move to Google Workspace and the strategic plan. Both initiatives have languished during the summer and fall months due to our focus on our dahlia gardens.

Brad distributed a draft of a Board and Executive Committee meeting schedule for 2024. More work is needed before finalizing it. The 2024 spring planning and Board meeting location has not been set.

The agenda for November 12th Board meeting was reviewed. The nominating committee was added to the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Freeman, President and Secretary Pro Tem