

San Diego County Orchid Society
General Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2017

Summary

This meeting was the regular monthly General Meeting. During the business portion of the meeting, Kay Klausung, President, invited Ron Kaufmann, Conservation Committee Chair, to approach the podium and conduct the membership vote for the recommended 2017 SDCOS Conservation Grants Awardees. The total amount of the Grants was previously approved by the Board but over the \$750.00 amount the Board may expend without Membership approval as stated in the By-Laws, Article IV Board of Directors, Section 7, sub-section 'd'.

Ron presented a quick review of the purpose, location, and other interesting intellectual tidbits for each of the four grants. He called for a motion from the floor to approve the awarding and funding of the four grants of year 2017. Charley Fouquette made the motion which was then seconded by David Brown. Ron called for discussions; there were none. Ron requested a vocal vote of the membership present for the affirmative; members responded. Ron then called a vocal vote for the negative, no member's vote was heard, and there were no abstentions. The motion passed by unanimous approval. The Treasurer will be issuing the checks shortly.

Kay announced to the membership the SDCOS Finance Committee would be holding a meeting on Sunday, December third starting at 10:00 A.M. If any member wished to attend they should contact either himself or Scott LaBouff for more details.

Scott LaBouff took a few minutes to remind the membership present about the approaching January excursion to The Huntington on Saturday, January 20, 2018. This excursion would include an extended tour of the back-lot greenhouses and demonstrations of how the orchid lab does propagation of plants. Following that brief reminder, Scott showed photos of the recently purchased marketing signs which had been placed throughout Balboa Park at the recent fall show. There were Oooohs!, Ahhhhs!, and a few Wows! heard from the audience. These new signs do not take a break, are quite colorful, work silently, catch Park visitors' eyes, and it is hoped they will increase the exposure and attendance at future shows.

The award SDCOS received at the recent orchid show at The Huntington was presented to Jack Schaefer on behalf of the Society; Scott LaBouff presented visual slides of what the display looked like so those members who had attended and those members who had not attended could enjoy and appreciate all the hard work the SDCOS Huntington display team had accomplished. Jack stated he had observed plants displayed by SDCOS members had many more blue ribbons awarded than other displays he visited.

Kay presented to Jerry and Anita Spencer for winning the "James & Lise Wright Best of Show" and "Forrest Robinson Cultural Award" trophies at the recent Fall Show in the Park. It has been rumored that Anita does all the work and Jerry is allowed to carry the winnings to their vehicle. For pictures of the various awards at the fall show, check out the photos on the SDCOS website under the 'Gallery' tab, 'Fall Awards' section.

Kay formally announced that Ken Campbell would be resigning at the end of the General Meeting. He thanked Ken for his service. The Society will now be searching for the next Second Vice-President and membership was asked for someone to step forward to fill that position or recommend someone to do so.

Kay reminded those present the December 05, 2017 meeting would be the annual holiday dinner and dish sign-up sheets were on the entry tables as well as on the website. The Society would be providing the main course and a gift plant would be available for all members in attendance at the holiday event.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ketelaar, Secretary