

## **MARCH 9, 2025 OSGKC MEETING MINUTES**



The Meeting was called to order by the president, Anh Rongish. 40 people attended in person and four attended virtually. Thank you to Usha Rafferty and the hospitality committee for organizing and those who brought refreshments.

Minutes from the February meeting were posted on the website. Nancy Kasperek made a motion to approve, and the motion was seconded by Usha Rafferty. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Scott Howell III gave the treasurer's report. Currently, we have \$29,328.75 in our Capitol Federal account.

The Powell Gardens event is March 29. If you would like to participate contact Kristy Charland.

Library: Mark Clements. Cindy Hobbs shared her experience with the new light meter. Use the link to sign up to borrow the light meter:

Show Committee: Crystal Remington discussed our recent show in Fayetteville. Forty-five plants were entered. Our exhibit won best of class display with six blue ribbons, 11 red ribbons, and 8 white ribbons. Kristy Charland won an AOS award for Paph. Gold Mine 'Memoria Grace Porter' FCC/AOS, named after her grandmother.

Crystal Remington discussed the upcoming shows:

Springfield March 14-16

Omaha March 21-24

Tulsa March 28-29

Oklahoma City May 2-4

Crystal and Anh also discussed our upcoming orchid auction April 13. Volunteers are needed. Please contact them if you are available to help.

Susie Hanna discussed upcoming programs including **Carson E. Whitlow** who will be speaking to us on "**The World of Cypripediums**" and **Jana Butcher** speaking on "**New Light Technology**:"

New Business: Anh Rongish discussed proposed changes to our Society's By Laws. The membership is asked to review the changes and plan to vote at our May meeting.

***Proposed changes include:***

- Changing the membership renewal date to December 31st of each year. January 1st would be when members considered delinquent for not paying dues.
- Removing membership vote for At Large Members.
- Removing requirement for the membership to vote on changes for Policies and Procedures. A quorum of Board members (two-thirds) will make decisions on Policies and Procedures
- Removing requirement for the Board to vote for meeting format each meeting (in person or virtually)
- Removing requirement that Budget Committee includes the President and Vice President
- Besides minor grammatical changes, proposed Policy and Procedure changes include:

Hospitality Committee: Remove the number of members bringing refreshments each month, which is usually more than 2 members. The hospitality chair would be responsible for reminding the volunteers to bring refreshments. Removing lists of specific items to purchase or supply and combining them into generic terms such as "food", "items" and/or "necessary items"

Judging Committee: Removing the use of digital ribbons, which was in using during COVID

Membership Committee: Updating the rules to reflect proposed new membership renewal due date of December 31st. Removing introduction of new members and visitors and calling of members who have been absent from meetings.

Program: Dr. Douglas Needham, Oklahoma State, spoke to us about Orchid Pest Control.

Dr. Needham spoke about Integrated Pest Management. The three primary points being Prevention, Surveillance, and Corrective Measures. He stressed the importance of maintaining a clean growing area, quarantining new plants for at least two weeks, and constantly checking for pests. He also discussed viruses and benevolent insects to control various bug infestations.

