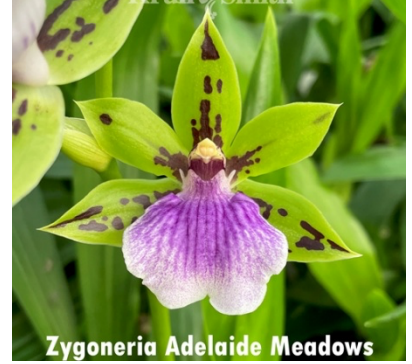


## May 18, 2025 OSGKC meeting minutes



2:00 the meeting was called to order by the president, Anh Rongish. 37 attended in person, and 1 on zoom.

Thank you to Jeanne Smith for organizing hospitality.

The minutes for The March meeting were posted on the website. Susie Hanna made a motion to approve seconded by Mark Prout. The minutes were approved unanimously by all attending.

### **Old Business:** Committee Reports.

Library Committee: Mark Clements is working on ways to add new books to the library, as well as possibly bringing books to the society meetings so members know what we have available. Mark is also in charge of the light meter, and there is a check out link in the May newsletter.

Show Committee: We are looking to move our fall show to the Overland Park Arboretum which will give us more space and the opportunity to partner with the arboretum as part of their Educational Program. The dates will be October 16 for set up, and the show October 17-18 at the Overland Park Arboretum Longhouse Visitor Center.

Program Committee chair, Susie Hanna discussed our meeting June 8<sup>th</sup>. The speaker will be Clark Thomas Riley, who will be telling us about “60 years of growing mistakes and how to fix them.”

Our July meeting will be a change from the usual growers tour. We will meet at the Merriam Community Center and enjoy an Orchid Market for members only. This will be an opportunity for our members to bring plants they would like to buy, sell, or trade. Sellers will be asked to make a small donation to the society. Plan on fun and games. The Treasurer’s report was given by Scott Howell. Our expenses for the Orchid Society auction in April were \$2688.41. Our profit from the auction was \$7250. Some numbers may be updated soon. Currently our society has \$36,736.40 in our Capital Federal account.

### **Proposed change to by- laws.**

**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.

A motion was made by Mark Prout to accept the changes and seconded by Nancy Kasperek. The changes were approved unanimously by the membership.

### **New Business:**

The Chicago Orchid Fest Will be held September 19- 21. Save the dates and let Anh know if you would like to be part of the group that is going.

Member recognition.

Anh thanked all the members who helped with the auction. The auction is a huge project and could never get done without so many willing workers.

Cindy Hobbs recognized Jean Rogers for all her years of working on the newsletter. Jean used her creative talents to provide great growing information, member profiles, and updates on club activities.

The Lifetime Membership award was given to Cindy Hobbs Who was recognized for all of the contributions she has made to our society.

Program: Tim Culbertson spoke about “**Modern Hybrids in the Zygotepalum Alliance, Illustrating New Directions in Hawaii and in the US to make Temperature-Tolerant Miniture Zygos**” Interesting fact according to Tim: There are more than 400 species of Zygos, and they are loosely related to cymbidiums. Tim advised us that Zygo’s like the same light as phals, and they like a lot of water when you see new growth. He suggested that if you don’t see new growth back off on the water.

