

AMERICAN HIBISCUS SOCIETY 2022
NATIONAL CONVENTION JULY 7-10
HILTON HOTEL
LAFAYETTE, LA

President's Committee

President Todd Alvis called the meeting to order.

Roll call by Joyce Melebeck, Carolyn Cormier-Stoute 1st VP, Frank Sullivan 2nd r, Recording Secretary Joyce Melebeck, Executive Secretary Joanna Schimek, Treasurer Walter Bissell and Carolyn Cormier-Stoute

Board of Directors 2018-2024

Called meeting to order. Greg Graves, Chairman, Ottmar Schimek, Nancy Kopp and Sandra Barr

Directors 2021-2026

Karen Sullivan, Miki Dougherty, Ryan Perry, Gloria Mikulenska

It was brought up about removing a x on the exhibitor cards. That was turned down.

Carolyn brought up about amateur, you can never go back to Amateur. Will go to By-Law Committee.

Convention was brought up about the rotation. Was LA, TX, FL and change to FL, TX, LA 2023. These need to be approved.

Meeting was adjourned

Friday July 8th 2022

General Session

President. Todd Alvis, Carolyn Cormier-Stoute gave the invocation and the pledge

Roll call: Todd Alvis, Frank Sullivan, Joyce Melebeck, Gloria Mikulenska, Carolyn Cormier-Stoute, Joanna Schimek and Walter Bissell all present.

Todd Alvis mentioned we had over 200 plants for raffle.

President Todd Alvis divided the group into the various group meetings:

Show and Judging Committee:

The following bylaw change was voted into place at the last convention.

Article VII, Section 3

Starting with the election of 2024, 4 Directors will be elected on a regional basis: 1 from Florida, 1 from Texas, 1 from Louisiana, and 1 director at large from any region,

Directors will be elected in 2026. 1 from Florida, 1 from Texas, 1 from Louisiana and 1 director at large, continuing in the like manner into the future.

By Law Committee: was suggested to eliminate the " X " No changes will take place.

Also, once an amateur you can never go back to amateur Category.

A motion was made and all approved

Seedling Evaluation Committee (SEC) Chairman: Sam Andrew

Ryan Perry, Cindy Adkins, Joyce Melebeck Gloria Mikuleka, Gary Matthews (absent), Paul Zinzer (absent), Sandra Barr and Gail Price.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Roll call: Todd Alvis, Carolyn Cormier-Stoute, Frank Sullivan, Gloria Mikulenska, Joyce Melebeck, Walter Bissell and Carolyn Cormier-Stoute all present

MAL Sam Andrew: Sam reported it was heavily populated.

Publication: Ryan Perry Seed Pod

Technology/Social Media: Ryan Perry talked about FB to promote Chapters and events. He stressed Do Not Alter Blooms.

Meeting was adjourned

Convention for 2023 was announced to be in Titusville, FL.

Chapter President's Report':

Conrad Sunrise – low attendance and struggling to keep chapter going. Had plant exchange instead of auction. Have been unable have shows due to restrictions at Mount Botanical Gardens.

Harry Goulding - Dave Wallin reported that they had 1st show since the pandemic. Lost some members and meeting venue. Rebuilding a new place to meet.

James E Henry – Nancy Kopp, the chapter has grown to 89 members and have taken on responsibilities/

Lonestar- Gloria Mikulenska We decided to only one show this year. Had 500 plants and sold out.

Mathews-Falman – Frank Sullivan, Is a strong chapter. Had 5 shows. Had 100 plants at each show and only a few left over.

Mike Bernard Acadiana – Ryan Perry, Started off strong with Dupont visit. Participated in Festival de Fleur sale. Also, had a successful show and sale.

New Orleans - Robert Price Had shoe and sell and sold out of plants. Also, signed up new members,

Red Stick – Todd Alvis reported had Hibiscus show and sell and sold out.

Space City – no report received.

Sunset – with covid impact, lost membership. Growing additional members remain a goal.

Seed Bank – Don Bernard, the seed bank appreciates our hybridizers for donations.

JUDGES TRAINING BY Marti Graves

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned.

NATIONAL AWARDS

CONVENTION BANQUET JULY 9TH 2022

AWARDS

The **Harry Goulding Grafting Award** for 2021

Awarded to Buddy Short

The **Norman and Beverly Brubaker Award** for the 2021

Awarded to Dancing Fire,

The **Norman Reasoner Award for Most Amateur Exhibitors** in the Michael Bernard Acadiana Chapter

The **A. B. Morrison Award** for the hybridizer with the most Best of Show Seedlings in 2021

Won by Todd & Janelle Alvis, Red Stick Chapter

The NOLA Reynolds – Ann Mitchell Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Marti and Greg Graves.

GOLD SEAL SWEEPSTAKES 2021

Amateur – *presented by Ann Peltier*

Florida: Valerie Costa
Louisiana: Carrol Vice
Texas: no shows

Collector – *presented by Rita Hall*

Florida: Judy Nadella
Louisiana: Steffan Callegan
Texas: no shows

Open Collector – *presented by Carolyn Cormier-Stoute*

Florida: Madeline Dougherty
Louisiana: Joanna & Ottmar Schimek
Texas: no shows

Commercial – *presented by Nancy Kopp*

Florida: none
Louisiana: Todd & Janelle Alvis
Texas: no awards

Paul Felsberg Award- ELECTRIC PIZZAZZ

4th Place **GRAND DAME** From Dupont / Gerlick
3rd Place **TX STORM** from Matt Martindale/ grown by Steve Smelly
2nd Place **OLD FASHION ROMANCE** from Dupont/ Gerlick
2022 SOTY **CAJUN HEART OF DARKNESS** From Dupont/Gerlick

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP For **FATHER BOB GERLICK** for his many contributions to propagating hibiscus.

DUPONY NUSERY for supplying plants for LA and TX chapters

JOANNA SCHIMEK for Executive Secretary