

San Diego County Orchid Society
General Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2019

Summary

This meeting was the regular monthly General Meeting. Due to the New Year's holiday and Balboa Park 101 and 104 rooms' availability, the day of the meeting was changed from Tuesday to Thursday, January third.

During the business portion of the meeting, Kay Klausing, President, completed the normal routine business items. He announced the availability of orchid mixture and pots for sale at the main entrance area of the room. Also announced was the date of the next SDCOS Finance Committee meeting for Sunday, February 3, 2019, at Bruce and Carol Berg's house. Any member wishing to attend should let the Bergs know so sufficient seating may be arranged.

Kay invited Debby Halliday, SDCOS Vice-President, to approach the podium and conduct the remainder of the business portion of the meeting. The first item related to the budget for the 2019 Spring Show. Prior to tonight's meeting, the proposed budget had been published via an email to the membership on Saturday, December 15, 2018, and also appeared in the SDCOS newsletter of January 2019. Debby referenced the details in both publications and stated the total amount to be voted upon for approval is \$34,750 to include revenue and expenses. She reviewed the revenue sources and expenses details of the proposed budget then called for a motion from the floor to approve the *2019 Spring Show* budget. David Brown made the motion to approve the budget as published, reviewed, and stated. Jack Schaefer seconded the motion. Discussion of the proposed budget was called for, there was minimal discussion. From the membership present, Debby called for an auditory vote from all those **in agreement**; then she requested an auditory vote from those **not in agreement**. There were no negative votes. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present at the meeting.

During this part of the meeting, the second item addressed was an approval from the membership for the 2018 SDCOS Conservation Grants Awardees as decided by the SDCOS Conservation Committee during their meeting of December 2, 2018. The proposed grants had been presented in an article authored by Ron Kaufmann, Conservation Committee Chair, in the January 2019 SDCOS Newsletter. The three proposed grants are as follows:

1. *Diversity and Distribution of Orchids in Syangja District of Western Nepal*. Submitted by Ajay Karki, Kathmandu Forestry College, Kathmandu, Nepal for \$3,350.
2. *The Orchids of Cerro Brujo, Chiapas, Mexico*. Submitted by Eduardo Martinez Ovando, Universidad de Ciencias y Artes del Estado de Chiapas, Chiapas, Mexico for \$6,800.
3. *Utilizing Citizen Science to Restore Orchid Biodiversity at The Ridges Sanctuary in Baileys Harbor, Wisconsin*. Submitted by Matt Peter, The Ridges Sanctuary, Wisconsin for \$3,220.

The total of the three grants is \$13,370. Debby presented a summary review of the purpose, location, and other interesting intellectual tidbits for each of the three grants. She called for a motion from the floor to approve the awarding and funding of the three grants of year 2018. Charley Fouquette made the motion which was then seconded by Cheryl Adams. Debby called for discussions; there were none. She requested a vocal vote of the membership present for the affirmative; members responded. Debby 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 SDCOS Treasurer will be issuing the checks shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ketelaar
Secretary