

AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 27, 2008
Orlando, Florida
Embassy Suites Hotel

Kevin Walek, President of the American Hemerocallis Society, called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 8:10 a.m. EDT on October 27, 2007. The meeting was held in the Embassy Suites Hotel. Following opening remarks by the President, the Secretary called the roll.

Board Members in attendance were: Kathy Lamb (MN), Region 1; Joanne Larson (IL), Region 2; Kevin Walek (VA), Region 3; Mary Collier Fisher (MA), Region 4; Earnest Yearwood, (GA), Region 5; Richard Rosen (TX), Region 6; Gary Colby (CA), Region 7; Patricia Loveland (OR), Region 8; Betty Roberts (CO), Region 9; Brenda Macy (KY), Region 10; Mary Lou Lundblade (KS), Region 11; David Kirchhoff (KY), Region 12; John Holland (LA), Region 13; Barbara Watts (MS), Region 14; and Linda Sue Barnes (NC), Region 15.

Special committee chairs in attendance were: Ken Cobb (NC), Archivist / Historian; Ginger Goudeau (LA), Conventions; Kay Day Pricola (CA), Endowments & Special Projects; Joann Stewart (GA), Exhibition Judges; Melissa Begnaud (LA), Garden Judges; Maureen Strong (Canada), International Membership; Rebecca Board (NC), Popularity Poll; Gisela Meckstroth (OH), Newsletter Exchange; and Maurice Greene (TN), Technology. Special committee chairs absent from the Board Meeting were Tom Rood (NY), Membership Renewal; Ottis Houston (FL), Photographic Media Librarian; and Gail Korn (NE), Round Robin.

Administrative staff members in attendance were: Pat Mercer (GA), Secretary; Jimmy Jordan (TN), Publications Sales Manager; Gretchen Baxter (NC), Registrar; and Bret Clement (IN), General Counsel and Parliamentarian. Administrative Staff absent from the Board Meeting were: Carolyn McLain (MS), Interim Editor, *The Daylily Journal*, Bob Brooks (HI), Treasurer; and Tim Fehr (WI), Webmaster.

President Walek welcomed the following guests to the meeting: Curtis Montgomery (CA), Donna Peck (NM), Frank Smith (FL), Nancy Falck (AL), and Julie Covington (VA).

MINUTES:

The minutes of the American Hemerocallis Society Board of Directors Meeting held on July 26, 2007, in Minneapolis, MN were approved as presented. The minutes of the Board Meeting along with the minutes of the 2007 Annual Business Meeting held on July 27, 2007 in Minneapolis, MN will be printed in *The Daylily Journal* Supplement, Vol. 62, No. 4 (Winter 2007 issue). David Kirchhoff moved to accept the minutes as

presented. Joanne Larson seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as presented.

Officer Reports:

President: Kevin Walek reported that he had attended the Region 3 Lilyhemmer Meeting and had tentatively accepted to attend the Region 2 Winter Meeting and summer meetings in Regions 3 and 13. He notified the Board of the untimely death of the Region 3 RVP, John Euchler and the subsequent appointment of Carol Savard (MD), as interim RVP. He has updated the Motions History and has conferred with the AHS General Counsel regarding regional incorporation projects, copyright issues, and the development of a copyright form for future use. He provided assistance to the respective committee chairs in updating the Policy and Procedures Guide, the Regional Officers Guidelines, and the Convention Handbook.

Chief Financial Officer:

Mary Collier Fisher stated that she and members of the Finance Committee had reviewed the entire 2008 budget request submitted by officers, staff and special committee chairs. She reported that once again the proposed budget projects a deficit budget if all items are expensed as requested and if the income is as projected. The committee is strongly working toward a balanced budget without using the Monroe interest each year. She reported that Edward D. McDowell (GA) had completed an internal audit of the financial records of the AHS for the period 8/18/2006 through 8/17/2007. In his report he writes “the management of the many varied assets of the Society is a tedious function and the Treasurer and the Chief Financial Officer are to be commended on the prudent management of these assets.”

The Chief Financial Officer presented the following action item.

Move that the AHS Board of Directors complete the IRS mandated annual vote designating that the investment income received from the WEMEFT as of December 31, 2007, be contributed back to the WEMFT up to the maximum received but not more than that needed for the AHS to show a zero loss/gain for the year ending December 31, 2007.

The AHS Board of Directors approved the motion.

The CFO presented the following reports from the Treasurer and presented the proposed 2008 budget.

Treasurer’s Reports:

Bob Brooks submitted the following items for the Board’s review:

- (A) Bank Accounts and investments September 27, 2007
- (B) AHS Budget vs. Actual January through September 25, 2007
- (C) AHS Balance Sheets September 27, 2007
- (D) WEMEFT Balance Sheet & Profit & Loss September 27, 2007

The treasurer’s report was accepted as presented.

Staff Reports:**Interim Editor, *The Daylily Journal*:**

The Board was directed to the written report in which Carolyn McLain reported that the fall issue of *The Daylily Journal* was mailed by the published release date and that the winter issue was at the printers. She also wrote that the printers had been able to convert the Awards and Honors to the Quark program used for publication.

Secretary:

Pat Mercer reported that the total membership of the Society as of September 1, 2007, was 9,763 members. Renewal notices for 2008 are being included in the mailing of *The Daylily Journal*. All members will receive a renewal notice. Each member's mailing label will contain the membership expiration date. Renewal notices and a return-mailing envelope will be included in the Fall and Winter issues of *The Daylily Journal*. The secretary recommended a procedural change in the end of the membership year from September 31, to September 1 of each year. After the end of the membership year, all new memberships become effective for the following year. The rationale for changing the date is to align with the mailing of the renewal notices with the fall issue of *The Daylily Journal*. In addition the regional counts as of September 1 are used for the popularity poll reporting and for insurance purposes.

The voucher program was begun in 2007. During this time a total of 707 vouchers were sent to new members, 246 members received vouchers for three-year member upgrades and 11 vouchers were sent for life/dual life memberships. The voucher program is continuing for 2008 and 60 vouchers have already been mailed for 2008 new members or membership upgrades.

Region 2 graciously contributed funds to renew memberships for youth members whose memberships expire at the end of 2007. Letters were mailed on October 1, 2007 to 144 youth members whose memberships expire at the end of 2007. The letter advised them of the gift membership and included a return post card to indicate an acceptance of the gift and to validate their status as a youth member.

Publication Sales:

Jimmy Jordan presented an inventory of publications on hand and answered questions pertaining to sales of publications.

Registrar:

Gretchen Baxter stated that the online database has proved to be a huge success and currently there are over 4,000 images on the online database. Cultivar registrations have reached 1,781 and are still arriving. Corrections continue to be made to the master database as they are presented.

Webmaster:

The Board was directed to the written report of the Webmaster whose activities at this point are concerned with updating the pages and creating a new home page with a different twist. A Site Map page will also be added.

General Counsel and Parliamentarian:

Bret Clement informed the Board that much of his time since the July Board Meeting has been researching and writing the AHS Copyright Release Form for Regions and for the national organization. He emphasized that copyright laws are complex and rights vary according to the date laws were enacted. Questions were asked regarding the interpretation of the forms. Questions were also raised as to the maintaining and storing of the signed forms. President Walek indicated that he along with appropriate committees would be working on a solution for presentation at the next Board Meeting.

Executive Committee:

Mary Collier Fisher reported from the Executive Committee meeting held prior to the Board Meeting. She stated that the Special Editor Search Committee composed of Barbara Watts, Frank Smith, Patricia Loveland, Rich Rosen, David Kirchhoff, and Mary Collier Fisher, Committee Chair, had carefully reviewed the applications for the position of Journal Editor and made recommendations to the Executive Committee. On behalf of the Executive Committee she is presenting the following action item containing four provisions.

Move that the AHS Board of Directors approve the recommendation of the Special Editor Search Committee: to split the Journal Editor's position into three separate positions: Executive Editor, Special Publications Editor, and Advertising Manager.

Move that the AHS Board of Directors approve the recommendation of the Special Editor Search Committee to select Meg McKenzie as Executive Editor, The Daylily Journal, at a rate of \$24,000.00 (per annum based upon the publication of 4 issues per annum) commencing with the 2008 summer issue.

Move that the AHS Board of Directors approve the recommendation of the Special Editor Search Committee to select Carolyn McLain as Special Publications Editor (which includes, but is not limited to publication of the Membership Directory, Annual Checklist, and such other publications as the Publications committee deems fall outside the jurisdiction of the Executive Editor) at a rate of \$5,000.00 per annum.

Move that the AHS Board of Directors authorize the Special Editor Search Committee to seek a candidate for the position of Advertising Manager. Should such position require remuneration, the special committee will come to the Board for further approval.

The AHS Board of Directors approved the motions.

AHS History Committee:

Ken Cobb reported on the activities of the committee, which include a test case of digitizing an issue of The Daylily Journal, updating the Journal Index, transferring the Archives collection of video tapes to DVD, and initiating database search for college dissertations/theses on Hemerocallis related subjects. New acquisitions include the original artwork for the *Parts of a Daylily* and covers for *Judging Daylilies*, which were donated by the artist. Future goals include the History on the Web project. A feature on

the web site, entitled Fifty Years Ago This Year and Twenty Five Years Ago This Year will provide insight on daylily events of the past. This feature is to begin in January 2008. New scrapbooks are being donated to house the history scrapbooks, which have become very fragile.

Awards and Honors:

Rich Rosen reported on his responsibilities as Awards and Honors Chair. Seven hundred and seventy Awards and Honors Ballots were received by September 11, 2007 and were tabulated by Julie Covington. The tabulated results have been forwarded to the Journal Editor and to the Webmaster. Candidates for the 2007 Lenington All American Award were presented to the Board of Director for consideration and the Board selected as the 2007 recipient H. 'Bela Lugosi' (Curt Hansen 1995).

Candidates for the 2007 Regional/International Service Awards, the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal, and the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal were presented for consideration. The Board selected the recipients and the names of the recipients will be announced at the AHS National Convention in Houston, Texas, May 15-17, 2008.

Through the efforts of several committees, Rich Rosen presented the following action item on behalf of Mary Anne Leisen, Region 2.

Move that the AHS Board of Directors approve that a Ned Roberts Spider/Unusual Form Award be established to honor the memory of hybridizer Ned Roberts (CO). The award is to be given annually at the AHS National Convention for the most outstanding registered Spider or Unusual Form cultivar displayed in a convention tour garden. The cultivar must be in bloom on an established clump of at least three fans. The cultivar receiving the largest number of votes from all attending members at the conclusion of the garden tours is declared the winner. The hybridizer of the winning cultivar will receive a piece of Nambe ware, which will be a perpetual trophy, engraved with "Ned Roberts Spider/Unusual Form Award", (traveling from winner to winner without any additional engraving costs). Region 3 will be administering the award. A representative of Region 3 will oversee: the vote tally; coordinate shipping the award to the winner, and getting it returned (up to \$25.00 per year); and, also creating and delivering a certificate to the winner. A representative of Region 3 will announce the results at the annual Awards and Honors Banquet.

The AHS Board of Directors approved the motion.

Information on the award will appear in the Spring issue of *The Daylily Journal* and the award will be presented during the 2008 National Convention in Houston, Texas.

Conventions:

Ginger Goudeau informed the Board that twenty-five people attended the Convention Planning Meeting held during the National Convention in Minneapolis, MN. The Convention Guide has been completed and copies will be distributed to each of the currently scheduled conventions. A standardized meeting space request form has been

developed and was presented to each Board member. Conventions are now scheduled through 2012.

Display Gardens and Daylily Cities:

Mary Lou Lundblade reported that there are presently 343 display gardens, 12 historical daylily display gardens, and one daylily city. The AHS has one International Display Garden located in Germany. A complete listing of gardens will appear in the spring issue of *The Daylily Journal* and the latest listing of display gardens will be maintained on the AHS web site.

Endowments:

Kay Day Pricola reported that the transfer of the majority of records from the previous endowments chair had been completed. She is in the process of updating the files. A compilation of a list by club/individual/regions totaling 119 donations with restrictions to the Joe E House Scientific Studies Fund has been completed. Plans are to send each donor a letter requesting permission to remove the restriction of the use of the funds. Each contributor will have four options: 1) remove the restriction and leave the funds in the Joe E. House Scientific Studies Fund, 2) transfer the donations to the W. E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust, 3) move the donation to the general fund, 4) leave the donation in the Joe E. House Scientific Studies fund with the specified restrictions. The Endowments Chair will be monitoring the contributions of Region 2 toward youth memberships and at the end of the year will issue a certificate based on the appropriate level with the notation that it is in recognition of Youth Membership Support.

Mary Collier Fisher, CFO and Kay Day Pricola, Endowments Fund Chair presented the following action item.

Move that the AHS Board of Directors approve that the funds allocated in the budget for regional newsletter allowances that are not used by the region, that is, the region does not request reimbursement by year end, be a contribution by that region to the W.E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust, subject to the AHS having a positive income year and financial position. This would be effective for the current year (2007), and thereafter.

The AHS Board of Directors approved the motion.

Exhibitions Committee:

Joanne Larson stated that 71 accredited shows were held in 13 regions this past summer – the same as reported in 2006. Six Achievement Medals were awarded this year. Accredited design divisions were featured in 23 accredited shows and 8 shows featured designs that were not accredited.

The chair reported the Exhibitions Committee had made the following adjustments to the show categories in response to the direction of the Board at the Summer Board Meeting. She presented to the Board the Multi-Form Classification Code for Shows and a sample show schedule including the changes to facilitate the classification and placement of multi-form and polytepalous cultivars in exhibitions. The committee has spent many hours researching the hierarchy of classifications. Many members of the exhibitions

committee, the registrar, and the registrations committee have been involved in this process. The purpose of the Classification Code is to assist the Show and Classification Chairs in determining where to place multi-formed cultivars. A show section may be subdivided if enough cultivars are entered to warrant subdividing. This information will be included in the information sent with the show information materials and an article will appear in the spring issue of *The Daylily Journal*.

Mary Lou Lundblade moved that the Board adjourn for lunch and to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

Exhibitions Judges:

Joanne Stewart reported that as of 9/25/07, there are 725 judges, which include senior judges, junior judges, honorary, and students in training. The feedback from each exhibition clinic is recorded and comments about improvements are noted. Refresher clinics are requesting more ‘hands on’ instruction, especially on point scoring and on judging various awards.

Garden Judges:

Melissa Begnaud informed the Board that 53 Garden Judge Workshops were conducted throughout the regions of which; twenty-nine were workshop 1 and twenty-four were workshop 2. A total of 97 new applications have been received. Region 5 and Region 2 had a significant increase in the number of Garden Judges. Forty-four Garden Judges are being dropped due to: 22 for not voting the Awards and Honors ballots; 11 for not renewing their AHS membership; and, 11 for other reasons.

International Membership:

Maureen Strong reported that the contributors to the International Seed Bank had increased and she is hopeful that more seeds will be dispersed this year. She has worked with *The Daylily Journal* editor in resolving the delivery problems for Journals with International and Canadian addresses.

Judges Education:

David Kirchhoff reported that the Exhibition Judges Forum held during the National Convention in Minneapolis was a success and new developments are in the works as a result of the forum. Current projects are (1) rewriting the test for Garden Judges Workshop 1 and Exhibition Clinic II, (2) conducting revisions of course criteria for Exhibition Clinic II, and (3) developing and implementing course criteria and requirements for Exhibition Clinic Instructors.

Long Range Planning:

Pat Loveland presented an in-depth progress report on topics under study by the Long-Range Planning Committee. Topics addressed in the report are: (1) Use of the AHS Logo by nursery businesses, (2) Outreach to the Scientific Community, (3) Scientific Articles in *The Daylily Journal*, (4) Specialty Email Robins, (5) Speakers Bureau, and (6) and Regional Newsletters on Web Sites. It is the intent of this committee for their report to be reviewed and any actions items to come from the respective committees.

Membership:

John Holland emphasized that even with a significant increase in membership fees, our Society did not suffer a sizeable decrease in membership. The Voucher Program will continue for 2008 and he expressed appreciation to the participating growers.

Rich Rosen asked about the placing of promotional membership ads in other gardening publications. Following discussion, Rich Rosen presented the following action item. John Holland seconded the motion.

Move that the AHS Board of Directors approve removing prior restriction on the placing of ads in *The Daylily Journal* to specifically daylily related items, and authorize the Publicity and Media Relations committee to pursue reciprocal ads promoting membership in similar horticultural publications.

The AHS Board of Directors approved the motion.

Photographic Media Librarian:

The Board was directed to the written report of Ottis Houston in which he calls attention to the decline in slide rental programs. In his report, he requested new programs to be developed for club use.

Policy and Procedure:

Earnest Yearwood reminded the Board that the Policy and Procedures Handbook is a living document and constantly changing. He asked that each member continue monitoring their responsibilities and advising him with any revisions needed to their office description. Version 12 with revisions had been previously sent electronically to all Directors, Special Chairs and Staff Members for editing. Following approval of the Board, version 13 which will include the approved revisions, will be placed on the AHS web site. He presented the following action item.

Move that the AHS Board of Directors approve the additions and changes to the AHS Policy and Procedures Handbook, Version 12 with minor revisions. [Note: Sent out as version 13, and saved as 2007 Fall Board Approved version]

The AHS Board of Directors approved the motion.

Popularity Poll:

Rebecca Board reported that most regions made some noticeable increase in voter participation. Region 6 continues to lead the regions with a voter turn out of 50%. Overall, over 20% of the total membership voted. The results of the poll will appear in *The Daylily Journal* and regional publications. This year the tabulator was able to validate the cultivar name against the registered name and was able to correct most of the problems found with misspelling and variations in punctuation.

Publications:

Barbara Watts reported that the *American Hemerocallis Society Membership Roster* had been released and that the Interim Editor was working on converting the publication of the *Cumulative Awards and Honors Booklet*. The promotional brochure *Discovering Daylilies* will be printed and ready for distribution before the end of the year. The chair reported on the Publications Committee meeting held prior to the Board Meeting. The committee approved reprinting a limited number of the Brown Check List (Registrations 1893 – July 1, 1957). One hundred and forty-seven copies of the publication *Daylilies - A Fifty-Year Affair*, remain and these will continue to be available for placing in libraries for the cost of mailing. The supply of Parts of a Daylily Banner is low and the committee will be investigating the cost of replenishing. The committee is looking at possible new publications such as the book on doubles. Also mentioned was a landscaping book and perhaps revisions and updating the information in the mini books. The format of *The Daylily Journal* will be changing to the 8 ½” x 11 “ size in 2008. More than likely the summer 2008 issue will appear in the new format size.

Publicity and Media Relations:

Kathy Lamb presented information concerning the development of an electronic newsletter available to anyone requesting the e-newsletter. She presented examples of this type of e-newsletter and pricing. The committee recommends using a third-party system to handle subscriptions and email delivery. The time line is to begin email delivery of the AHS E-News to begin in January 2008. The recommendation was made to include the word daylily in the title of the e-news. The Publicity and Media Relations Committee presented the following action item.

Move that the AHS Board of Directors approve the Publicity and Media Relations Committee to develop and launch an electronic newsletter, otherwise known as an e-newsletter, using the services of an e-mail marketing firm. The name of the e-newsletter would be “AHS Daylily E-News.”

The AHS Board of Directors approved the motion.

Regional Officer Newsletter Exchange:

Gisela Meckstroth reported that a Photoshop Basics Workshop conducted by Tim Fehr that was held in connection with the Regional Editors Forum during the 2007 AHS National Convention was most successful. She has assisted with providing information on what is involved in printing a newsletter.

Regional Officers:

Brenda Macy reported that much good information came from the Regional Officers Forum and the Regional Officers Business Meeting. One item of concern to the RVPs was developing standards for AHS Display Gardens. The RVPs also recommended the formation of a committee to begin the incorporation project. The following action items were presented.

1. Move that the AHS Board of Directors approve a flat rate for reimbursement for the required mailing of regional newsletter to AHS Board Members, Special Committee Chairs, Staff, and Regional Officers. The reimbursement rate per required mailing will be \$1.50 per label for 2008. The rate will be reviewed each year by the Regional Officers Chair or other designee and adjusted based on concurrence by the Executive Committee in time for the next year's budget. The other reimbursement rates of \$100.00 per issue and \$0.25 per U.S. label and \$0.35 per Canadian label up to two issues will remain in place.

The AHS Board of Directors approved the motion.

2. Move that the AHS Board of Directors pass a resolution honoring the efforts of all outgoing Regional Vice Presidents for the dedication and hard work they accomplished in their individual Regions on behalf of the Society. The RVPs are: Region 4, Gary M. Jones (CT); Region 5, Pat Bonner (GA); Region 6, Jim Petty (NM); and Region 9, Sandy Bowden (CO).

The AHS Board of Directors approved the motion.

3. Move that the AHS Board of Directors ratify the elections of the following RVP-elects.

- Region 3: Carol Savard (MD)
- Region 4: Melodye Campbell (NY)
- Region 5: Barbara Kirby (GA)
- Region 6: Steve Wingfield (TX)
- Region 8: Margaret Dickson (WA) (2nd Term)
- Region 9: Doug Colby (UT)
- Region 10: Richard Porter (KY) (2nd Term)
- Region 11: Rebecca Board (NC) (2nd Term)

Registration Committee:

Gary Colby reported that registrations are progressing at a normal pace. He brought to the attention of the Board a registration matter concerning the use of titles in the names of Hemerocallis cultivars. While most of the registration committee is in agreement on what is acceptable, the Committee Chair has sent a letter to the I.C.N.C.P. to seek clarification on Rule 19.25 Ex. 43. He reported that he has not yet received a reply.

Round Robin:

The Board was directed to the written report of Gail Korn. There are currently 14 paper robins flying with 114 members. She is in the process of establishing small email robins. These small email robins would have a limited membership of no more than 30 members.

Scientific Studies:

Linda Sue Barnes reported that she has not received any research proposals although several have approached her about the subject. A web site http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/daylily_phyto has been established by Shannon Read of Winchester UK and Sue Bergeron to address phytosanitary problems with

international shipments. She presented the following action item which resulted from previous discussion about inviting a member of the local scientific community to attend portions of the national conventions.

Move that the AHS Board of Directors approve paying the bus and luncheon fee for a member of the local scientific community to attend one of the days of tours.

The AHS Board of Directors approved the motion.

Special Projects:

Kay Day Pricola reported on the activities of the Special Projects Committee and the resulting action items.

Regional Officers Guidelines:

The American Hemerocallis Society Guidelines for Regional Officers has been completed and a copy is included in the 2007 Fall Board Agenda Book.

During the review of the guidelines the chair realized that job descriptions for the various liaisons are not contained in the document. While these descriptions may be found elsewhere, it was felt the descriptions should be included in the Regional Officers Guidelines.

Rich Rosen, AHS Vice President presented the following action item for the Special Projects Chair.

Move that the AHS Board of Directors approve *The American Hemerocallis Society Guidelines for Regional Officers* as presented in an attachment to the Board Reports.

The AHS Board of Directors approved the motion.

Move that the AHS Board of Directors approve requesting that all AHS Committees requesting a regional liaison provide a job description to the Special Projects Chair by February 1, 2008.

The AHS Board of Directors approved the motion.

Registrations – Decipher of Color Coding in the AHS Registration Data Base

Work continues on the Registration – Decipher of Color Coding in the AHS Registration Data Base. Gary Rieben (UT) is committee chair with Rebecca Board responsible for developing the software to decipher the coding. It is anticipated that the committee will have proofed the deciphered material, identified within that group of registrations any typos and provide in Excel format the information to the Registrar by January 2008. This will allow the Registrar time to include the new data in a new field within the data base and to include in the 2008 Registration CD. The new material will not be published as a new check list or in the 2008 check list as changes. If no problems arise, this project should be completed by February 15, 2008.

Registration – Image Collection for Inclusion in the data base.

This project is in the early stages of formation with Mike Holmes (MN), as Committee Chair and assisted by Rebecca Board (NC), and Mary Ann Pruden (PA). The time line for the majority of this project to be completed is by the fall 2008 Board Meeting.

Registration-Missing Data Collection

The subcommittee is still in the early stages of organization. Several gardens that have collections of historic daylilies have been identified and discussion continues with several members in regards to chairing this committee. Expectations are for the committee to be operational by March 2008.

Media Image Librarian/Archivist-Image Collection

Of the four projects assigned to the Special Projects Chair, this one is perhaps the largest and one that will require the most strategic planning. Preliminary organizational plans have been made which call for the subcommittee to be operational by March 2008. This is expected to be an on-going project for at least three years.

Technology Committee:

Maurice Greene reported that his committee was establishing a set of generic email addresses that are position related and will connect to the person's real email address. The addresses would be of the same form where the Name is the generic name for a position. This is to be in place before the end of 2007 and when in place the AHS server will redirect the email to the appropriate position holder. The committee continues to address the matter of backing up up all AHS computerized data files. We are also searching for a conference recording system that is operational for our meetings and yet one that is economical in price. The committee also has been directed to develop a set of guidelines for the development of a next generation version of our online database.

Youth Committee:

Betty Roberts stated that it was indeed a pleasure to present the 2007 AHS Bertie Ferris Youth Scholarship to Arielle Christine Lucius of Ohio and the 2007 Christine Erin Stamile Youth Award to Emilee Ruth Moore of Tennessee. She included in her report several avenues of discussion among her committee members.

New Business:**Recognition of retiring members:**

The President recognized the retiring members of the Board and personally expressed his and the Society's appreciation for their dedication to their responsibilities and to the Society.

Retiring Special Committee Chairs recognized were:

Ottis Houston (FL) – Photographic Media Librarian

Gisela Meckstroth - Regional Officer Newsletter Exchange

Jerry Pate Williams (OH) – Endowments

Retiring Regional Directors were:

Region 2 – Joanne Larson

Region 6 - Rich Rosen
Region 12 – David Kirchhoff
Region 14 - Barbara Watts

At this time the incoming AHS Regional Directors were officially seated as Board Members. Those introduced as incoming Board Members were:

Region 2 - Gisela Meckstroth
Region 6 - Donna Peck
Region 12 - Frank Smith
Region 14 - Nancy Falck

Officers for 2008

President Kevin Walek presented the AHS Officers, Board members and Committee Assignments, Special Committee Chairs and Staff Members for ratification by the Board:

Rich Rosen moved to ratify the appointments. Patricia Loveland seconded the motion and the AHS Board of Directors ratified the appointments.

Officers and Appointments for 2008 are as follows:

President, Kevin Walek; Vice President, Linda Sue Barnes; and Chief Financial Officer, Mary Collier Fisher.

Board Members and Committee Assignments: Region 1, Kathy Lamb (MN), Publicity and Media Relations; Region 2, Gisela Meckstroth (OH), Exhibitions; Region 3, Kevin Walek (VA), President; Region 4, Mary Collier Fisher (MA), Chief Financial Officer and Finance and Compensation; Region 5, Earnest Yearwood (GA), Policy and Procedure; Region 6, Donna Peck (NM), Ombudsman; Region 7, Gary Colby (CA), Registrations; Region 8, Patricia Loveland (OR), Long-Range Planning; Region 9, Betty Roberts (CO), Youth; Region 10, Brenda Macy (KY), Regional Officers; Region 11, Mary Lou Lundblade (KS), Display Gardens and Daylily Cities; Region 12, Frank Smith (FL), Publications; Region 13, John Holland (AR), Membership; Region 14, Nancy Falck (AL), Educational Outreach; Region 15, Linda Sue Barnes (NC), Vice President and Scientific Studies & Judges Education.

Members of the Executive Committee are: Kevin Walek, Gisela Meckstroth, Mary Collier Fisher, Pat Loveland, Betty Roberts, Brenda Macy, John Holland, and Linda Sue Barnes.

The Administrative Staff members with Oversight Committee in parenthesis are: Interim Editor *The Daylily Journal* and Special Publications, Carolyn McLain (Publications); Executive Secretary, Pat Mercer (Membership); Publication Sales Manager, Jimmy Jordan (Publications); Registrar, Gretchen Baxter (Registrations); Treasurer, Bob Brooks (Chief Financial Officer); Webmaster, Tim Fehr (Educational Outreach); and General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Bret Clement (President).

Special Committee Chairs with Oversight Committee in parenthesis are: AHS History, Ken Cobb (Educational Outreach); Awards and Honors, Rich Rosen (President); Conventions, Ginger Goudeau (Long-Range Planning); Cultivar Awards, Julie Covington (President); Exhibition Judges, Joanne Stewart (Exhibitions); Garden Judges Records , Melissa Begnaud (President); International Membership, Maureen Strong (Membership); Judges Education, David Kirchhoff (Scientific Studies & Judges Education; Membership Renewal, Tom Rood (Membership); Popularity Poll, Rebecca Board (Educational Outreach); Press Releases & Website Reprints, Mary Ann Pruden (Publicity and Media Relations); Round Robins, Gail Korn (Publications); Service & Other Individual Awards, Curtis Montgomery (President); Special Projects & Endowments, Kay Day Pricola (President); Technology, Maurice Greene (Educational Outreach).

[Note: Since the Board meeting Melissa Begnaud has submitted her resignation due to increased employment responsibilities. President Walek has appointed Joanne Larson as Garden Judges Records Chair. Nikki Schmith has been appointed special chair for what was previously called Photographic Media Librarian. This position is going through restructuring and may be renamed. The AHS Board of Directors ratified these appointments by e-mail ballot. Nancy Falck moved to ratify the appointments with a second by Linda Sue Barnes.]

President Walek read a resolution to be presented to the Sunbelt Daylily Society and Frank Smith for hosting the 2007 Fall Board Meeting.

Joanne Larson moved to accept the resolution. Barbara Watts seconded the motion and the AHS Board of Directors approved the resolution.

Rich Rosen moved to adjourn the meeting. Mary Lou Lundblade and Gary Colby seconded the motion. The 2007 Fall Board Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. EDT.

Respectfully submitted:
Pat Mercer, Secretary
Kevin Walek, President

American Hemerocallis Society

Resolution

**Presented on the occasion of the 2007 Fall Board Meeting
October 27, 2007
Orlando, Florida**

Whereas, The Board of Directors, Special Chairs, and staff members of the American Hemerocallis Society have duly noted the extensive amount of volunteer work and efficient planning for the Fall Board Meeting of the AHS by Frank Smith, the Sunbelt Daylily Chapter and their several committees; and

Whereas, The members of our kind and generous hosts, the Sunbelt Daylily Chapter, have toiled many long and selfless hours making the arrangements for this wonderful event, ensuring that in no way was it a Mickey Mouse organization; and

Whereas, The entertaining atmosphere of the community served as a foundation for our celebration of the daylily in a manner that was fit for a Prince and his Sleeping Beauty and that would make Walt himself proud to grow daylilies; and

Whereas, Frank Smith, and the members of Sunbelt Daylily Chapter have provided the opportunity to experience Florida Hospitality in a beautiful setting, with outstanding meeting space, great and excellent social arrangements, that would make the Orlando Magic a world champion team; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the AHS and the individuals in attendance recognize the significance of the Sunbelt Daylily Chapter and hereby acknowledge our gratitude for their hospitality and give them our strongest assurances that we will always remember our meeting in the home of imagination, and magic.

In witness, thereof, I do hereunto affix my signature, this 27th day of October, in the year two-thousand and seven.

Kevin P. Walek, President