

African Violet Society of America, Inc.
Motions for 2021 Board Meetings, 5/30/21 and 6/5/21
Cyber Diamond Celebration

MOTIONS FOR 5/30/21 BOARD MEETING

Adoption of Standing Rules – Motion 1

Adoption of Agenda – Motion 2

Approval of 2020 Minutes

Election of 2021-2022 Nominating Committee – Motion 3

Report of the Executive Committee

Motion 4 – to revise the following from the P&P, p. 1, Section 1, B. Membership Applications – Types and Dues: 2. Affiliated Chapter Membership/~~Virtual Affiliated Membership~~/State and/or Regional Societies/State Councils and/or Judges Councils, ~~b. Virtual Affiliated chapter dues shall be paid annually with no magazine.~~

Motion 5 – to modify the P&P on p. 17, Section 4, Office Information, A. General Personnel Information, as follows: 1. ~~Thirty-five (35)~~ **Thirty-two (32)** hours shall constitute the normal work week. Benefits shall be earned at a minimum of 20 hours per week. The office shall be open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (Central Time), Monday through Thursday. Summer hours may be set by the Executive Committee. 2. One-half (1/2) hour is allotted each employee for lunch and is not considered part of ~~the thirty-five (35)~~ **thirty-two (32)** hour week. Lunch hours shall be staggered by the Office Manager to provide continuous office operation.

Motion 6 – to add the following information to the P&P, p. 60, Section 7, P. Fundraising Committee, 2. General: a. 1) Annual Auction, **a) The annual auction is held in cooperation with the annual national convention. The auction chair solicits, stores, and arranges items for the auction held during the luncheon.**, b) The auction chair arranges for sufficient staff to assist with the display and bidding process., 2) Booster Donations, **a) For members who wish to contribute donations towards projects and expenses of AVSA not covered by dues.**, 3) Boyce Edens Research Fund **(See Section 3, G. Boyce Edens Research Fund)**, 4) Tinari Endowment Fund **(See Section 3, E. Anne and Frank Tinari Endowment Fund)**, and 5) The Barbara Burde Endowment Fund **(See Section 3, F. The Barbara Burde Endowment)**

Motion 7 – to delete from the P&P, p. 90-92, HH. Tinari Endowment Fund Advancement Committee, 1.a. and 2.a. through 2.g.: ~~HH. Tinari Endowment Fund Advancement Committee: 1. Purpose, a. The solicitation of contributions to the Fund., 2. Duties of the Chair, a. Shall report quarterly to the AVSA Executive Committee and annually to the Board of Directors on the progress of contributions to the Fund., b. Shall be responsible for the solicitation of donors, with the assistance of the committee, for major gifts to the Fund., c. Shall be appointed by the current President for a two (2) year term to~~

coincide with said President's term., d. Shall maintain up to date files. These files shall be the property of AVSA and shall be forwarded to the successor., e. Written acknowledgement of the specific donated amount will be sent for all donations of \$250 or more, in accordance with IRS regulations. The donation response letter template provided in the Appendix should be used., f. Shall prepare and submit a budget for consideration to the Finance Chair by December 1. Shall receive a budget allowance as authorized by the Board. Bills and/or substantiating receipts shall be required and shall be mailed to the Treasurer., g. Shall submit to the Secretary by March 1 a written report of all work since the last Annual Meeting. The original copy shall be filed in the AVSA office. Prior to the Board Meeting, Board Members must review the packet of submitted reports of all officers, directors and committee chairs found on the Board section of the AVSA website. and relocate/reword: 3. The AVSA Legacy Society, a. through j., by inserting into the P&P, p. 60, Section 7, P. Fundraising Committee, 2. General Committee, a. **6) AVSA Legacy Society, a) This Society exists to recognize bequest donors to the AVSA Tinari Endowment Fund., b) The Society itself does not receive donations. c) The Society recognizes those individuals who make a donation of at least \$1,000.00 in a will or a trust or through life insurance. Donations may be a cash amount or a percentage of an estate., d) Donors notify the Tinari Fund Advancement Committee of the intent and nature of the donation., e) All donation amounts remain confidential., f) Members of the Society will receive recognition by: i. Ribbon., ii. Group recognition at the convention awards banquet annually., iii) Listing in the AVM annually., g) Members may request to be anonymous., h) The Society has no officers, no representatives, and no voice in the operation of AVSA., i) Neither the Tinari Advancement Endowment Fund, the Fundraising Committee, nor AVSA offer legal advice or tax advice in the process of requesting donations or recognizing donors as members in the AVSA Legacy Society., j. Donors who have previously made a bequest donation to the AVSA Tinari Endowment Fund are eligible for recognition.**

Motion 8 – to insert into the P&P, p. 57, Section 7, the following:

M. Council of Past Presidents – Special Committee

1. Shall assist in an advisory capacity to a newly elected president.
2. Shall elect its own chair
3. Submit written information as a resource of information about past AVSA history.
4. Provide documentation of recommendations and suggestions to the acting president.
5. The current president will invite past presidents to serve on this committee.
6. Shall prepare and submit a budget for consideration to the Finance Chair by December 1. Shall receive a budget allowance as authorized by the Board. Bills and/or substantiating receipts of all expenses incurred in the performance of duties shall be required and shall be mailed to the Treasurer.
7. Shall submit to the Secretary by March 1 a written report of all work since the last Annual Meeting. The original copy shall be filed in the AVSA office. Prior to the Board Meeting, Board Members must review the packet of submitted reports of all officers, directors and committee chairs found on the Board section of the AVSA website.

Motion 9 - Finance Committee - On behalf of the Finance Committee, I move the adoption of the 2021-2022 budget as emailed.

Motion 10 - Convention Committee - The Convention Committee moves that the AVSA Board approve the following individuals to lead the **2022** Little Rock Convention: Convention Chair,

Danny Tidwell; Assistant Convention Chair, Kathy Bell; Show Chair, Alice Brown; and Assistant Show Chair, Susan Hill.

Motion 11 - Research Committee - On behalf of the Research Committee I propose that Cornelius Mulili Kyalo be awarded a grant from the Boyce Edens Research Fund in the amount of \$4500 for the conservation of African violets (*Streptocarpus*) in the wild population expansion and habitat restoration, coastal Kenya. The affiliated institution is the National Museums of Kenya.

Motion 12 - Scholarship Committee - I move on behalf of the Scholarship Committee that Ms. Julia Rence Major, pursuing a Foundational Associate of Arts Degree from North Idaho College with a cumulative g.p.a. of 3.7 and with an ultimate plan of a degree in Biochemistry, be awarded a Boyce Edens AVSA Scholarship for the academic 2021-2022 year of \$1,000.00.

Motion 13 - Scholarship Committee - I move on behalf of the Scholarship Committee that Ms. Korina M. Bodisch, currently pursuing a degree in Scientific Illustration at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa with a cumulative g.p.a. of 3.6 and with an ultimate direction toward a master's degree, be awarded a Boyce Edens AVSA Scholarship for the academic 2021-2022 year of \$500.00.

Motions for the Called Board Meeting pending Bylaws Proposal Approval (6/5/21)

Motion 1 – to revise P&P, p. 73, Section 7, U. Nominating Committee, 5. Duties of the Committee, e. and f., to read as follows: Shall select one (1) nominee for each office to be filled i.e., President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Candidates must have served at least two (2) years on the Board of Director and shall be members of AVSA in good standing; and f. Shall select five (5) nominees for Director from the list maintained by the Nominating Committee Chair. All candidates shall be members of AVSA in good standing. Shall attempt to maintain a geographic representation among all directors.

Motion 2 – to revise P&P, p. 41, Section 7. Special and Standing Committees, A. General, insert new paragraph 1. to read as follows: All members of Special and Standing Committees shall be members of AVSA in good standing.

Motion 3 – to revise P&P,

- p. 60, Section 7, P., to read as follows: Fundraising Committee – ~~Special Committee~~ Standing Committee
- p. 65, Section 7, S., to read as follows: Marketing Committee – ~~Special Committee~~ Standing Committee

- p. 94, Section 7., KK., to read as follows: Website Committee – ~~Special Committee~~
Standing Committee