

Courtesy Resolution

AVSA Annual 2021 Meeting (Virtual)

Saturday, June 5, 2021

Whereas Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, to protect the health and safety of all members and guests, the African Violet Society of America, Inc., will be unable to celebrate its seventy-fifth diamond anniversary national convention as originally scheduled in Atlanta, Georgia, the home of AVSA's first national convention in 1947. Instead, a Cyber Diamond Celebration Convention was planned and held online from May 30 – June 6, 2021. An online meeting will be held via Zoom to constitute AVSA's seventy-fifth annual meeting.

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved AVSA hereby offers its profound gratitude to those who faithfully planned and worked toward the holding of a cyber convention for the enjoyment, education, and motivation of its membership and for celebrating AVSA's seventy-fifth anniversary:

To Susan Anderson, First Vice President
Mary Corondan, Second Vice President
Richard Craft, Advertising Chair
Randy Deutsch, Fundraising Chair
Vladimir Kalgin, International New Introductions Chair
Joyce Stork, Marketing Chair
Tom Glembocki, Technology Chair
Candace Baldwin, Website Chair

To all members of AVSA who have contributed or worked toward the success of the 2021 cyber convention;

To the hybridizers and commercial members who provide new varieties, plant materials, supplies, and education for all violet growers;

To all AVSA judges and teachers whose knowledge helps maintain universal standards and the ability to hold AVSA sanctioned shows around the world;

To Joe Bruns for creating and maintaining **First Class**, AVSA's Master Variety computer program;

To David Kesler for creating and maintaining **First Class Viewer**, which makes AVSA's Master Variety List available in a convenient smartphone application;

To Candace Baldwin, Website Chair, Tom Glembocki, Technology Chair, and the members and volunteers of the Website and Technology Committees for their dedication and

many hours of work in updating the AVSA website so it can continue to be an exceptional resource to members and the public and a source of inspiration and information to growers around the world;

- To Joyce Stork, Marketing Committee Chair, and Richard Craft, Advertising Chair, for their dedication to promoting the convention and developing engaging programs and content;
- To Randy Deutsch, Fundraising Committee Chair, members of the Fundraising Committee, and all AVSA members who have developed, promoted, and contributed to AVSA's annual Booster Appeal to fund AVSA's general operations;
- To the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and all related committees of the AVSA for performing their duties during the year;
- To AVSA Past Presidents for their continued dedication, support, and service to AVSA;
- To Amy Carruth, Office Manager, for her twenty years of service and support running and maintaining the office, especially during challenging circumstances this past year;
- To Teresa Odle, retiring AVM Editor, for her time and expertise in producing the magazine in print and digital formats and making it an even more attractive promotional publication for AVSA to its members and the public the past three years;
- To recognize and thank retiring directors for their service the past three years: Randy Deutsch, David Kesler, Neil Lipson, Linda Price, and Sharon Shannon;
- To recognize and thank retiring committee chairs: Linda Hall, Nominating, Pat Sutton, Courtesy, Sue Hoffmann, Resolutions; and
- To the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel management for agreeing to reissue AVSA's contract for a 2023 convention.

Therefore, be it further resolved:

That a copy of this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this 2021 AVSA Annual Meeting.

Jill Jensen, Chairman