

**Meeting Minutes**  
**AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 1, 2022**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

**Call to Order: Susan Anderson, President 9:14 AM**

**Invocation: Sue Ramser**

**Pledge of Allegiance: Sue Ramser**

**Roll Call: (Circulation of Roster)**

**Quorum: (15 voting members)**

**Courtesy Seats: Director Nominees:**

**Sam Cunningham, Texas**  
**Marge Farrand, Michigan**  
**Jackie Leitzel, Pennsylvania**  
**William Patterson, Arizona**  
**April Van Ness, New Jersey**

**Past Presidents: Ron Davidson**  
**Linda Hall**  
**Sue Ramser**  
**Joyce Stork**

**Special Committee Chairs:**

**Staff: AVSA Office Manager, Amy Carruth**  
**AVSA Office Secretary, Stephanie Travis**  
**AVM Editor, Sophia Bennett**

**Little Rock Convention Chairs:**

**Danny Tidwell, AVSA Convention Co-Chair**  
**Kathy Bell, AVSA Convention Co-Chair**  
**Alice Brown, AVSA Show Chair**  
**Susan Hill, AVSA Show Co-Chair**

**Adoption of Standing Rules for This Meeting: Rich Follett, Secretary**

**Announcement of Recess: Break @ 10:30 am  
Lunch @ 12:15 – 1:30 pm  
Recess by 5:00 pm**

**Adoption of Agenda:**

**Appointment of 2022 Committee to Approve the Minutes: Mary Thompson, Chair  
Scott Ammann  
Doug Allen**

**Appointment of Timekeeper: Leonard Re - timing by stopwatch on iPhone**

**Appointment of Tellers: Jill Jensen, Chair  
Winston Goretsky  
Candace Baldwin**

**Minutes: Report of the Committee to Approve the 2021 Minutes: Randy Deutsch, Chair  
Linda Price  
Joyce Stork**

previously approved

**Election of the 2022-2023 Nominating Committee: Linda Price, Chair, excused**

**Nominations from the floor: Winston Goretsky (Canada), Vickie Crider (TX), Scott Ammann (IL),  
Randy Deutsch (SD)**

\*Motion to accept nominations

\*Motion carried

**Susan - Nominees please stay after this meeting.**

**Report of the Meeting of the Executive Committee: Rich Follett, Secretary**

**Motion 4** – P&P, p. 28, Section 5, D. First Vice-President, 1. Shall be informed by the respective chairs of the activities of the following committees: Advertising Manager, Finance, Fundraising, Membership and Promotion, Publications, and Research.

**Motion 5** – P&P, p. 29, Section 5, D. Second Vice President, 1. Shall be informed by the respective chairs of the activities of the following committees: Convention Show Awards, Society Awards, Commercial, Library, Marketing, and Shows and Judges.

**Motion 6** – P&P, p. 29, Section 5, Officers and Directors, E. Third Vice-President, 1. Shall be informed, by the respective chairs of the activities of the following committees: Affiliate, Website, Technology, and Plant Registration and Master Plant List. and Violet Preservation.

**Motion 7** – p. 60, Section 7, P. Finance Committee, 1. Duties of Chair, i. Shall keep the ~~First Vice President~~ **Treasurer** informed of the activities of the committee and shall submit written reports as; p. 69 U. Membership, 1. a. Duties of Chair, a. Shall report any specific plans or major changes to the President, ~~Second~~ **First** Vice President, and Membership ~~and Promotion~~ Committee Vice Chair.

**Motion 8** – P&P, p. 37, Section 7, D. The AVM, 2. Content, 1) **article** annual index composed of a combination of subject and title; p. 78, Section 7, Z. Publications Committee, 2) ~~Annual~~ **Article** index representative; d) The index compiles will also maintain the ~~annual~~ **article** index (1949 – current) on the website.

**Motion 9** – P&P, p. 78, Section 7, Z. Publications Committee, 1. Duties of Chair, 2), e) A computer disk (DVD) of the ~~annual~~ **article** index files (in Excel and PDF format) shall be submitted to the AVSA office and/or archivist.

\*Motions 4 – 9 were adopted.

**Reports of the Officers:** *Motions received in advance are listed. Any officers highlighted have additions or corrections to their annual reports. \*emailed in advance*

**President – Susan Anderson**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Mary Corondan**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Glenda Williams**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Sharon Shannon**

**Secretary – Rich Follett**

**Treasurer – Terri Post**

**Immediate Past President – Sue Ramser**

**Finance – Terri Post**

**Motion 3** – On behalf of the Finance Committee I move the adoption of the 2022-2023 Budget as emailed.

\*no objections; no debate; motion is adopted

**Motion 4** - I move, on behalf of the finance committee, that the proceeds from the sale of the North Street Building be put into a designated investment fund and be categorized as “Board Designated-Proceeds of North Street”. As a Board Designated Fund, these funds can be voted by the AVSA Board of Directors to be used for board-approved projects and operating costs as designated by the AVSA Board. This would

provide a means to cover additional operating costs in the event of any future emergency or disaster.

It is also recommended that these funds be invested in a conservative investment fund under the supervision, direction and advisement of the Treasurer and finance committee and reported to the executive committee annually, or until such time as a final decision is made on the use of these funds by the AVSA Board of Directors.

Joyce: would proceeds be available for general operating costs?

Terri: - Funds can be spent only with Board approval.

Joyce: Can funds be used to purchase new building?

Terri: Potentially, with Board approval.

Joyce: Thank you. That clarifies the matter.

\*No further debate; no objections; motion is adopted.

**Motion 5** – P&P, p. 60, Section 7, P. Finance Committee, h. Shall oversee the ~~BERF, Booster, Building Maintenance Fund, Tinari Endowment Fund, Ways and Means Committee~~ **Fundraising Committee** and Life Membership investments., i. Shall keep the ~~First Vice President~~ **Treasurer** informed of the activities of the committee and shall submit written reports as required., and o. ~~Shall keep the First Vice President informed of the activities of this position and shall reports when necessary.~~

\*No further debate; no objections; motion is adopted.

Joyce Stork: Clarification - Those committees still exist. They just report to the Fundraising Committee.

Randy Deutsch: Confused that Fundraising will report to Treasurer - Motion 4, voted on previously, assigns reporting to the First Vice President.

\*Motion denied at request of Treasurer and President - will be revisited

**Motion 6** – P&P, p. 28, Section 5, C. First Vice President, 1. Shall be informed by the respective chairs of the activities of the following committees: **AVM** Advertising Manager, Finance, **Fundraising**, Membership and Promotion, Publications, and Research.

\*Motion denied at request of Treasurer and President - will be revisited.

## Reports of Directors

**Reports of Standing Committees:** *Motions received in advance are listed. The chairs highlighted have additions or corrections to their report.*

**Affiliate – Jeri Anderson**

**AVM Advertising – Richard Craft**

**Commercial Activities – Kathy Bell**

**Convention – Kathy Lahti**

**Motion 7:** The Convention Committee moves that the AVSA Board approve the following individuals to lead the 2023, Atlanta, Georgia Convention:

Randy Deutsch, Convention Chair;

Candace Baldwin, Assistant Convention Chair;

Danny Tidwell, Show Chair; and

Suzanne Roberts, Co- Show Chair. (amended from Assistant chair)

Motion to adopt report, as amended

second:Stephen Covolo-Hudson

\*Joyce: Is Show chair assistant or co-chair?

\*Attention must be paid to using hashtag when sharing photos from convention; please do not post pictures of winners until Friday

Motion to adopt report, as amended

second:Stephen Covolo-Hudson

\*No debate; no objections; motion is adopted

**Convention Show Awards – Vickie Crider**

**Fundraising – Randy Deutsch**

**Library – Kurt Jablonski, excused**

**Marketing – Joyce Stork**

**Membership – Stephen Covolo-Hudson**

**Nominating – Kathy Lahti**

**Plant Registration and Master Plant List – Joe Bruns, excused**

**Publications – Sandra Skalski, excused**

**Research – Dr. Jeff Smith, excused**

**Shows and Judges – Mary Corondan**

**Society Awards – Linda Hall**

**Website – Candace Baldwin**

Motion from the floor: combine Website and Technology Committees

Question: Stephen Covolo Hudson - who will head new committee?

Candace Baldwin: I will

Joyce - Can we approve the motion before we change the bylaws?

Linda Hall - We need to create new committee, then appoint chair

\*No further discussion; no objections; motion is adopted.

President Susan Anderson appoints Candace Baldwin to be chair of TechWeb Committee

**Reports of Special Committees:** *Motions received in advance are listed. The chairs highlighted have additions or corrections to their report.*

**Best Varieties and Honor Roll – Trudy Brekel, excused**

**Bylaws – Mary Lou Harden, excused; Joyce Stork to report, Sharon Shannon to amend**

Proposed bylaw revisions were presented in the AVM March-April 2022 issue.

- Addressing electronic and virtual meetings, voting, quorums
- Merging of Technology and Website Committees.

**Motion XX** - On behalf of the Technology Committee (a Special Committee) and the Website Committee (a Standing Committee), I move to strike the proposed language and insert the following:

17. TECHWEB: shall be responsible for recommending, coordinating, implementing and maintaining all hardware, software, suppliers and support functions in support of AVSA's technology and websites as needed to run the Society."

Joyce Stork: Motion to adopt changes to bylaws as published in the March/April 2022 AVM

- \*Sue Ramser - call for standing vote
- \*No discussion, no objections, motion is adopted.

Do any need to be separated for consideration? YES

Candace Baldwin - Motion to amend existing verbiage to read: "Tech Web shall be responsible of recommending, coordinating, implementing, and maintaining all hardware, software, suppliers, and support functions in support of AVSA's technology and websites as needed to run the Society."

- \*No discussion, no objections, motion is adopted

**Convention Manual – Sharon Shannon**

**Courtesy – Judith Carter, excused**

**Editorial Committee – Dale Martens**

**Handbook – Winston Goretsky**

**Open Forum – Susan Anderson**

**Policies and Procedures – Rich Follett**

**Resolutions – Jill Jensen**

**Salary – Mary Corondan**

**Scholarship – Dr. Charles Ramser**

**Motion 8** – On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, I move acceptance from the Board of Ms. Mary Ellen Philpott, who is working on completion of the requirements for her Associates Degree in Horticulture at Virginia Western Community College, and her Floral Design Certificate at Reynolds Community College. Work will occur summer semester, 2022, at Reynolds Community College in Richmond, Virginia, and fall semester, 2022, at Virginia Western Community College in Roanoke, Virginia. Ms. Philpott will be seeking a position teaching horticulture upon completion of classes in December.

- \*No debate; no objections; motion is adopted

**Motion 9** – On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, I move acceptance from the Board

of the sum of \$1000 be awarded to planned colleges of Ms. Mary Ellen Philpott for her next two semesters of degree and certificate-seeking college work, divided between Reynolds Community College and Virginia Western Community College, with \$300, going to the Financial Services Office of the former and \$700, going to the same at the latter.

No debate; no objections; motion is adopted.

**Tally Time – Susan Anderson**

**Technology – Tom Glembocki, excused**

**Violet Preservation – Mary Thompson**

**Susan Anderson:** Call for updates from Office Staff (none)

**Reports from Special Appointments**

**Archivist – Janet Riemer, excused**

**Taxonomy – Dr. Jeff Smith, excused**

**Reports of the Staff**

**AVSA Office Manager – Amy Carruth**

**AVSA Office Secretary – Stephanie Travis**

**AVM Editor – Sophia Bennett**

**New Business**

**Announcements**

Randy Deutsch: has agreed to work with Candace on Atlanta Convention. He lives in South Dakota - enhanced need for positions to be filled. Sign -up sheets for positions is on the registration table. Please volunteer rather than having the group have to recruit.

**Attendance is mandatory at Saturday's Annual Membership Meeting and Called Board of Directors Meeting.**



**Recess 10:06 - 10:27**

**Susan: Any further questions or Announcements?:**

Mary Corondan: Please attend Meet the Board of Directors Luncheon - Judging school is at 2:00.

Winston Goretsky: Board of Directors nomination form was e-mailed prior to convention - please make sure that we look for potential nominees for the BOD. Additional forms are on the information table.

Susan Anderson - Nominating Committee please stay after meeting briefly.

Publications Committee meeting is cancelled.

Please attend Annual Membership meeting so that we can make a quorum.

**Recognition of Retiring Directors:**    **Stephen Covolo-Hudson**  
  **Richard Craft**  
  **Jill Jensen**  
  **Linda Price, excused**  
  **Mary Thompson**

**Recognition of Retiring Committee Chairs:**    **Kathy Lahti, Nominating**

**Other Business**

**Adjournment 10:32 AM**

## **AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.**

### **Board of Directors Meeting – Standing Rules**

1. All remarks shall be addressed to the chair.
2. Members rising to make motions or debate shall come to the microphone and state their names.
3. Debate shall be limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker.
4. Main motions and amendments longer than a few words shall be written on one of the special forms for this purpose and given to the chair.
5. Substantive motions shall be voted on by written ballot.
6. All electronic devices should be set on silent during the meeting.
7. In the event of a ballot vote, doors to the room shall be closed and no one shall enter or exit the room during the vote and during the counting of the ballots except the Teller Committee.