

MINUTES
THE AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, May 31, 2025
2025 Kansas City Convention
Overland Park, Kansas

Richard Craft, 3rd Vice President called to order the Annual Meeting of the African Violet Society of America in the Overland Park Room of the DoubleTree by Hilton Kansas City Overland Park, Kansas at 3:15 p.m. Central Time.

The Invocation was given by Richard Craft and the Pledge of Allegiance was also led by Richard Craft. Rich Follett sang the Star Spangled Banner.

Richard Craft, Third Vice President introduced the Executive Committee who were seated at the Dais. Richard then presented President Mary Corondan.

A quorum for the Annual Meeting is 50 and Secretary Sue Ramser reported a quorum was present.

Sue Ramser, Secretary, read and moved the adoption of the Standing Rules. The Standing Rules were adopted.

President Mary Corondan appointment the Committee to Approve the 2025 Minutes: Chris Brooks, Chair, Penny Eggleston and Mary Thompson.

Dr. Minh Bui was appointed Timekeeper. He will announce time with a chime on his phone.

Dr. Jeff Smith, Chair, Candace Baldwin and Donna Christianson were appointed Tellers.

Dr. Jeff Smith, Chair of the 2024 Committee to Approve the Minutes, reported the minutes were approved. Other members of the committee were Gail Podany and Nancy Sullivan.

Jill Jensen, Chair of the Resolution Committee moved adoption of the Courtesy Resolution which is attached. The Resolution was adopted.

In the absence of Stephen Covolo-Hudson, 2025 Nominating Chair, Chris Brooks, Committee Member, moved the following Directors be elected: Summer Holiday, Texas; Becky McMeel, Louisiana; Dr. Jeff Smith, Indiana and Sandi Soto, Florida. No nominations were received from the floor and the following Directors were elected by voice vote to serve until the close of the 2028 Annual Meeting.

In the absence of Stephen Covolo-Hudson, 2025 Nominating Chair, Chris Brooks, Committee Member, moved election of following Officers: President Glenda Williams, Texas; First Vice President Rich Follett, Virginia; Second Vice President Richard Craft, Nevada; Third Vice President Dr. Minh Bui, Maryland; Secretary Sue Ramser, Texas and Treasurer Randy G. Deutsch, South Dakota. No nominations were received from the floor and the following Officers were elected by voice vote: President Glenda Williams, Texas; First Vice President Rich Follett, Virginia; Second Vice President Richard Craft, Nevada; Third Vice President Dr. Minh Bui, Maryland; Secretary Sue Ramser, Texas and Treasurer Randy G. Deutsch, South Dakota. The newly elected Officers and Directors will be installed at the banquet.

President Mary Corondan recognized the retiring Directors: Sam Cunningham, Texas (excused); Marge Farrand, Michigan; Jackie Leitzel, Pennsylvania (excused); Bill Patterson, Arizona (excused) and April Van Ness, New Jersey (excused).

President Mary Corondan recognized the retiring Committee Chairs: Trudy Brekel (excused); Stephen Covolo-Hudson, Nominating and Membership (excused); Linda Hall, Society Awards and Sandra Skalski, Publications (excused).

The invitation to the 2026 Dallas Convention was extended by Randy G. Deutsch, Convention Chair and Mary Corondan, Show Chair. Janet Castiglione is Local Convention Chair and Sue Ramser is Show Co-Chair. The 2026 Convention will be held at the Renaissance Dallas North Hotel May 25, 2026 to May 31, 2026. A restaurant is on site, free parking and room rates are \$119.00 per night. The Theme of the Show is “Violets are Texas Stars”.

There was no New Business.

Jill Jensen presented Lest We Forget which lists members who have passed since the last convention. The list is attached. One member was added to the list: Theresa Green Davis from Judson, Texas.

The following was announced:

- Sue Ramser, Secretary, asked for a Point of Personal Privilege: Sue explained each year the Secretary asks for Annual Reports from the Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs by the March 1 deadline. This year Sue presented an Early Bird Award to Mary Thompson who was the first Board Member to submit her Annual Report. Congratulations to Mary! This Award will be presented next year also.
- Sue thanked President Mary Corondan on behalf of the AVSA Executive Committee for outstanding work as President.
- Chris Brooks would like a photo of all the head table plant winners after the Open Forum.

No further business was conducted and the Annual Meeting of the African Violet Society of America adjourned at 3:47 p.m. Central Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ramser, Secretary

Committee to Approve:

Chris Brooks, Chair

Penny Eggleston

Mary Thompson

OPEN FORUM

President Mary Corondan called the Open Forum to order at 3:50 p.m. Central Time. She stated that no

one from the AVSA including the Executive Committee will send a letter/email requesting payment, credit card information, gift cards, etc. Nor will AVSA send a letter stating the number of members or attendees at the conventions. AVSA does not sell members' information.

Judging certificates should have already been renewed. June 15 they will expire and removed from the list but when they take a school, they will be added to the list at the same level.

No questions were received and the Open Forum adjourned at 3:54 p.m. Central Time.