BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2026
Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center

President Richard Davenport called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance were Richard Davenport, Arlene Cluff, Debbie Goldman, Steve Plumer, Marie Harris, Terre Moore, Val Rooney, Sue Roehl, Linda Van Blerkom, Rae Jean Walker, Jim Rawson and guest B.C. Loki.

1. The Minutes from the November 4 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. Treasurer Steve Plumer reported the following:
   a. October cash balance $3,766.99. November cash balance $2,869.00. December cash balance $10,370.31.
   b. October CD's balance of $48,756.24. November CD's balance $45,905.58. December CD's balance $46,081.93
   c. Steve advised that there would be expenditures for such items as the church rental, insurance, etc.
   d. Steve also advised that checks continue to be sent to the NOS Post Office Box. This box is not checked on a regular basis, so the consensus of the Board was to remove the following wording from all applications, registrations, etc: "Send Checks to P.O. Box, etc." Sue Roehl will make this change.
3. Membership: Arlene Cluff advised that there have been only 118 renewals. Richard Davenport suggested an announcement be made at the January monthly meeting reminding members that as of December 31, 2025, they were no longer active members.
4. 2026 Monthly Programs: Vice President Marie Harris reviewed upcoming monthly meeting presenters. She reminded the Board that the January meeting would be demonstrations by Rae Jean Walker, Karen Davenport, and Elaine Gates on how to prepare for the Show. She also advised that AOS judge Alex Rodriguez would be the February presenter and would discuss what judges look for in a Show. He will also discuss the benefits of AOS membership.
5. Culture Class: Vice President Terre Moore advised that there are seven paid registrations for the class thus far. She would like to change the website by adding a "Drop Down" for the Culture Class. She proposed that Bold Solutions be instructed to revise the Culture Class Application and payment process so that copies of the application and payment information would be sent to the Culture Class Chair and the Treasurer. Terre Moore will coordinate with Bold Solutions and Sue Roehl to effect this change.
6. Plant Registration Limitation: Terre Moore suggested that there be a limit to the number of plants a member may bring to monthly meetings. After discussion, this item was tabled for a future meeting..
7. Nominating Committee: Rae Jean Walker advised that there are no candidates for the open Publicity Chair and Communications Director positions.
   - B.C. Loki advised the Board that he would like to become the Newsletter Publisher and the Board accepted his offer. B.C. will consult with Bob Castonguay and begin working with him.
8. Trailer Repairs: Richard Davenport and Jim Rawson arranged for a company to repair the trailer that is used to store monthly meeting and Show materials. Painting and general cleanup will be postponed for a future date.
9. Richard Davenport discussed the upcoming Award Ceremony on Tuesday, January 13, at the Naples Botanical Garden. NBG will receive a gold Medal from the Royal Horticultural Society for NBG's participation at the Chelsea Flower Show, along with Orchid Conservation Chelsea in May 2025. The Board denied a funding request to co-sponsor this ceremony, as they preferred to retain funds for orchid research and student grants. John Parke Wright IV, Dr. Lawrence Zettler and representatives from the Royal Botanic Gardens will be part of the ceremony. Several NOS Board members and their spouses will be present, representing NOS.
10. Rae Jean Walker mentioned that she will be a presenter for the IFAS/UF Master Gardener Program.
11. The next Board Meeting will be on February 3, 2026, at the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center at 6:00 p.m.

12. Karen Davenport motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, Terre Moore seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING

Show Chair Marie Harris reviewed the following Show items:

1. Show Sponsorship: Marie passed around an "NOS Member Participation Opportunities" form to the Board and invited Board members to consider becoming a sponsor. She will also discuss member sponsorship participation at the monthly meeting on January 8, and will ask each member to consider donating in some way to the Show.
2. Cash Awards will remain the same and Steve Plumer is authorized to withdraw the money that will be distributed at the Show after judging.
3. The Show calendar was reviewed.
4. There will be a Silent Auction at the Show this year and Marie asked Board members to consider any items such as orchids, art, or orchid related items they might want to donate.
5. Raffle Ticket Coordinators for the Show will be Rae Jean Walker and Linda Van Blerkom.
6. B.C. Loki will be mentored to become the Show Setup Coordinator.
7. John Finer will coordinate registration procedures.
8. Judges will be receiving their invitations for the Show.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary