BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2025
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, Karen Davenport, Rae Jean Walker, Steve Plumer, Marie Harris, Bob Castonguay, Val Rooney, Terre Moore, Linda Van Blerkom and Sue Roehl.

1. Minutes from the May 20, 2025, Board meeting were reviewed. Marie Harris moved to approve, Rae Jean Walker seconded, and the Minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Richard Davenport introduced Val Rooney and stated he was putting her name forward for our vacant director and Publicity Chair position. The Board unanimously agreed.
3. Treasurer Steve Plumer advised the Board that there was $4,136,35 in the NOS checking account and that combined CD's and savings totaled $58,417.77. Steve reviewed with the Board some expenditures for which he needed clarification.
4. Vice President Marie Harris advised the Board (in the absence of Arlene Cluff and Debbie Goldman) that there are 302 members.
5. 2026 Show Theme: Marie Harris advised the Board that she would be announcing at the monthly meeting on Thursday, 6/5/25, that members could make suggestions for the 2026 Show Theme. There will be a suggestion box at the Membership table that night and members may also email their suggestions to Marie. The deadline for all submissions will be 6/26/25. Marie will ask our graphic designer, Brian Christopher, to review and give his opinion on the graphic workability of any of the suggestions. The Board will make the final decision at the July 8, 2025, Board meeting. The member submitting the winning theme will receive $50.00.
6. Marie advised the Board that she would like to hire a photographer for the 2026 Show to take activity and publicity pictures.
7. Karen Davenport asked if anyone had taken pictures of the 2025 Show, to please send them to Webmaster Sue Roehl to be posted on the NOS Website.
8. Vice President Terre Moore advised the Board that the Soroa field trip will be on November 8, 2025. She contacted a bus company who will provide a bus that can accommodate 55 people for $2,195.00. After discussion, the following were suggested:
    a. Cost of $35.00 per person (non-refundable)
    b. Offered to members only. Guests may be included as we get closer to the date, if seats are available.
    c. Will include bus trip to Soroa, Motes Orchids and return trip to Naples
    d. Lunch will be provided by Jose Exposito of Soroa Orchids.
    e. The bus will leave the parking lot at the Pine Ridge Crossings Shopping Center in Naples at 8:00 a.m.
    f. The Soroa Field Trip will be announced to members at the July monthly meeting
9. Facebook: Karen Davenport advised the Board that Terre Moore, Marie Harris, Val Rooney and she would be attending a meeting at Rae Jean Walker's house for a presentation from Robin DeMattia, NOS member, relating to navigating Facebook and other social media sites.
10. Business Cards: There was discussion among Board members about the use of business cards or bookmarks with NOS membership information, logo, website information etc. Val Rooney, new Publicity Chair, will work on this project and present suggestions at the next Board meeting. Once it is determined what information should be included, it will be turned over to Brian Christopher, Graphic Designer.
11. Website: Richard Davenport asked the Board to review our current website and think of ways to enhance it.

12. Marie Harris asked the Board for their input for a presentation to members at the August 7, 2025 monthly meeting. It was agreed that many of our members are new to growing orchids and may not be aware of resources available to them to learn about culture for different genres. The presentation will include a short program on "How To Navigate the NOS Website" and answer the question, "I Just Bought This Orchid, Now What?" Marie Harris, Rae Jean Walker and Karen Davenport will work to finalize the presentation, with Rae Jean as presenter.
13. Terre Moore advised the Board that she will be the 2026 Culture Class Chair. There was general discussion about the Culture Class, the dates and location. Rae Jean advised the Board that the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club administration has advised that we could use their Community Center for our six classes at no charge. Richard Davenport and Terre Moore will meet with Tim Kragh, General Manager of the Club, to discuss the use of the Facility, available media equipment and finalize dates and times.
14. Rae Jean Walker advised the Board that she has purchased three "Square Wedges" for use in receiving credit card charges for any NOS product/membership. They will be available at all meetings and events.
15. The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, July 8, 2026, at the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center, at 6:00 p.m.
16. Karen Davenport moved to adjourn the meeting, Rae Jean Walker seconded, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary