BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTHLY BOARD MINUTES
August 4, 2026
Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center

President Richard Davenpoirt called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

In attendance were Marie Harris, Linda Van Blerkom, Richard Davenport, Sue Roehl, Terre Moore, Twyla Leigh, Val Rooney, B.C. Loki and Arlene Cluff.

1) Minutes from the June 30, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Marie Harris moved to approve the Minutes, Val Rooney seconded and the motion passed.
2) Treasurer's Report:
   - Richard Davenport distributed the financial report through the end of July. A CD matured and with prior approval from the Board, Treasurer Nancy Thorsen moved the money to a money market account rather another CD. NOS financials are in a good position.
   - AOS Representative Twyla Leigh pointed out that the AOS website has an area for donations that we might want to consider for NOS. She suggested giving donors the opportunity to name orchids as an incentive.
   - Vice President and Show Chair Marie Harris advised that we need to do a better job obtaining donations of cash and goods for our annual show including the silent auction.
3) Membership Update: Membership Co-Chair Arlene Cluff advised that there are no new members, with membership standing at 234.
4) Mounting Program for 8/6/26 Meeting:
   - Terre Moore advised she has 60 plants ordered from Sun Bulb, six varieties of cattleyas. The orchids cost less than $10.00 each.
   - Marie Harris advised that Presenter Rae Jean Walker will use a PowerPoint presentation and then discuss best practices for mounting orchids.
   - Consensus of the Board: Mounting materials would be handed out as members received their membership badges and orchids would be handed out to attendees after Rae Jean's presentation. Board members were asked to assist members at their tables. There was further discussion about making sure members received plants before guests who would pay $20.00 to participate.
   - Marie advised there would be raffle table orchids and orchid supplies and also a Silent Auction for two plants and a plant stand which were donated by a member.
5) There were discussions about the price of raffle tickets. After discussion, the Board recommended we charge as follows: 6 tickets for $5.00, 12 for $10.00, and 30 for $20.00.
6) NOS Nominating Committee: Richard Davenport discussed current Board openings.
7) Richard Davenport advised the Board that several NOS members recently attended the Florida Orchid Conservation Symposium at the Naples Botanical Garden, sponsored by UF/IFAS and the Naples Botanical Garden. Richard reminded the Board that one of our reasons for existing as a society is to support orchid conservation. He suggested NOS make a contribution to North American Orchid Conservation and will work on the details.
8) Richard also reminded the Board that we do not currently have monies allocated for student research. Dr. Larry Zettler advised Richard that he has some ideas he will share. There were further discussions relating to scholarships, the much needed enhancement to our website, and other budgetary items.
9) The next Board meeting will be September 1, 2026, at the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center.
10) Sue Roehl moved to adjourn the meeting, Terre Moore seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

SHOW COMMITTEE MINUTES

1) Show Chair Marie Harris reported the status of the MOU from the Garden for the 2027 Show. The Garden will be donating $1000.00 towards our Show marketing ads. Marie is still working with the Garden to increase our share of gate proceeds. She also advised that the Garden has given us permission to use the Brazilian Garden lawn for additional vendors. There was further discussion relating to this information.
2) Pricing for 2027 Show Exhibitors: After discussion the following was agreed to by the Board: $1000.00 for main lawn vendors, $800.00 for two Brazilian lawn 10 x 10 spaces, and $500.00 each for four additional smaller spaces. The size and type of vendor orchid displays was discussed.
3) Potential 2027 commercial exhibitors were discussed.
4) A general discussion of advertising and marketing to increase attendance followed.
5) The importance of securing adequate volunteers to staff the expanded Show was discussed.
6) The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Linda Van Blerkom for Karen Davenport, Secretary