BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2026
Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center

In attendance were Arlene Cluff, Linda Van Blerkom, Val Rooney, Sue Roehl, Richard Davenport, B.C. Loki, Nancy Thorsen, Twyla Leigh, and Karen Davenport.

President Richard Davenport called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Officer Reports:

- Treasurer Nancy Thorsen presented a Source and Use of Funds Statement and a Balance Sheet suitable for non-profit organizations. After review, there were a few suggestions regarding some headings. Also, based on information Nancy provided, the Board approved the recent and upcoming CD maturities to be deposited into the money market account. Given the current interest rate environment, the money market account is earning a higher rate of interest than the current CD offerings, while keeping the funds liquid for upcoming Show related expenses.
- Co-Membership Chair Arlene Cluff provided current Membership Applications and the Welcome Letter to new members for review. There was general discussion among Board members regarding membership fees and whether or not to continue joint memberships. Free membership fees to students ages 13-22, in support of the AOS effort to attract younger members nationwide was approved. Twyla Leigh and Karen Davenport will review the current Membership Application and Welcome Letter and update both documents for approval by the Board. Arlene also reminded the Board that participation by all Board members is needed for the upcoming UF/IFAS 2026 Florida Master Gardener Yard and Garden Sale at the Extension Center. Setup is on Friday, October 23, and the Sale is Saturday and Sunday, October 24 and 25. Signup sheets will be available at the next monthly meeting.

New Business:

- Richard Davenport advised the Board that we are finalizing the 2027-2028 Operating Agreement with the Naples Botanical Garden. Arlene Cluff, Debbie Goldman, and Marie Harris are working with the Garden to use a Badge System to allow free entry to the Show for NOS and GCOA members. Twyla Leigh moved to approve the proposed Operating Agreement, Karen Davenport seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.
- The next Board meeting will be September 29, 2026, at the Forest Glen Golf and Country Club Community Center.
- Karen Davenport moved to adjourn the meeting, Linda Van Blerkom seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

SHOW COMMITTEE MINUTES

- Richard Davenport advised the Board that three stand-up banners had been ordered and he handed out an image of the banner. Richard explained how the banners will be used before and during the Show.
- Twyla Leigh expressed an idea about printing Limited Edition Poster Size prints of our banner that would be numbered and signed by the graphic designer. The posters are intended to be sold as a fundraising activity.

- Marie Harris forwarded our AOS ad to NBG for their review and input. In the time since the meeting, NBG made one suggestion and it was passed on to the Graphic Designer who incorporated their idea.
- Marie Harris advised Richard Davenport that Gulfshore Life Magazine's Annual Visitor's Guide, September issue, page 214, features our Show in the Events List. Richard passed that information on to the Board.
- Marie asked Richard to remind Board members that their participation in obtaining sponsorships and silent auction items for the Show is important.
- Linda Van Blerkom moved to adjourn the meeting, Twyla Leigh seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Davenport, Secretary