

First Business Meeting of NALS  
6 July 1973 - 2:30 p.m.  
Carrollton Ballroom,  
Sheraton Inn,  
Washington, D. C.  
Richard W. Lighty, Presiding - 62 Members Present

The meeting was called to order and President Lighty welcomed members to the 26th annual show and meeting of NALS.

Since the minutes of the 1972 meeting were printed in the Quarterly Bulletin for September 1972, it was moved by Robert Mooney and seconded by Joe Mattas that they be approved without a reading. Carried.

President Lighty reported on the actions of the Board of Directors. He asked that as part of this report, Ronald Chiabotta, Chairman of the ad hoc Finance Committee read that committee's report.

Report of the ad hoc Finance Committee of the NALS submitted to the NALS Board of Directors for the 5 July 1973 Meeting.

During the past twelve months the Finance Committee has attempted to effect the President's charge to "investigate the financial affairs of the Society and recommend...a sound financial course..." Much correspondence was exchanged between the Committee members and the Chairman and many ideas and problem areas were discussed.

We looked into the using of non-profit postal rates and found this was being done where practical.

We were surprised to find taxes being paid to the State of Vermont, but this has been eliminated by a slight change in bill paying procedures.

We discussed a small dues increase and unanimously decided against recommending it.

We asked if the fiscal year should be changed to match the operating year. This proved to be of no obvious benefit and would require IRS approval.

We looked into special funding, such as gifts from foundations and endowment funds, and found it to be a very promising area.

We agreed that monies donated for special purposes should be kept in separate funds and not put in the General Fund.

We examined the budget (or lack of it) and agreed one should be implemented as soon as possible.

We thought that while the Yearbook and the Bulletin are among the most valuable member services provided by NALS, an effort must be made to reduce these expenditures.

We wondered if it were possible and practical to attempt more extensive national fund raisers and believed that it is.

This, greatly condensed, is the sort of financial areas examined by the Committee. As a result of these investigations we hereby:

1. Move that beginning in July, 1973, the President submit for Board approval a projected operating budget for the coming twelve months. Any new or additional expenditure of funds during the year must have presidential approval.
2. Move that the Board urge the President to appoint an ad hoc Foundations, Grants and Contributions Committees to present proposals to Foundations, to seek Grants and Financial Aid and to encourage memberships in the Fellow and Patron categories. All proposals to Foundations must have the approval of the Executive Committee. If it seems desirable to establish a permanent Standing Committee, the President will propose an appropriate constitutional amendment for publication in the April, 1974 Bulletin.
3. Move that the funds of the Society be segregated into the following accounts:

	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
<u>GENERAL</u>	All dues, except, life membership payments and any other receipts not specifically allocable to one of the funds listed below.	All expenses of the operation of the Society not specifically allocable to any other Society Fund.
<u>LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND</u>	All Life and higher Membership payments should be segregated and invested in interest bearing and/or savings accounts.	The interest from this fund should be transferred to the General Fund at stated intervals.

	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
<u>RESEARCH FUND</u>	All gifts specifically designated for this purpose.	All Grants for research purposes to be charged as disbursed.
<u>PUBLICATION FUND</u>	All gifts specifically designated for this purpose. All sales of publications financed by this account.	Expenses incurred for publications specifically financed by this account.
<u>MEMORIAL FUND</u>	This account to receive funds given on the happening of some event, as the death of a member, or on the attainment of some happening by an organization or individual.	As funds are accumulated they can be disbursed for some project that would promote lilies not specifically otherwise promoted by the Society.

4. Move that the Board urge the President to appoint an ad hoc Ways and Means Committee to suggest and implement national fund raisers. Possible suggestions include:
  - A. Bulb sale of rare specimens.
  - B. Stationery notes using Ginny Howie's drawings.
  - C. Print Dick Lighty's fine species series in monograph form or on textured paper for framing, or both.
  - D. Sell horticulture books, splitting the difference between wholesale and retail with the member and NALS.
  - E. Preprint ribbons and other show materials to resell, at a very modest profit, to sponsors of both national and regional shows. This should also help improve show standards.

If it seems desirable to make it a permanent Standing Committee the President will propose an appropriate constitutional amendment for publication in the April, 1974 Bulletin.

5. Move to print the Yearbook, beginning with 1974, in paperback form, with a full color cover on heavy stock. This would be similar in size and format to the Royal Horticulture Lily book. Estimates from three United States horticultural printers and one British firm indicate this will result in substantial savings over our present cost of \$4.50 per book. (Based on 1,000 books printed for \$4,527.90 in 1972).

6. Move to print the 1974 seed list by offset means from a typed sheet and mail with the March Quarterly Bulletin (except to overseas members to whom the seed list will be sent separately and by air mail).

Robert Mooney had moved that a committee be approved to implement item number five and be given full discretionary powers. This had been approved by the Board of Directors.

The President asked for further discussion and Miss Langston questioned the use of Memorial Funds. It was essential that funds given and accepted for specific purposes be used only in that way. She was assured that this was the intent of the committee's recommendation. Jim Cass moved that the actions of the Board of Directors be approved. Seconded by Dr. Allen. Carried.

The Treasurer's Report was printed in the Quarterly Bulletin and had been audited by the Society's Auditor, Earl Holl. Henry Beracha moved this be accepted and Dr. Doak seconded the motion. Carried.

Committee reports to the membership were called for. Ernest Stokes presented the Interim Treasurer's Report. We are in a more sound financial position than we were one year ago. We have a net increase in assets of \$1,436.00. The inclusion of bank charges in the statement was questioned. We are regarded as a commercial account and these always are charged for service.

Publication Committee - There are eighteen articles for the 1973 Yearbook in the editor's hands. Professor Slate would like to be relieved as editor after thirty-six years of service. He will help find his successor. Report read by President Lighty.

Publicity and mailings were made of show publicity and a review of the NALS Yearbook to over 300 garden writers. Special mailings of the show and meetings were made to national magazines and trade journals. After the 1972 show, notices of awards were sent to the hometown papers of all major award winners. The chairman is currently revising the section on Lilies for the new Washington Star Garden Book. Report given by Chairman Chiabotta.

Awards and Standards Committee - Chairman Doak reported on the Committee's activities.

Round Robins Committee - No report.

Library Committee - Jasper Berhenke reported eight volumes had been added in 1972-73. Eighteen items were mailed to members and one item was copied for a man in Germany. Four volumes are overdue for

1972. Repeated efforts to have them returned have been unsuccessful. Regional groups continue to send their newsletters to the library.

Membership Committee - Muriel Happich reported membership has stabilized at about 725 (22 June 1973). Plans are to send a questionnaire to non-renewals to determine the reason of dropping membership. The chairman outlined the most reliable means of increasing membership - EACH MEMBER GET ONE NEW MEMBER A YEAR. She recommended that a committee be set up to consider a close relationship with regional groups. The full report listed possible committee members.

The chairman also suggested we continue to consider well-worded advertisements in popular garden periodicals.

Slide Collection Committee - Les Johnson reported on a thorough overhaul of the slide collections and his work in drawing up commentaries for the sets based on advice from those who are experts in the field. He was disappointed with the amount of use and suggested that slide talks to gardeners is one way we can help membership.

Regional Groups Committee - No report.

Annual Meeting and Show Committee - Julius Wadekamper outlined the following plans:

1974 - Minneapolis, Minnesota - July 11, 12, 13

1975 - Ashland, Virginia - date to be set

1976 - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - July 9, 10, 11  
Ben Franklin Hotel

1977 - Tentative - Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Research Committee - No report.

Seed Exchange Committee - No report. Dr. Haring told the members that over \$700.00 was taken in by Kurt Kopitz. The amount of work done by Kurt is very much appreciated.

Judges Accreditation Committee - No chairman has been appointed. The president reported that in 1972-73 we had a total of seven judges accredited. Nine people achieved student judge status.

It was moved and seconded that the Standing Committee Report be accepted.

The President called on Dr. Windus to present the Nominating Committee Report:

President - Julius Wadekamper, Minn.  
Vice President, U.S.A. - Ronald Chiabotta, Md.  
Vice President, Canada - Fred H. Hayes, Ont.  
Secretary - Mrs. Joe (Betty) Clifford, Wisc.  
Treasurer - Ernest F. Stokes, Mass.  
Board of Directors - Henry Beracha, Collins, Ohio, N. Y.  
- L. R. Kellmer, Kansas  
- Constance Thayer, Mass.

Les Johnson moved, and Muriel Happich seconded, that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted. Carried.

Under New Business the two projected amendments to the By-laws and constitution were brought to the floor. The first, printed in the Quarterly Bulletin, Vol. 25, No. 4, March 1972 came with the approval of the Board of Directors. It changes the Standing Committee as follows:

Kodachrome Collection Committee changed to Slide Collection Committee.

Library Committee added.

Foreign Membership Committee dropped.

Program Committee dropped.

There was no discussion, the question was moved by Rev. Tom Beckett, seconded by Harrison Peters and carried.

The second amendment, printed in the Quarterly Bulletin, Vol. 26, No. 4 in March 1973 concerned classes of membership and was drawn up by Julius Wadekamper. It came with the approval of the Board of Directors as amended by a final paragraph reading: "The above dues shall be subject to change by the membership with the approval of the Board of Directors at an annual meeting." Approval was moved by Hugh Cocker and seconded by Les Johnson. Discussion on the mechanism for changing dues and on the understanding of the voting rights for families in categories higher than family membership followed. The dues rate for family membership was also challenged. By vote of the membership the motion was tabled.

More discussion of new items from the membership followed. Dr. Allen asked that Kingwood Center receive 500 to 1,000 invitations to join NALS for distribution to visitors. The membership favored this. He then asked how NALS is classified with IRS. The answer was "as an educational and scientific organization."

Ron Chiabotta announced the next day's activities.

Henry Beracha asked if it wouldn't be a good idea to have an NALS evaluation system for lilies. He was told that this is definitely going to be considered. Ed McRae agreed that this should be done.

Les Johnson moved the meeting adjourn, Rev. Beckett seconded. Carried.

*Betty Clifford*  
Betty Clifford, Secretary, Pro-tem