

**THE PLUMERIA SOCIETY OF AMERICA**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**January 5, 2019**

The board meeting at the home of Ray Allison, 1310 Crocker, Houston, Texas 77019, was called to order at 11:32 a.m.

In attendance were:

- Ray Allison
- Mark Wright
- David Holloway
- Fred Yoder
- Sharon Wright
- Warren Sloane
- Red O'Laughlin

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the September 29, 2018 board meeting were distributed. Red made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Fred. The minutes were approved by the board.

Minutes from the general meeting on October 10, 2018 were also distributed. Warren made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Red. The minutes were approved by the board.

**Financial Report**

The balance in the Bank of America account as of September 29, 2018 is \$28,307. There is also a balance of \$471 in the Paypal account.

The meeting costs for the general meetings at the Cherie Flores Garden Center have been paid for 2019. Also, the Bay Area Community Center deposits have been made for the two plumeria sales in 2019.

**Membership Report**

The PSA currently has 217 members (couples are counted as one) in the U. S. and 13 international members. There are 6 Lifetime members so designated for their contributions to the PSA. There are 18 U. S. members and 1 international member whose dues are in arrears as of January 5, 2019. Most of these dues were due in October, November, and December, and the expiration dates on their newsletter labels are highlighted in neon yellow and a reminder note will be inserted in the mailing.

Month	New Members	Renewals
October	4	6
November	0	1
December	3	3
3 Month Total	7	10

Two of the 7 new members are international and are from Italy and Saudi Arabia.

### **General Meetings**

The speaker for the January 15<sup>th</sup> general meeting will be Melissa Garcia of the South Texas Plumeria Society. Melissa will discuss the relationship between the South Texas Plumeria Society and the South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The speaker for the March 12 meeting will be John Ferguson of Nature's Way Resources.

Elgin Blackwell, in an email prior to the board meeting, suggested that we have an interview with Emerson Willis at a future meeting. Questions could be presented to Emerson in advance of the meeting so that he could be prepared with answers.

Bob Patterson of Southwest Fertilizer was also suggested as a speaker for a future meeting.

Sharon will prepare a questionnaire for the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to determine what topics members would like to see discussed at future meetings.

### **Liability Insurance**

The PSA's liability insurance is up for renewal in April or May 2019. Liability insurance is required to book meetings with the city of Houston at the Cherie Flores Garden Center and it is also required for the plant sales. The current insurance premium with Nationwide is \$850. The quote from Chubb is \$613 for similar coverage.

Questions arose about whether the Chubb policy includes coverage for the following:

- Multiple plant sale locations
- Yard tours
- Home and garden shows

Ray will speak with the Chubb agent to get answers for these questions.

### **Donations**

The board discussed a donation to the South Texas Plumeria Society. Melissa Garcia's presentation at the January 15<sup>th</sup> general meeting will discuss the relationship between the South Texas Plumeria Society and the South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center. Red made a motion to approve a donation

up to \$1200 to the South Texas Plumeria Society for maintenance at the South Texas Botanical Garden and Nature Center's plumeria area. Fred seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the board.

Warren recommended contacting the Naples Botanical Garden to advise that the PSA will not make a donation this year. Fred will contact the Naples Botanical Garden to see if they would be interested in speaking at a PSA general meeting about their operations and how the plumeria section will be handled.

At the September 29, 2018 board meeting, Ray and Lisa were approved to make a day trip to the Naples Botanical Garden to investigate operations. This was not possible with the flight schedules and driving time.

### **Home Shows**

The dates for the 2019 home shows are:

- February 8 – 10 at NRG (information only)
- March 30 – 31 at GRB (information only)
- June 20 – 23 at NRG (potential plant sale)
- October 18 – 20 at NRG (information only)

The PSA will commit to the February and March home shows and discuss future home shows at the next board meeting. The board also needs to discuss whether we can sell at home shows.

Red will set up an announcement on the Facebook page for the home shows.

There will be signup sheets at the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting for the February and March home shows.

Ray will speak to his accountant about sales tax and we will discuss his findings at the March meeting.

The PSA will pay Elgin for the plumeria banner he had made which can be used at home shows. The cost of the banner is under \$300.

### **Plant Sales**

After 11 years as director of plant sales, German Collazos is retiring from this position. Ray will solicit a volunteer to replace German at the January 15<sup>th</sup> general meeting. It was questioned whether Patricia and Martha would continue to work the cash register line at plant sales.

Fred will look for a plant sale venue north of Houston.

**Website**

Jeff Timme, the current webmaster, has indicated to Ray that he has not had time to make progress on the website. Ray will announce at the general meeting that we need webmaster recommendations. Baxter Williams of the Rose Society will have information on webmasters.

**Future Board Meetings**

The dates for the 2019 board meetings are:

- March 2, 2019
- April 27, 2019
- June 29, 2019
- September 28, 2019

Topics for the March 2 meeting include:

- Sales tax
- Home shows for June and October

**Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Newsletters were stuffed in envelopes and prepared for mailing following the board meeting.