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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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As Vice-President for Membership (or Membership Secretary) I have a few suggestions of society policy to ask the SDES members their opinion. These ideas came to me as I was doing my job. Some of them have already been tried. They are:

- 1) Have the guests at the general meeting be introduced later to allow for late arrivals,
- 2) The "New Member Packet",
- 3) Have the refreshments include such things as cheese and crackers for nonsweets members,
- 4) Use an application form to simplify and expedite new and renewal procedures,
- 5) And form a "Guest & New Member" Committee (above and beyond the work now done at the Host(ess) Table, e. g. explain to guests SDES policies, at length.

I would appreciate any comments.

---Kathy Adams

MINUTES

Our September meeting was not our usual fun meeting. Certain harsh realities invaded our usual festivities. There was a great deal of discussion concerning the Special Meeting called September 5, 1980 by 24 SDES members. At this earlier SDES meeting, members voted to: 1) return to the 1977 By-laws, 2) remove the President, and 3) elect Gene Lund as Interim President (until new elections and ineligible to retain the position of SDES President after said elections.

At the September 10, 1980 SDES meeting, a motion was made to reconsider the actions of the Sept. 5 meeting. This motion failed to get the necessary 2/3 vote.

A motion to accept the President's resignation was passed. A motion to suspend those passages of the 1977 SDES By-laws dealing with elections was approved. A motion to nominate and elect officers and directors at the October 8 meeting was passed.

Mr. Eugene Pierson spoke on his part on the matter of the incorporation of the SDES.

This meeting was chaired by Nate Ogdon.

---Kathie van Arum

OCTOBER 8TH REFRESHMENT BRINGERS:

Thanks to one and all who have so willingly given goodies for our refreshment table. The generosity of our membership is truly appreciated! Those signed up for Oct. 8:

Lorna Barrows	Madeline J. Dacy	
Millie Barton	Bob Dusch	Gene Schmedding
Myrtle Bates	C. Hammel	Chuck Spencer
G. E. Boldman	Betty Jones	
Blendina Boyle	Jerry Flaisted	

---Penny Bunker

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

An idealist is one who, on noticing that a rose smells better than a cabbage, concludes that it will make a better soup!

---H. L. Mencken

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR LIVING WITH PEOPLE

1. Speak to other people, nothing is so nice as a cheerful greeting.
2. Smile at people, it takes 72 muscles to frown, 14 to smile.
3. Call people by name, the sweetest sound is one's own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful, if you want friends, be a friend.
5. Be cordial, speak and act to prove everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
6. Be genuinely interested in people, just try and you can like almost everyone.
7. Be generous with praise, be courteous with criticism.
8. Be considerate with others, there are often three sides to a controversy: yours, his/hers, and the truth.
9. Be alert to help, what we do for others lives and is immortal.
10. Add to all of this a good sence of humor, loads of patience, a dash of humility, and you will be rewarded manyfold.

---submitted by Dorothy Ogdon



Fig. 1. The fruit of *Epiphyllum phyllanthus*. The natural breakdown of the ovary wall exposes the seeds which have already begun to germinate within the fruit.

GET WELL LIST

Send your get well cards to:

- Ray Arnold
- Eva Clover
- Lucile Irwin

---Earl & Mildred Leason

POEM OF THE MONTH

Epi Jingle

"Will it be pink or will it be white?
 Maybe it's red or a Purple Delight.
 If I had been careful and put on a label,
 You wouldn't be reading this sad little fable."

---G. H. S.

Fig. 2. Another fruit from the same plant.



This poem is reprinted from the Epiphyllum Society of America's Bulletin, (12:4), February 1957, p. 23. The pictures above left are from an article by Louis F. Conde, "Vivipary in Epiphyllum", CSSA Journal, (47:1), Jan.-Feb. 1975, p. 38. Vivipary in plants is when the plants germinate while still attached to the parent plant. The plant in the pictures was acquired from the Huntington Botanical Gardens and bears fruits which are often, but not always viviparous. Has any SDES member had a similar experience?

THE GOLDEN AGE OF EPIPHYLLUMS

Part VI: Epiphyllum Society of America



Scott E. Haselton, founding editor and "Editor Emeritus" of the Cactus & Succulent Journal. Photo Ted Taylor.

The Epiphyllum Society of America began when a small group of enthusiastic people, all greatly interested in epiphyllum hybrids, held a meeting on May 5, 1940 at the gardens of Mrs. Theresa M. Monmonier in Ventura, Ca. The first official ESA meeting was called to order 10:30 a. m. by Dr. R. W. Poindexter, temporary chairman with Mr. R. W. Kelly acting as secretary pro-tem. The following officers were elected: President-John W. Baumgartner, Vice President-Mrs. Theresa M. Monmonier, Secretary-Treasurer-Dr. R. W. Poindexter. President Baumgartner appointed three members to the Standard Names Committee-Mr. H. M. Wegener, Mrs. T. M. Monmonier, and Mr. Charles P. Sherfy. Those present that day were: J. W. Baumgartner, Mr. & Mrs. Sherman E. Beahm, Mr. & Mrs. W. Lee Chambers, Mr. & Mrs. Scott Haselton, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Hubbard, Mr. R. W. Kelly, Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Monmonier, Mr. & Mrs. McLeod, Mr. & Mrs. E. O. Or-

pet, Dr. R. W. Poindexter, Mr. C. L. Russell, William Schlechter (of Coolidge Rare Plant Gardens), Charles P. Sherfy, Mrs. P. J. Thull, and H. M. Wegener. At the close of 1940, the ESA had 13 charter members, all paying dues of \$2.00 a year. These 13 charter members were: John Baumgartner, Beahm Gardens, W. Lee Chambers, Ciesla Cacti Nursery, Coolidge Rare Plant Gardens, Russell Hubbard, R. W. Kelly, Leota McLeod Flower Shop, Mrs. W. D. Monmonier, Orpet Nursery, Dr. R. W. Poindexter Nursery, C. L. Russell, Charles P. Sherfy, Mrs. Peter J. Thull, Mr. H. M. Wegener, and Wilshire Rockcrafts & Cactus Gardens (R. F. Kado). Scott Haselton once facetiously suggested that since the hybrids everyone grew were not simply just crossed from Epiphyllum species, but other genera as well, then the society should have been called the Epi-chia-hylo-aporo-seleni-helio-zygophyllum Society of America!

The Epiphyllum Society of America has since grown to now over six hundred memberships (not members) in forty-two states and twelve foreign countries on five continents. The current Editor of this fine paper is Velma Featherstone. The current President is Don Shoemaker. The ESA has over the years sponsored Flower Shows, garden tours, and slide competitions. The ESA was the mother society to the SDES. Happy 40th ESA!

P. S.: On page 20A of the Directory of Epiphyllums and other Related Epiphytes, published by Rainbow Gardens, is a picture of the May 5, 1940 ESA meeting. Can anyone identify any of those present?

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S NOTES
(THOSE PARTS CONCERNING INCORPORATION, BY-LAWS, AND NONPROFIT STATUS)

Jan. 23, 1980-Mr. Eugene Pierson, Tax accountant, met with the SDES Board to explain the necessary steps to keep us within the law of the State and Federal Government. The Board voted to empower Mr. Pierson to find out requirements to file for nonprofit status State and Federal, incorporation, and revising SDES by-laws to fit all necessary requirements of a nonprofit corporation. (A by-laws committee was appointed by the President.)

Feb. 27, 1980-President LaBorde read the proposed Articles of Incorporation of the SDES, Inc. She also read the rewritten by-laws, allowing time for discussion and debate on particular passages. Board members asked Mr. Pierson question and he explained in detail the reason for the wording. Mr. Pierson will make such changes as were agreed upon by the Board, and will have new copies available for the Board members to vote on to present to the general membership. President LaBorde appointed the nominating committee to consist of Elinor Latimer, Edith Meador, and John Piland.

Mar. 12, 1980-President LaBorde passed out revised by-laws (still only proposed) to general members (no copies went to Board members as there were not enough) for their viewing. They will be voted on at the April general meeting. If these by-laws are passed, chits will be invalid, but slips will be given, saying "This is a tax-free donation."

Mar. 26, 1980-(Some Board members intended to continue debating the matter of the new by-laws, but President LaBorde felt enough time was spent on that and that we should vote on that issue there and then.) It was recommended and seconded that the new by-laws be presented at the April general meeting to the general membership for approval. Elinor Latimer asked to delay presenting the new slate of officers for one month,(so as to comply with the new by-laws rather than the old by-laws due a different set of officers.)

Apr. 09, 1980-(General membership approves proposed by-laws).

Apr. 23, 1980-President LaBorde reported that the incorporation papers will be filled out and sent in next week. Nominating committee gave the slate of officers to be presented to the general membership in May and elected in June.

May 28, 1980-President LaBorde said that the Papers of Incorporation have been filed.

June 25, 1980-There was lengthy discussion and clarification on the specific duties of each officer (particularly V. P. for membership and V. P. for Education), under the new by-laws.

Jul. 09, 1980-Betty Cooper installs new officers and trustees.

---Eva Clover(except when in parenthesis)

July,11, 1980-(Trustee Meeting) Obtaining a Re-sale permit from the Board of Equalization was suggested. Dave LaBorde moved that this should be done, seconded by Willise Brubaker, motion carried. President LaBorde was asked to go to the Board of Equalization office to take care of this.

July 23, 1980-Gene Pierson explained the corporate laws and announced as of the afternoon of Wed. July 23, 1980, we had been granted incorporation rights as a nonprofit-educational-public benefit corporation. This was verified by phone and a formal notification by mail is awaited. There are still many questions concerning what the SDES members can and can not do in regard to selling and donations. These problems will be discussed by the President with the IRS and State Tax Boards. (Executive Board)

(Trustees Board) Because so many members were beginning to be dissatisfied with the wording of the new by-laws (ambiguous and why two Boards?), it was felt to be advisable to appoint a committee to rework them. (Mr. Pierson said that once the Incorporation papers were approved, the SDES could have any by-laws that they wished. The Trustees said that they only wanted to clarify certain passages.) This motion was made by Willise Brubaker and seconded by Gwendolyn Johnston and carried. The committee appointed: Roland Johnston, chairman, Ruth Nelson, Dorothy Breining, George French, and Richard Latimer Sr. -- "The President, or the Vice President (Executive), in the absence of the President, with the endorsement of the Treasurer may authorize the expenditure of sums of money not to exceed \$100.00 per month. Any sums in excess of \$100.00 per month shall be approved by the Executive Board or Board of Trustees." Made by Dave LaBorde, seconded by Willise Brubaker, passed.

Aug. 08, 1980-Dave LaBorde brought up several points. Mr. Pierson had sent to Fern, as President, several papers for her to sign. These were to go to Sacramento. Among these papers was the Power of Attorney for the SDES. Several people in the room made it clear that no Power of Attorney should be given to anyone without the Board's approval. Fern stated that at the Jan. 23, 1980 Board Meeting, Mr. Pierson was asked to help with the Incorporation. Others remembered that a committee of more than one was appointed by the President (not in the minutes). George French stood up and stated that he, John Clancy, Don Irwin, and Nate Ogdon were on the By-laws Committee. They asked at the Feb. and Mar. Board meetings when they would have their meetings, but were told by Fern that she and Mr. Pierson were doing the work. Bob Breining stated that anyone may incorporate themselves, but organizations must be incorporated by a member of the Bar and that the signatures of the Trustees had to be on the papers. There were no signatures. No one knew specifically whether Mr. Pierson was a member of the Bar. The question was again brought up as to why the SDES needed to incorporate. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion that the Board does not want to incorporate. Fern still felt the SDES needed protection from suits. Jerrie Clancy moved and John Piland seconded, that the Trustees look into the matter with the Botanical Garden Foundation, Inc. (San Diego) to see how the SDES is covered in regards to liability, etc. The motion was carried. Gwendolyn (Trustee) and Roland (By-law committee) Johnston were appointed to investigate this at the Aug. 14, 1980 SD Botanical Garden Foundation, Inc. meeting.

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Mr. Pierson told Roland Johnston that the Articles of Inc. had come back from Sacramento incomplete.

Jerrie Clancy moved and Willise Brubaker seconded that the Trustees terminate Mr. Pierson's services. Motion was carried.

Fern said that she had the Power of Attorney back from Mr. Pierson. She was asked to bring it to the next Board meeting. She was also asked to bring the Secretary's records and Minutes and give them back to the Secretary of the Executive Board.

The By-laws committee recommended that Mr. Pierson be paid for his services-like telephone expenses. The Secretary of the Trustees was asked to write him, telling him his services were no longer needed and to ask him his expenses for the Board's consideration.

The By-laws committee was asked to continue its work.

Bob Breining asked what by-laws were we working under. Jerrie Clancy moved and John Piland seconded, that the Society operate under the latest by-laws approved by the general membership on April 9, 1980, until they can be revised and properly presented to the membership for a vote. Motion carried. (This meeting was intended to give all Board members a chance to air their differences and iron out all misunderstandings. The problems facing the SDES seemed all due to communication or the lack of communication. Everyone seemed satisfied that this was accomplished.)

Aug. 27, 1980-The President and Vice President reported on a meeting with George Streeper, Corporate Attorney, 1067 1st St., San Diego, concerning incorporating the SDES as a nonprofit-Mutual Benefit Corporation. On a motion by Kathy Adams and seconded by Kathie van Arum, authorization was given to the President and Vice President to maintain Mr. Streeper as legal counsel for the purpose of incorporation. The motion was carried. The President said that since our application for incorporation submitted by Mr. Pierson was denied by the Franchise Tax Board of the state of California, the April 9, 1980 SDES by-laws were illegal. She dismissed the Trustees by-laws committee, saying she would appoint her own committee, (and said that certain Officers and all of the Trustees were out of office. She then appointed most of those elected in June of 1980 to similar positions according to the 1977 SDES by-laws. The exceptions were Gene Schmedding-Corresponding Secretary, the Leasons-Second Vice President (not present at this meeting), and Dave LaBorde would be off the Board entirely. When the President said that the Lawyer told her that she could do just as she pleased as President of the SDES (with or without SDES Board approval), Trustees Elinor Latimer and Willise Brubaker (said that they could not serve on any Board under these conditions and) resigned and left. The Executive Board took no action on these resignations.

---Kathie van Arum(except when in parenthesis)

NOTE: A member of the SDES Board contacted the San Diego City Attorney's Office and was advised that Mr. Pierson has incorporated only himself under the name of the San Diego Epiphyllum Society. This incorporation has nothing to do with the San Diego Epiphyllum Society.-Ed.