



# Mid America Regional Lily Society

## Minutes of May 28, 2016

MARLS Board Meeting  
Saturday, May 28, 2016  
Missouri Botanical Garden, Botanical Room

Kim Peterson brought the meeting to order at 10:20 AM. In attendance were Roy & Kim Peterson, Camilla Kotrba, Bob & Mary Lou Snider, and Lynn Slackman. Kim welcomed everyone to the meeting, and asked for any corrections to the minutes from our January 31<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes. Lynn Slackman moved that the minutes be approved as read and Camilla Kotrba seconded that motion. Everyone in attendance voiced their approval of the motion; the minutes were accepted as read.

### Old Business

**MARLS Financials;** Treasurer Jean Winterowd could not attend the meeting, so President Kim Peterson reported that the MARLS VISA card had been closed for the organization. Kim Peterson also gave the following comparison of MARLS Financial Assets from 2012 to present;

### Financial Assets of MARLS in Recent Years Snapshots of Assets over a 3+ year period

<b><u>Total Assets</u></b>	<b><u>Amount of CD<sup>1</sup> in total assets</u></b>	<b><u>Date &amp; Source</u></b>	<b><u>Treasurer of Record</u></b>
\$7,428.29	\$4,823.51	4/15/2012 Hard copy	Audrey Ringhausen
\$7,414.01	\$4,944.98 <sup>2</sup>	4/19/2013 Hard copy	A. Ringhausen
\$7,585.70	\$4,007.56	1/11/2014 Hard copy	A. Ringhausen
\$7,302.56	\$4,896.30	12/31/2014 Spreadsheet Digital & Hard copy	Debra Pratt in
\$7,539.62	\$4,022.59	9/5/2015	Jean Winterowd

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\$7,594.62	\$4,027.64	2/2/2016 Minutes	Jean Winterowd

The amounts above show stable assets of the MARLS organization over several years

1. One or more Certificates of Deposit is included in all financial assets on this list
2. Part of this CD, \$944, was rolled into the checking account in 2013

**Compiled 2/3/2016 by Kim Peterson from hard copy Treasurer's reports, digital financial reports from the Treasurer, and minutes published on the MARLS website**

**MARLS membership;** President Kim Peterson then gave the following report of MARLS membership for the past 7 years;

#### Report on MARLS membership

Below is a comparison of membership in recent years

#### **MARLS members (most were paid up, but not all):**

On 5/27/2016 we had 33 members which includes 1 complimentary member

On 9/28/2015 we had 38 members which includes 3 complimentary members

On 7/15/2014 we had about 39 members including 4 complimentary members

On 11/8/2011 we had 39 members which includes 2 complimentary memberships

On 4/15/2010 we had about 44 members which includes about 5 complimentary memberships

On 3/13/2009 we had 39 members which include 4 complimentary memberships

On 10/7/2008 we had 40 members which include 4 complimentary memberships

**MARLS Board members;** President Kim Peterson presented the MARLS Executive Committee for 2016- 2017 as follows;

#### **MARLS Executive Committee for 2016-2017**

***From the bylaws:***

***...The officers, immediate past president and standing committee chairpersons will act as the Executive Committee.***

President – Kim Peterson

Vice President – Roy Peterson

Secretary – Lynn Slackman  
Treasurer – Jean Winterowd

Immediate Past President – Don Kelley  
Standing Committee Jewel Box Planting – Pam Hardy  
Standing Committee Advisor to Executive Committee – Carol Appelbaum

***From the bylaws "a quorum necessary for this Society to conduct business shall be constituted by the executive committee or their proxies and any other members attending the meeting"***

I interpret this to mean all members above of the Executive committee need to attend a meeting to conduct business of MARLS or provide proxy.

Kim Peterson

## **New Business**

**MARLS Financial Commitments;** The MARLS organization has a large and stable treasury with very few expenses. President Kim Peterson suggested that \$3,000 be donated to help fund the upcoming NALS 2017 Convention in St Louis. Lynn Slackman suggested that we allocate those funds towards payment for Bus expenses, Speaker expenses, and a promotional item to use when advertising this event. After discussion of this proposal, Lynn Slackman made a motion to donate \$3,000 to NALS for the 2017 NALS convention in St Louis. Mary Lou Snider seconded that motion, and everyone in attendance voiced their approval of the motion.

President Kim Peterson suggested that \$200 be donated to the Mid Central District of National Garden Club in appreciation of an upcoming educational session they are conducting on Judging Liliium. The design judges at past and current lily shows are from the Mid Central District of National Garden Club and this education will be of great value for future judging of Liliium. Roy Peterson made a motion to donate \$200 to the Mid Central District National Garden Club in appreciation of their educational session on Judging Lilies. Bob Snider seconded that motion, and everyone in attendance voiced their approval of the motion.

President Kim Peterson suggested that MARLS purchase \$200 of lily bulbs for members to plant so they can bring those blooms to the 2017 NALS Convention in St Louis. The stems could be used for Horticulture or Design purposes at the Lily Show. Kim Peterson, Lynn Slackman, and Bob Snider all said they would be interested in this project. Roy Peterson made the motion that MARLS purchase \$200 of lily bulbs, for fall planting by members, for the 2017 NALS Convention in St Louis. Camilla Kotrba seconded that motion, and everyone in attendance voiced their approval of the motion.

## **MARLS Liliium Education;**

Kim Peterson and Lynn Slackman attended the Cross Pollinator Party on *Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>* at Sugar Creek Gardens. This was a fun opportunity to meet like-minded individuals, from different plant societies and garden clubs, to talk and mingle over wine, punch, and snacks.

Kim Peterson and Lynn Slackman also plan to attend the *June 16<sup>th</sup> Sensational Plants Evening from 5:00 to 8:00pm* at the Missouri Botanical Garden. We will supply Lily

advice for garden guests as they sip flora-inspired cocktails and savor delectable fare from the Botany Bar. MBG will supply a table and chairs on the garden grounds where we can interact with the public. This will be a great time to promote our Lily Show the following weekend (June 18-19).

Kim Peterson and Ellen Mell will be giving a presentation about Liliium to the Judges Consul at the Mid Central District of National Garden Club on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Members of the MARLS group have been invited to have an information booth at the Washington Town and Country Fair on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. Lynn Slackman and Pam Hardy are currently investigating this opportunity.

**MARLS Liliium Show;** the 2016 Annual MARLS Liliium Show is scheduled for June 18 – 19 in the Beaumont Room at the Missouri Botanical Garden. The theme for this year's show is 'A Visit to the Art Museum'. Our completed Lily Show Schedules for Design, Horticulture, and Photography are available from the MARLS website.

MARLS members can begin setup for the Lily Show at Noon on Friday, June 17, with Lily Show staging of blooms expected to begin during late Friday afternoon and into the evening. Show judging is scheduled for Saturday morning, so we can be open to the public from noon to 5pm on Saturday. Our Lily Show is also open to the public all day Sunday from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Assistance with Lily Show setup, teardown, and answering questions from the people who visit our Lily Show on Saturday afternoon and Sunday would be greatly appreciated from our membership.

**NALS News;** Lynn Slackman then reported on the progress of the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual International Lily Show & Symposium, presented by the North American Lily Society, in St Louis, Missouri on June 28 – July 2, 2017. The site for this Lily Show & Symposium is the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel St. Louis. The Lily Show will be staged in the 4,160 square ft. ballroom, with symposium sessions being held in meeting space throughout the hotel.

The NALS organization will need to borrow the MARLS lily show properties to stage the Lily Show in St Louis. During this event we will also visit the Missouri Botanical Garden and arrange tours of the Garden's Science and Conservation Center herbarium, Peter H. Raven Library, and behind the scenes tours of the garden greenhouses.

Lynn reviewed the tentative schedule for the convention and the flow for promoting the 2017 Convention during 2016 and 2017. Lynn reminded the group that convention success depends upon the success of your team...both local and national. Lynn reviewed areas of responsibility for the convention and will keep us updated on local responsibilities for this event.

Mary Lou Snider motioned that we adjourn the meeting, Bob Snider seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Slackman