

**AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019
FRANKLIN COOL SPRINGS MARRIOTT HOTEL
FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE**

RECAP OF BOARD ACTIONS

At its October 3, 2019 meeting held in Franklin, Tennessee, the American Rose Society Board of Directors took the following actions:

- President Bob Martin reported to the Board of the American Rose Society on his activities since the Shreveport LA meeting in April 2019:

A. Carol Spiers' Day Proclamation

President Martin made the following Proclamation:

Whereas: Carol Spiers has worked for the American Rose Society for more than 42 years, being hired February 11, 1977;

Whereas: Carol Spiers has assisted every Executive Director since the American Rose Society moved to Shreveport, Louisiana;

Whereas: Carol Spiers has assisted the Board of Directors with their meetings since 1977;

Whereas: Carol Spiers has faithfully and dutifully executed the position of Assistant to the Executive Director for the American Rose Society; and

Whereas: Carol has served the American Rose Society, America's Rose Garden, and the rose;

Now Therefore, I, Robert B. Martin Jr., President of the American Rose Society, do hereby proclaim October 3, 2019 as: Carol Spiers Day At the American Rose Society Fall 2019 National Miniature & Miniflora Conference in Franklin, Tennessee.

The Board gave Carol Spiers a standing ovation.

B. Rose Rosette Disease Research Support

On September 11, 2019, with the unanimous approval of the Executive Committee, President Martin submitted a letter on behalf of the American Rose Society in support of the renewal of the Specialty Crop Research Initiative proposal to the USDA entitled, "Combating Rose Rosette Disease: Short term and long-term approaches". A copy of that letter has been circulated to the Board.

In that letter President Martin estimated our proposed in-kind contribution of \$181,782 for the SCRI project, which is a small increase from the proposed in-kind contribution of \$177,999 set forth in the ARS support letter of March 28, 2018. The in-kind contribution is a four-year figure attributable to the ARS undertaking to solicit its entire network of Consulting Rosarian to participate in the Rose Rosette Disease Monitoring Network by monitoring the gardens in their area on a regular basis for symptoms of RRD. Based on the standard national rate for the valuation of volunteer services, we have estimated that 120 Consulting Rosarians will participate, and that the value of these efforts over a 4-year period is \$122,064.

C. Rose Rosette Disease Monitoring Network

To implement the foregoing commitment and acting as President of the American Rose Society President Martin formed the Ad Hoc Committee on RRD Monitoring chaired by Charles Shaner, a Director of the Society to act in consultation with our National Consulting Rosarian Chairpersons, Dave & Gerry Mahoney. On September 4, 2019, President Martin directed a message to all Consulting Rosarian soliciting them to participate in the RRD Monitoring Network. There is no limit to the number of participants. Each are asked to report back annually on the presence of RRD in their gardens and in the gardens in which they are asked to consult.

President Martin also posted the solicitation on his Facebook site, which was directly shared on 29 other Facebook sites, including the ARS site.

As of September 24, 2019, 97 ARS reporters had signed up, which is good but more are needed. President Martin speaks of RRD and the monitoring network in his President's message in the October issue of *Roses & You*. President Martin's call will also be repeated in the PSWD newsletter and the newsletter of the San Diego Rose Society.

President Martin observed that one fact that is likely a drag on ARS participation is that our membership is high in areas that have not experienced RRD. Our largest district in terms of membership is the Pacific Southwest, followed by the Northern California/Nevada district. Other larger districts include the Pacific Northwest, Deep South and South Central Districts. The latter two are important for RRD monitoring purposes because our members fall above and below the southern "line" of RRD. President Martin suggested that we may need to emphasize that participation of individuals who have not experienced the disease is important for monitoring purpose as well as easy.

President Martin asked all directors to increase their efforts to recruit participants in this network from their respective districts.

D. Presidential Communications

Since the last meeting President Martin has undertaken various communications as President including, (a) the delivery of President's Messages for all ARS Publications; (b) multiple email and telephonic communications; and (c) personal appearances and delivery of programs, including programs for: (i) the Raincross Rose Society, Riverside, CA; (ii) Santa Barbara Rose Society, Santa Barbara, CA; (iii) an outreach to an Escondido based Service Club; (iv) the San Diego Rose Society, San Diego, CA; (v) the Buckeye Top Gun Club, Delaware, OH; (vi) Buckeye District Judging School, Delaware, OH; (vii) the Temecula Valley RS, Temecula, CA; and the Del Mar Rose Society, Del Mar, CA. President Martin invited Board members to contact him with speaking requests for District or local functions.

E. ARS Endowment Trusts

President Martin is the EC representative and Chair of the Trustees of "The American Rose Center Endowment Trust". That is the actual name as set forth in the trust declaration of the Trust commonly known as the "Maintenance Endowment Trust" or the "MET". As Trustee, President Martin attended all of the Trust meetings. As MET Trustee Chair, President Martin worked with the Executive Director to identify a candidate for the Caddo Parish Trustee to replace Malcolm Murchison, who asked to retire. In the event of a resignation, the Trust Declaration authorizes the remaining trustees to appoint an interim trustee to serve subject to later approval of the Board. Acting pursuant to that power, President Martin and Curtis Aumiller, the remaining trustees received the resignation of Malcolm Murchison as Caddo Parish Trustee and on August 20, 2019 appointed Alan Seabaugh as interim successor Trustee to serve the remainder of the term of Malcolm S. Murchison, namely for the term expiring December 31, 2021. Confirmation of that appointment was scheduled on the agenda.

President Martin also authored a Memorandum to set forth a history and analysis of the distribution policies and accumulated income available for distribution of the "MET". That has been distributed with the Board materials and was addressed further in the meeting.

F. Prizes & Awards

President Martin restated his objective to continue to encourage recognition of service to the American Rose Society by making sure awards are awarded. To carry that out, President Martin has continued to confer with John Mattia, Chair of the Prizes & Awards Committee to discuss the implementation of the awards policy and to assist as needed in the work of the Committee. The Committee has been responsive and as will be learned at the Awards Banquet has selected a recipient of the Gold Honor Medal, the David Fuerstenberg Prize and the James Alexander Gamble Fragrance Award. President Martin also conferred with Suzanne Horn, Chair of the Horticultural Exhibitors Committee following which a recipient of the Guy Blake Hedrick Award was determined.

In addition, the Membership Committee, chaired by Ann & Joe Gibson has overseen the selection of recipients of the Rising Star Awards. President Martin also emphasized the importance of awards, especially the Bronze Honor Medal in his President's Message in the July/August issue of American Rose. President Martin urged all District Directors to be mindful of the changes in the Silver Honor Medal and to assure its award in their Districts. Certificates for Presidential Citations are also available and Directors are further encouraged to advise President Martin of significant society anniversaries and individual accomplishments worthy of recognition.

G. The American Rose Magazine

President Martin stated that a primary goal of his administration continues to be to significantly improve the educational content of the American Rose magazine. That effort is being carried out under the guidance of Beth Smiley and Elena Williams, Chair of the Editorial Advisory Committee, with the assistance of many contributors to the American Rose. President Martin expressed satisfaction and gratitude for the recent issues of the American Rose. President Martin further indicated that the timing of the July/August issue was adversely affected by the summer budgetary slump but noted that the September/October issue is in the mail. He indicated that he has been further assured the American Rose Annual will be on time and expressed his hope and expectation that the magazine will continue on time.

H. Roses in Review

Roses in Review is in the process of completion and by all accounts has gone much more smoothly than last year with significant increases in participation. President Martin expressed his appreciation to Executive Director Jon Corkern; Don Swanson, Chair of the Roses in Review Committee; as well as the District RIR Coordinators. He looks forward to the results and an assessment of the results in the change in the reporting system to whole numbers instituted with this year's survey. All Directors were urged to publicize the results of Roses in Review in their Districts and to pass along any comments to Don Swanson on how the system may be improved.

I. Modern Roses website

The Modern Roses database has been maintained by the American Rose Society in carrying out its appointment by the International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS) as the International Cultivation Registration Authority - Roses (ICRA-R). The last reappointment to that position was made on 15 July 2013 subject to the following conditions:

1. That the ICRA abides by the latest edition of the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants.
2. That the ICRA provides an International Registrar.
3. That the ICRA provides on request an annual report of its activities to the Commission.
4. That the ICRA will provide the Commission with a copy of its current application form to register a new cultivar and/or Group name.
5. That the ICRA provides the Commission with a copy of any new publication associated with the International Register or Checklist.
6. That the appointment be subject to a periodic review (every 4 to 5 years) by the Commission. Although the 4-5-year period for review has passed President Martin noted that no such review has recently taken place.

President Martin reminded Board members that at the prior meeting of the Board in April 2019, he had reported on the employment of Praeses, a Shreveport-based technology company to review the Modern Roses database. Following a conference on what needed to be done, President Martin and Praeses had agreed that the Modern Roses database(s) were FUBAR. Thereafter, Praeses had submitted an estimate of hours to complete the needed works of between 1,512 and 1,993 with a most likely estimate of 1,833 hours. The time to complete the project was estimated as between 28-37 weeks. At a discounted nonprofit rate of \$142/hour the midlevel

estimate would cost \$260,000. Seeking a different approach, and at the suggestion of Andy Vanable, we considered a plan to identify database registrations for other American plant societies, including the excellent cultivar database of the American Hemerocallis (Daylily) Society at daylilydatabase.org. In this connection, ARS received a proposal from the firm that developed the database for the American Daylily Society to develop a new comparable database. The price quoted was very reasonable at about \$2,200. In July, President Martin conferred with Director Steve Campbell who demonstrated what he had been able to do with the database. In considering what to do, President Martin explained that he no longer had felt an urgency to do anything at once, not only because of the apparent magnitude of the task, but also because he had begun to question the wisdom of doing much at all. He noted that in past years, the appointment as ICRA had resulted in the publication of a print edition of Modern Roses which had provided substantial revenue to the ARS. With technology changes, publication of database information as books has ceased. Further, in considering the current importance of the Modern Roses database he noted that for day to day purposes of the American Rose Society the major practical use of the database was in the assignment of Approved Exhibition Names for rose show purposes. (A proposal on that subject is discussed below.) And, for purposes of the 2019 show season, Bruce Monroe, National Judge's Chair had already issued a moratorium on disqualifying improperly named roses.

For educational purposes, President Martin also observed that the commercial database HelpMeFind does everything and more that Modern Roses does or can do. He also reported from discussion with hybridizers and other rosarians that they rely principally and usually exclusively on HelpMeFind for information.

President Martin reminded the Board that prior to the problems with the Modern Roses database very few rose introducers in the world were in fact registering their roses. At the time of the resignations of Marily and Phil Schorr, no roses had been registered in the previous seven months. Further at that point the only U.S. introducer that registered their roses was Weeks. Internationally we were getting a smattering of registrations, primarily from Australia and Canada, however none of the German, French or U.K. companies had in fact registered a rose for years. The only way these roses were getting into the database was that Phil Schorr would cruise their websites and catalogues and enter data for them. Each of these entries then had to be then approved by Marily who was otherwise occupied with pressing family issues, and the result was that nothing was getting done. Approval in the latter case meant that Marily had not only to review the data but to make entries in her archaic "database" system and then upload the whole thing new to the ISP that was hosting the database, which incidentally was all on her account to begin with.

The lack of cooperation from worldwide breeders also became more apparent as the lack of action on the Modern Rose database has produced very little comment from rose breeders, including most of the larger U.S breeders other than Weeks. International breeders have shown less concern with inquiries being largely confined largely to amateurs. And, notwithstanding this international lack of interest, we received two "admonishments" from the WFRS Registration and classification about our shortcomings with the system. Of note the WFRS is not the ISHS and has no authority in the matter.

To conclude, President Martin reported that following the conclusion of the show season, he intends to renew the exploration of a low cost approach to construct a new database that we would then populate to the extent possible with what the data that we can recover from the old. This would include a new interface following which he intends to turn the further operation over to the Registration and Classification Committee for administration.

J. Rose classification issues

President Martin initiated a proposal to adopt a policy on assigning an AEN (American Exhibition Name) to rose cultivars for application in rose shows sponsored by the American Rose Society and affiliated societies. That was approved by the Registration and Classification Committee and is on the agenda for later consideration.

President Martin has also initiated a discussion with the Chair of the Heritage & Preservation Committee with respect to proposed changes he plans to suggest in certain rose classes intended in large part to restore historic rose classifications. These will include the restoration of the class Rambler (R). The changes would also include: (a) The class Hybrid Eglanteria (HEg) be replaced by the class Eglanteria (Eg); (b) The class Hybrid Gallica (HGal) be replaced by the class Gallica (Gal); and (c) the class Hybrid Kordesii (HKor) be replaced by the class Kordesii (Kor). Proposed changes approved by the Heritage & Preservation Committee would thereafter be submitted to the Registration and Classification Committee for their recommendation prior to submission to the Board.

President Martin also reported that he has deferred a proposal to subdivide the Modern Shrub classification: (a) to establish a class for Ground Cover (Gc) as currently recognized in the Combined Rose List; and (b) to hopefully establish a classification to encompass David Austin Roses (Aus). President Martin has also deferred a proposal to classify a rose specifically as a single as currently recognized in the Combined Rose List.

K. Rose Shows and Disqualification

President Martin stated his objective continues to be to encourage the conduct of ARS judged rose shows by promoting articles on exhibiting, and by removing barriers to entry. President Martin is particularly concerned with the rules on disqualification of entries that fall disproportionately on the newest exhibitors and can have a chilling effect on their decision to enter a rose in a rose show. In order to address this issue, President Martin initiated a proposal that the American Rose Society Horticulture Judges Committee be directed to propose such necessary amendments to the American Rose Society Guidelines and Rules for Judging Roses that may be necessary or desirable to remove conditions for disqualification that unnecessarily discourage exhibitor participation. That was approved by the Horticultural Exhibitors' Committee and is on the agenda for later consideration.

L. Consulting Rosarians

President Martin's objective continues to be to increase the number of Consulting Rosarians and encourage existing CRs to be available to consult. President Martin has conferred with Dave & Gerry Mahoney, National CR Chairs, on several occasions to review objectives and plans. This has produced additional proposals now on the agenda. They are looking to make changes in the Cyber CR Program, which continues a work in process.

M. First Circle Great Garden Restoration

President Martin reported that following receipt of the \$25,000 grant from the Beaird Foundation in Shreveport for the construction of the First Circle, he realized that if we could match that grant we would have the funds needed to build the First Circle this year. President Martin therefore proposed, and the Executive Committee authorized a matching grant campaign to commemorate his 75th birthday on July 12, 2019. To get that ball rolling Dona and President Martin delivered his check for \$1,000 to the American Rose Society. In addition, the San Diego Rose Society has contributed \$10,000 to the campaign, and another director of the San Diego Rose Society contributed \$1,000. This made in total \$12,000 of the \$25,000 needed to match the Beaird Foundation Grant and construct the First Circle. Thereafter, additional contributions were made and the fund-raising campaign was a success, raising in excess of \$29,000.

Further details on the status of the Great Garden Restoration was provided later on the agenda.

- Following his remarks, President Martin continued with review of his revised Presidential Appointments, specifically: GGR Construction Coordinator – Dave Long; America’s Rose Garden Advisory Board – Co Chairs Karen Hardtner & Elizabeth Davis; Bylaws Committee Chair Debra Bagley; Everyday Roses – Vacant; Marketing/Membership Chairs Ann & Joe Gibson; Ad Hoc Committee on Roses Rosette Monitoring – Charles Shaner; Roses & You Editor – Rita Perwich; The Fragrant Rose Editor – Jason Capote; and 2021 American Rose Annual Guest Editor – Bob Martin.
- The Maintenance Endowment Trust item on capital improvements was discussed at length further at the Board meeting. Approved items (adding range & top \$25,000).
- Treasurer Jack Page reviewed for the Board the financial documents: Commentary & Financials – July 2019; Endowment Trusts; Accounts Payables; Accounts Receivables as well as the Great Garden Restoration Project. Also discussed was the Forecast for 2019 and the MET Capital Improvement Implementation Plan. In addition, he presented the 2020 Budget which the Board approved.
- The 2018 Audit, Management Letter and recommendation from the Audit Committee, chaired by Steve Campbell was approved.
- The Board reviewed the Executive Director presentation and report, ARS Organization Chart, ARS Contact List, 2020 Publications Schedule, and August 2019 Membership reports and Development Report.
- The Board of Directors adopted the minutes of the Board meetings held Thursday, April 4, 2019 in Shreveport, LA.
- The Board ratified the Executive Committee meeting minutes from April 4, 2019 (Shreveport, LA) through October 3, 2019 (Franklin TN).

In further action, the Board:

- The Board approved the Consulting Rosarian Committee’s requests for approval of changes to the Consulting Rosarian Manual as noted below:
 - **Chapter One (Revised):**
Changed American Rose Society Membership from three to two years.
Added “should have an email if possible”.
Rewrote the section on how to maintain Consulting Rosarian Certification.
 - **Chapter Two (Revised):**
Added responsibility for maintaining links in the Consulting Rosarian Manual to National Consulting Rosarian Chair.
Added Lead Cyber Rosarian position while defining and outlining duties.
Rewrote District Consulting Rosarian Chair duties.
Defined Consulting Rosarian Recertification.
Clarified Outstanding Consulting Rosarian requirements and how selected
Improved readability of Master Rosarian qualifications and nomination.
 - **Chapter Four: pages 4-2, 4-3, and 4-17 (Revised):**
Page 4-2 Removed Earth-Kind Roses link and clarified Earth-Kind Roses description as much of this section was invalid and poorly worded.
Page 4-3 Removed paragraph on Earth-Kind roses as no longer valid
Page 4-17 Removed the last paragraph middle of page commencing with “There is an association for hybridizers called” the paragraph was no longer valid.
 - **Chapter Eight pages 8-1, 8-2, 8-8 and 8-10**
Page 8-1 Corrected typo in first paragraph second sentence, “stewards.”
Page 8-8 Removed hyperlinks.
Page 8-10 Removed Photo Table Pesticides Allowed for Use on Roses as it was out of date and the committee decided that due to frequent changes by states, maintenance was impossible.

- **Chapter Eleven (Revised):**
Added disclaimer for hyperlinks
Removed invalid links.
Removed hyperlinks to forms as they are no longer valid
Removed Rose grades as they are no longer valid
Condensed clarified and changed the flow of the entire chapter.

These changes are effectively immediately and new pages will be available on the website for download. Printed CR Manuals will include the new material.

- The Board approved the Prizes & Awards Committee requests as noted below:
 - Approval of a National Arrangement Trophy named in honor of Gary Barlow and in memory of Lew Shupe
It was agreed that the trophy should be for an arrangement in the Oriental manner (as the style is so titled at present*) and would be offered in the fall trophy rotation. This would be the first national trophy specifically for this style and would equalize the number of trophies offered in the spring and fall rotations at three each.
(*The Arrangement Judges Committee is working on a new edition of the arrangement judging guidelines, wherein it is planned to replace “in the Oriental manner” with a term such as “Far Eastern.”)
Per the attached proposal, funding is expected from the Buckeye District and private donors. The ARS Treasury should not be impacted.

Proposal for trophy and information attached to this recap.

- Proposed changes to the Bronze Honor Medal rules as follows:
Current Item #4 -- The current President of the Local Society is **not** eligible for this award. Members of the Executive Committee and Board **are** eligible for this award. Furthermore, this award must not be offered as a prize in any rose competition, or for any one project.
Propose Update Item #4 -- Members of the Society’s Executive Committee with the exception of the President are eligible for this award. A sitting President, however, who never received a Bronze Medal prior to serving as the Society’s chief executive officer, is eligible and can be considered for the Bronze Medal after serving six years as president.
Current Item #5 -- The Executive Committee or Board of the Local Society will nominate candidates. The members of the Executive Committee or Board will vote by secret ballot. The President will tally the votes. A majority vote will be required for awarding this medal. The result must be kept confidential by all members involved.
Edit Item #5 -- The Executive Committee or Board of the Local Society will nominate candidates. The members of the Executive Committee or Board will vote by secret ballot. The President will tally the votes in the presence of at least two members of the Society’s Executive Committee or Board who are not currently also candidates for this award. A majority vote will be required for awarding this medal. The result must be kept confidential by all members involved.

These changes are effectively immediately and new forms and information will be available on the website for download.

- In addition, the Board heard discussion from the Strategic Planning Committee in regard to efforts on local society survey and meeting tool pilots. They also approved the Strategic Planning Committee Proposal on Regional changes (noted below):
Board reduce the number of Regions from 10 to 4, based upon geography, District boundaries and membership numbers.
The resulting board would consist of 25 members including 18 District Directors, 4 Regional Directors and 3 Officers.

Reducing the number of Regions / Regional Directors will increase the pool of qualified candidates in each Region to serve on the Board. The Strategic Planning Committee also reviewed the responsibilities of the Regional Directors and determined that there would be no impact from a reduction in Regions.

The change in number of Regions would be implemented as part of the next triennial election, and be effective with the next administration beginning in fall, 2021. The new Regions would consist of the Districts designated below:

ARS REGIONS - Effective September, 2021				
Regions	Northeast Region	Southeast Region	Northwest Region	Southwest Region
	Buckeye	Carolina	NCNH	Central
	Great Lakes	Colonial	Pacific Northwest	Pacific Southwest
	Illinois - Indiana	Deep South	Rocky Mountain	South Central
	New York	Gulf	Foreign	
	North Central	Tenarky		
	Penn Jersey			
	Yankee			
Total ARS Members	1,664	1,908	1,662	1,652

- The Board approved the proposal from President Martin regarding the AEN name:

RESOLVED, that that the acronym “AEN” as used in American Rose Society publications and communications shall mean the “American Exhibition Name”.

RESOLVED FURTHER, it shall be the policy of the American Rose Society to assign one AEN to any rose cultivar registered with the American Rose Society or otherwise available in commerce in the United States.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the assignment of an AEN shall be made under the following guidelines:

1. In general, the AEN assigned shall to the extent practicable be the name under which the rose is available or otherwise generally known in the United States.
2. The AEN of a rose registered with the American Rose Society shall initially be the name assigned by the breeder or other applicant in the initial registration application.
3. In the event that a breeder or other applicant determines to introduce a rose in the United States under a different name, then the breeder or other applicant shall be free to amend the registration application to specify a different AEN.
4. In the case of roses not registered by the breeder or other applicant, the AEN so assigned shall to the extent practicable be the name under which the rose is available for sale in the United States or Canada, or if not so available in its country of origin.
5. In the event that a rose previously assigned an AEN shall thereafter come to be commercially available in the United States or Canada under a different name, the AEN shall be changed to reflect the name under which the rose is then available for sale in the United States or Canada.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the American Rose Society Registration and Classification Committee shall have the authority to assign an AEN to a rose cultivar consistent with the foregoing policy and to resolve any disputes or discrepancies in the assignment of the AEN in order to avoid where practicable the assignment of multiple AENs to the same rose cultivar.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the American Rose Society Horticulture Judges Committee be, and they hereby are authorized, and directed to make such necessary amendments to the American Rose Society *Guidelines and Rules for Judging Roses* that may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolutions.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that rose cultivars referenced in ARS publications or communications shall to the extent possible be reference by their assigned AEN in single quotation marks.

- The Board approved the proposal from President Martin regarding Disqualification:

RESOLVED, that the American Rose Society Horticulture Judges Committee be, and they hereby are authorized, and directed to propose such necessary amendments to the American Rose Society *Guidelines and Rules for Judging Roses* that may be necessary or desirable to remove conditions for disqualification.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that such amendment shall be made in consideration of and in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. Stem on stem shall not be a disqualification in any class but may be considered a fault in stem & foliage to be penalized only to the degree of its distraction, if any.
2. Side buds in classes where side buds are not permitted, whether showing a bud or leaf shall not be a disqualification but shall be considered a fault in stem & foliage to be penalized only to the degree of its distraction, if any.
3. What goes on beneath the lip of the vase shall be of no consequence in judging and judges shall not be permitted to remove a specimen from the vase to examine it for any purpose.
4. Roses bearing accepted synonyms, *e.g.* trade names, should not be considered misnamed but the judge should mark the correct AEN and have the entry moved to its proper place.
5. Misspelling of names, including abbreviations shall not be cause for disqualification and the judge as a courtesy may note the correct spelling on the entry tag.
6. Misplaced entries containing the correct class on the entry tag shall be moved to the proper place and judged.
7. Mislabeled entries that contain the erroneous class on the entry tag shall if practicable be moved to the proper place and judged.
8. Grooming materials accidentally left on the specimens such as cotton balls, Q-tips, paper labels with the name of the rose, shall be carefully removed before judging by the judge or clerk at the direction of the judge,
9. Aphids, mites, thrips and other natural things may be blown off by a judge or otherwise ignored unless patently distracting, in which case the entry may be penalized according to the degree of distraction.
10. An entry may be disqualified for a foreign substance only if it is evident that a foreign substance has been applied to enhance the bloom, such as green paint, or leaf oil. Spray residue from horticultural oil or other conditions should be considered a fault in stem & foliage to be penalized only to the degree of its distraction, if any.
11. Show rules establishing additional reasons for disqualification shall be forbidden unless the rules address the specifications for a challenge class, *e.g.* requiring all HTs or AARS winners. Entries shall not be

disqualified for failure to include details on entry tag such as exhibitor numbers, filling out both parts of the tag, using the wrong colored ink, or failure to list informative details on OGRs such as type and date of introduction. So too with wedging materials which may be penalized only to the extent they extend above the lip of the vase and only to the degree of distraction.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that amendments to the American Rose Society *Guidelines and Rules for Judging Roses* as contemplated by these Resolutions shall be submitted by American Rose Society Horticulture Judges Committee for adoption by the Board of Directors at its Spring 2020 meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado, for immediate application thereafter.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the rules on disqualification set forth in the American Rose Society *Guidelines and Rules for Judging Roses* that are in conflict with the above principles shall be suspended until the foregoing amendments are made and adopted.

- The Board approved the Penn-Jersey District Bylaws.
- The Board reviewed a PowerPoint presented by Jon Corkern on behalf of Marilyn Wellan regarding the Great Garden Restoration Project. Construction on the First Circle will begin Monday, October 7, 2019!
- The Board received and accepted with thanks, reports from the American Rose Center Committee and the Miniature/Miniflora Committee.
- Fall Elections were held and the Board elected those noted below:
 - Executive Committee: Linda Kimmel & Ann Gibson
Executive Committee members: Term Fall 2019-Fall 2020
President Bob Martin; Vice President Diane Sommers; Treasurer Jack Page
Board Representatives: Ann Gibson & Linda Kimmel
Executive Director serves as non-voting member
 - Audit Committee: Ann Gibson
Audit Committee: Chair: Steve Campbell (Term expires Fall 2021); Members: Ann Gibson (Term expires Fall 2022); Duane DeDene (Term expires Fall 2020)
 - Ethics Committee: Curtis Aumiller & Debra Bagley
Ethics Committee: Chair: Lois Ann Helgeson (Term expires Fall 2021); Members: Linda Clark (Term expires Fall 2021); Ann Gibson (Term expires Fall 2020); David Long (Term expires Fall 2020); Curtis Aumiller (Term expires Fall 2022); Debra Bagley (Term expires Fall 2022).
 - ARSET Trust: Jack Page
ARS Endowment Trustees: Jack Page (BOD); Term expires December 31, 2022; Marilyn Wellan (BOD); Term expires December 31, 2020; Diane Sommers (EC); Term expires December 31, 2021
 - EET Trust: Ann Gibson
ARS Educational Endowment Trustees: Ann Gibson (BOD); Term expires December 31, 2022; Pat Shanley (BOD); Term expires December 31, 2020; Chris VanCleave (Membership); Term expires December 31, 2021
 - MET Trust: Bob Martin
 - Approved MET Trustee recommendation of LA Rep Alan Seabaugh as the Caddo Parish Trustee.
ARS Maintenance Endowment Trustees: Bob Martin (EC) Term expires December 31, 2022; LA Rep Alan Seabaugh (Caddo Parish); Term expires December 31, 2020; Curtis Aumiller (BOD); Term expires December 31, 2021

- RET Trust: Bruce Monroe
ARS Research Trust: Bruce Monroe (BOD); Term expires December 31, 2022; Don Myers (Research Committee Chair); Term expires December 31, 2020; Allen Owings (Scientist/Researcher); Term expires December 31, 2021
- The next meeting will be held Spring 2020 in Colorado Springs, CO (June 17-21, 2020) 'Roses of the Wild West':
 - Finance Committee – Wednesday, June 17, 2020
 - EC/BOD Meeting – Thursday, June 18, 2020
 - The Hotel Elegante is the headquarter hotel; phone: (719) 576-5900; rates are \$149 per night; ARS code # 2397973