

# Midwest Dahlia Conference Minutes

Spring Meeting June 1, 2024  
Highdive Pavillion  
Elkhart, Indiana

Welcome all by President Foith @ 10am.

Moment of silence was given.

Minutes of the last meeting in Pittsburgh September 9, 2023 were presented by Secretary Jim Kassner.

Motion by Jim Chuey to accept minutes as presented, second by Marian Landerholm, motion carried.

Treasurers report by Jim Kassner.

Motion to accept by Steve Kuiper second by Jo Jepson, motion carried.

President Foith made special mention of the great job our host Elkhart Dahlia Society does year in and year out to make this day as successful as it is.

## **Communication**

The Michigan Dahlia Society with Fred & Annise Nicholas and Dave Knox in attendance were thanked for their generous gift to the Midwest Dahlia Conference. Their wishes for the donation were to gift the host of the MDC Show to help with expenses, and to add to the MDC Best Midwest Introduction Triple and to start a new Award for a Best Single Midwest Introduction. A hearty round of applause was given. This gift starts immediately in 2024 starting with Elkhart Dahlia Society Hosting in 2024 and shall last until the year 2034.

West Michigan sent a \$25 Reserve to host the Midwest and ADS National Show in 2026.

## **Presentation**

Today's "Ask the Experts" panel yielded a lively discussion covering many topics. The panelists were Warren Vigor, Missy Weitzel and John Williams. Thank you!

## **Old Business**

A request for Club Contacts was made by the president to maintain communication with the 16 societies.

The Printing of Midwest Show-tags was discussed, and the MDC is considering purchasing several thousand that are in stock at the Printer "Mar". (Jim will Contact)

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### **New Business**

A new Trifold was discussed to replace the one that has been issued over the years. New pictures were to be used to avoid any copyright infringements. A motion for a budget of \$1,500 was proposed by President Foith. Motion to accept by John Williams, second by Paula Sandberg. During the discussion it was mentioned to get several bids and keep it competitive.

Jan Gauthrop of Elkhart Dahlia Society invited all present to attend the 2024 the Midwest Show Hosted by Elkhart Dahlia Society,

President Foith made a special request for cash sponsors for Honor Table Awards for the Midwest Show be sent to EDS.

Jerry Landerholm announced that dates had been secured by Central States Dahlia Society for the ADS National to be held at the Chicago Botanical Garden September 18-19-20-21-22 in 2025.

A change to the Midwest Dahlia Conference Bylaws was introduced by President Foith that office terms should start and end at the June Spring Meeting when the Midwest actually meets and conducts business, as it stands now the terms end the first of the year. Motion was made to accept by Jim Chuey, second by Paula Sandberg. Motion carried.

Jerry Landerholm gave a report on Tony Evangelista's Celebration of Life held 2 weeks earlier.

The ADS has started a Memorial Fund in Tony's name, there is a link on the ADS Website. It was discussed if the MDC Website could also put the link to the ADS Memorial Fund on the MDC Website.

A motion was authored by Jim Kassner for the MDC to sponsor an Award in the amount of \$50.00 for the "BEST" Tony Evangelista Introduction at the MDC Show from 2024 thru 2034 Motion made by Chris Bryan, second by Vicki Burrell. Motion carried.

Director Keith Berven nominated Monique Volden and Dave Walton for the office of Director, a three-year term, both accepted and the yeas carried the day.

52 people were in attendance

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Kassner  
Secretary/Treasurer