

Hello MOS Members: After a couple years of exploring various uses of Zoom to facilitate our meetings, it's certainly time to reach out and ask for your opinions on how it's working. Please complete the following survey to help us understand your thoughts on the current format of the MOS Monthly Hybrid (Zoom/In Person) Meetings and our use of that Zoom technology. Please send your responses within two weeks of receiving this survey to John Heinbokel (marylandorchid.pres@gmail.com) for compiling. Thank you.

1. How often do you utilize the Zoom option for your participation in hybrid monthly meetings?

NEVER 6 SOMETIMES 8 ALWAYS 7

2. Do you like or dislike the availability of hybrid monthly meetings?

LIKE 19 DISLIKE Please comment if you wish

- I don't use it. But if covid rises again some members might need to use it.
- It is convenient for times when I cannot get to Towson. I don't think that it should interfere with the in-person meeting. In-person attendees should be able to visit with others until the meeting is called to order without having to keep their voices down. The ability for the Zoom participants to see the show table items shouldn't be addressed if it is a burden on ...(?)
- For us it is a necessity.
- I depend on MOS zoom meetings.
- It allows for summer meetings when in person meetings are not traditionally available.
- I cannot attend the meetings in person due to I have a bed-bound spouse in my home who is also a member of MOS.
- It is great to have available when I can't be there in person. It has happened at least once a year since we started. I also like seeing on zoom long time members that can no longer drive at night or have restrictive health concerns. It support our ability to extend the society membership reach beyond the typical drive reach. Lastly it is a great opportunity to have distant guest attendees. I have had a friend in North Carolina attend via Zoom.
- For a number of reasons, I have not been able to attend meetings in person very often the last couple of years. I'm grateful for the Zoom option even if the quality is not the greatest sometimes, but who cares ... we can participate (smile and thumb up emojis !!). This allows me to 'attend' the meeting and hear the speaker (when there is one) and the show table result and the MOS news. Thank you very much to Clark and to you John and everyone who makes the Zoom possible to those of us who can't attend.
- I stopped going to the meetings period when they changed to virtual due to the Covid policy. It created a bad habit. I know they are good for some especially those who can not get out of the house.
- Yes, when I cannot attend in person.

- It is my only option if I have had no sleep or if I must be out of town. I at least have that option to stay connected to MOS and to listen to the presentation. I can also snap photos so I can review what I may have missed.
- NO VOTE either way is fine.
- I find it convenient when I am out of town or ill. Zoom also allows MOS to continue with a monthly meeting in the case of inclement weather.
- It provides an option for attendance/participation and supports a member population who might not be able to participate otherwise.
- I do not have great night vision and prefer when possible not to drive at night.
- People living far away must get a possibility to attend the meetings through Zoom.

3. Does the current Zoom option for monthly meetings affect your willingness to renew your membership in the MOS?

INCREASE 6 DECREASE NO EFFECT 16

- The speakers, virtual show table, and in person show table are the most important aspects of membership.
- I renewed my membership because of Zoom.
- I have been an active member of the society for a very long time. Since Mr. Huntington was president. I want to remain a member, and Zoom allows me to do this.
- I would support MOS as long as I can anyway but the Zoom certainly adds to that resolve.
- It is a "PLUS."
- TWO VOTES – INCREASE & NO EFFECT" The zoom format allows for distant speakers
- Not a bullet point for me this year, but might well be in the future..

4. Do you think we should have Zoom Speakers at the monthly meetings?

YES 15 NO 4 Please comment if you wish.

- I don't think the zoom speakers come through clearly.
- Only as a last resort
- When they are out state.
- I am not in favor of having speakers that present by Zoom unless it is absolutely necessary. It is OK for once or twice a year if needed.
- Zoom speakers broaden the accessibility to us of experts and their knowledge.
- Zoom speakers work for me.
- Having a Zoom speaker increases the pool of available orchid experts and is at a reduced cost to the MOS. The same information is relayed as in person. This is a win-win.
- If the speaker cannot make the meetings, I do not see why we cannot do that for them.
- It provide the opportunity to get speakers who would be prohibitive to cover travel

costs for. We should try to have in-person speakers following key MOS events that may bring in new members or visitors such as Spring and Fall workshops, Rawlings, and MOS Spring Show. Note that there are some in person speakers who do not want to be Zoomed out.

- We should make use Zoom speakers for particularly interesting topics or speakers (who can't easily travel) or if we need to conserve speaker funds (because running low or we want to save up for a particular speaker who is expensive).
- If you attend in person, don't think zoom speakers is that great an ideal
- Provides opportunity for speakers from far away that would otherwise be unattainable for in person meetings.
- If the Zoom option allows us to bring speakers from far away without the cost & issues of travel, why not? This may be post-pandemic, but COVID will always be with us. It does save in expenses.
- Great way to bring in speakers who might not be able to join us in person.
- It would bring a wider variety of speakers to the members.
- When necessary in a limited frequency. The zoom format allows for distant speakers. I understand the constraints of a zoom presentation. If the sound were 'perfect' it would enhance the experience.
- I think we should only have zoom speakers if they can guarantee good connections. I know they still get paid so they should use the payment toward good cell service.
- On a limited basis. There are cons to go with the pros of expanded speaker population and reduced costs.
- The zoom speakers have seemed to work out really well. Could give options for speakers that are farther away.
- I listened to Ray Barkalow but the sound was horribly bad.

5. Do you think the Virtual Show Table should continue at monthly meetings?

YES 14 NO 4 Please comment if you wish

- If enough members need to use it
- If it can be heard by the Zoom participants only and if someone offers to run it
- Fay does an excellent job organizing it. Clark provides excellent, knowledgeable commentary for the Virtual Show Table. Fascinating!
- Virtual Show needs technical improvements (no vote above).
- It allows for a larger volume of plants to be shown by the members.
- Most definitely.
- The Virtual Show table is a means of participation for those who can't attend in person. Need to clarify guidelines and differentiate attended monthly versus summer Virtual show table. Attended meetings category is non-competitive, limit 2 or less plants, photo must be taken since last months meeting. Summer can open the limit and growers can introduce their own plants
- Also applies to question #8. Establish rules.
 - The plant must be in bloom on the date of the meeting and be appropriate to

- be on the in person show table.
- NO SHOW TABLE POINT If you are present at the in person meeting but only had plants on the Virtual Show Table.
- Same rules as in person show table should apply.
- I truly love the orchid photos and the narration that accompanies them because I learn so much from the plant owners about their challenges and successes. I do understand that it is a production challenge.
- NO VOTE I'm fine either way
- I'm going to give this a 'maybe' (YES VOTE checked and recorded above). I think the virtual show table should continue. The regular zoomers live far away or have health issues. The virtual experience is very important to them. An alternative would be to collect the orchid pictures each month but only discuss the collection perhaps twice a year.
- I think it should continue but very briefly and not get into a lot of discussion about the photos.
- Again, a way to enhance/expand participation among members who might otherwise not be able to participate.

6. Do you think the Virtual Show Table should be presented at the in-person meeting? In your comments please address when in order of the meeting should it be presented.

YES 9 NO 7 Please comment if you wish

- I don't think that it is needed since we have the beautiful plants on the show table. And it takes up too much time.
- The Virtual Show Table should be presented AFTER people are seated, i.e. AFTER the business part of the meeting and before the speaker presentation.
- The Zoom MOS members are orchid growers too, and should be able to show their orchids also. Either before the program speaker or before the showtable. If after the showtable, people will be taking their orchids and will not pay attention to the Virtual Show Table.
- VOTED BOTH YES AND NO; NOT TALLIED ABOVE. This is hard. I would miss Clark's educational commentary but the guided presentation has not found a comfortable niche in the meeting sequence. It also affords more recognition to the virtual than to the on-table show plants. Recommend keeping the virtual show table and presenting as a silent loop until Meeting business begins. Post loop on MOS web-page and Facebook after the meeting; also include physical show table pictures.
- Probably at the end so the people who came in person can choose to stay or not.
- It is too disruptive to in person meeting, education corner, mingling and makes the meeting go too long. No presentation and discussion of each virtual plant. It seems like more attention is given to the virtual plants than the actual in person show table. Proposal: Present on a background loop at beginning of meeting so interested in person attendees can watch.
- Photos could be offered online without needing to use meeting time to walk through

each one at the meeting.

- Maybe. The virtual show table is very important to those who are zooming. It seems irrelevant to those in the hall.
- (YES) but need to be careful to balance the educational value against the meeting's time line.
- It is very difficult to hear what is presented.

7. If you answered Yes that the Virtual Show Table should continue (Question 5), would you be willing to collect the pictures and prepare the PowerPoint presentation?

YES 3 NO 12

Conaway

Schiavi

Citerone

8. Do you think Virtual Show Table contributors should earn a show table point?

YES 14 NO 2

9. What else would you like us to know?

- [No comments]
- [No comments]
- [No comments]
- [No comments]
- I do very little with my computer, mainly emails. It bothers my eyes to spend time on the computer.. I guess my 88+ years is catching up to me. Only during COVID when our church was closed did I do zoom.
- We very much appreciate the Zoom technology and otherwise would not be able to attend these meetings. We hope that the in-person Show Table will also be made available to Zoomers. Ask Jason Gebbia, President of NCOS and member of MOS, how he does Zoom for Show Table at NCOS. He uses a lightweight, movable stand with camera attached to the top, along with a laptop. It would be nice if auction plants were also made available by Zoom (logistical suggestions). For meeting drawings (Door Prizes -ed), Zoomers could also win (logistical suggestions).
- I am absolutely all for continuing Zoom.
- I will be happy to help (Conaway).
- Sometimes the Zoom audio is poor or has an echo. I would like to see that much better. When our president attended by Zoom, he experienced that and can see what the Zoomers go through at times. I also want to say the Dr. Clark Riley is doing a great job on everything. Without Clark, It would be a great loss to the society.
- Having seen some other society's zoom meetings 'all' seem to have difficulty capturing and presenting their in-person live show table. Maybe it is time to look at what would be needed for lower end state of the art tool set to provide a better

product and make it easier to manage to relieve Clark of some responsibilities. Maybe to realize this it would be appropriate to dip into our endowments to support, ask our members for targeted donations, or see if Woodbrook would want to share cost and cement a long-term relationship. New fixed asset for Woodbrook would likely be better than temporary or transportable MOS tools so whatever we come up with may end up staying at Woodbrook.

- [No comments]
- [No comments]
- I like the opportunity to join a meeting via Zoom when I cannot attend in person. [Comment on eligibility of family members to both/all enter plants. This is not especially germane to this survey, but is a valid point for BoT consideration]
- This is not the world of the 1950s. Our membership 'reach' is substantial, on purpose. I believe we should respect that because it brings new views and supporting members who share our passion. My perspective is also deeply rooted in other group experiences in which membership was extremely limited because of the meeting time/place 'because that's the way it's always been done.' Most of those organizations disappeared because they refused to adjust to changes in our lifestyles. I would like to think that we are more flexible than those archaic organizations. I will most likely leave the MOS without the Zoom option because of health challenges.
- Could there be a table designated for anyone willing to share expertise and any novice who wants to ask questions? I saw this at another orchid society and it created a friendly way for folks to connect. As a novice, it can be hard to determine who might be willing to provide some informal advice.
- [No comments]
- The summer virtual show table is lots of fun. I love the plant explanations. If the distance or health challenged members are not included I fear they will be very disappointed and will quit MOS. Monica, for instance, always zooms AND participated in the March show. The monthly virtual show table isn't working well. There doesn't seem to be a good place for it in the evening's schedule. So I go back to my suggestion ... An alternative would be to collect the orchid pictures each month into one large PowerPoint but only discuss the collection perhaps once or twice a year..
- [No comments]
- [No comments]
- I am really, really not good with computers. I don't ever mind helping out with things but computers are really not my strong point. I do really appreciate all that goes into doing the zoom meetings. The show table seems to be a problem for the zoom meetings. If they need to end the zoom meetings at that point, it is understandable. An option could be, at the start of the meeting panning the show table. That way the plants could be viewed without all the issues.
- [No comments]