

Nashville Rose Society
2026 Executive Committee Meeting
October 26 ,2026
Members (Attendees **):

Officers: Janie Hagan – Co-President** Liz Louie – Co-President** John Wendler – Treasurer** Diane Coleman – Recording Secretary, Webmaster** Martha Garman - Corresponding Secretary** Executive Committee: Marty Reich – Membership, <i>RoseLeaf</i> ** Karin Bailey, Rose Markhum – Hospitality** Pam Brown – <i>Rose Leaf</i> Editor Lisa Schaaf – Former Programs Committee	Mary Hext – Rose Show Ron Daniels – Rose Study Garden Manager** Gene Meyer – CR Chairman/Mentorship, Rose Shows** Liz Louie – Vendor Day** Lori Emery – Member at Large** Bob Bowen – Member at Large** Ron Daniels – Past Co-President** John Wendler – Past Co-President**

Discussion:

Proposed Slate of officers for 2027 was presented by Janie

President - Lani Rossmann

Office of the President (to fill in when the President is unavailable) would consist of
the former Presidents – Janie, Liz, Ron and John

Vice-President - Janie Hagan

Treasurer - John Wendler

Recording Secretary - Diane Coleman

Corresponding Secretary - Martha Garman

Lori made the motion that the slate be approved by the Executive Committee; Ron seconded her motion. It was passed.

Committee Chairs:

- Program Committee – Lisa Schaaf has resigned as Program Committee Chair after two years. Janie volunteered to step in as Program Chair. Liz volunteered to be a committee member.
- Hospitality Committee – Karin Bailey and Rose Markhum have resigned as Hospitality Co-chairs after three years.
 - Suggestions were made on how to handle hospitality.
 - The Cheekwood policy that no outside food may be brought in makes it a no-brainer for meetings at Cheekwood.

- If we meet somewhere that allows food, one suggestion is to use the same plan as the Perennial Society – anyone who wants to bring food should also bring the utensils/service items. NRS would provide water if not available at the site.

Treasurer Report - John Wendler

- NRS continues to remain in excellent financial condition. The balance in our checking account as of October 1, 2026 was \$15,046.89, which is virtually the same as it was the same time a year ago. This indicates that we generate enough revenue annually to pay for all of our expenses, which is a great position to be in.
- In our second account - our Show account - we “loaned” \$17, 658.25, back in February 2025, to the ARS Convention Committee as seed money to help get the “Medley of Roses” up and running. As it turns out, the Convention was extremely successful and our initial “loan” was returned this month, with interest, for a total of \$20,000.
- Because we now have substantial balances in both our checking and Show accounts, we made a number of moves this month to put our money to work and earn interest. Specifically, we...
 - - reduced the amount we keep in our checking account to approximately \$5,000 and moved \$10,000 into a Business Money Market account. After reviewing our cash flow needs, by month, for the last 2 years, we feel confident that \$5,000 will be sufficient to support our monthly expenditures.
 - - opened a Business Money Market account with the \$10,000 from our checking account. This account pays an introductory interest rate of 4% that drops down over time to the prevailing money market interest rates. We can also transfer money from this account into our checking account, should we need it, and pay no service fee.
 - - invested the \$20,000 from our Show account into a 5 month CD which pays 2.5% on an annual basis. When that CD matures after 5 months, we plan to roll the balance into a new CD.
- If anyone has any questions, comments or suggestions, please direct them to John Wendler, our Treasurer.

Suggestions for involving more members:

- One suggestion was to have an Advisory Board to get more people involved but not expand the Executive Committee.
- Another is to invite people (particularly new members) to attend if they are interested in coming to an Executive meeting.
- A decision was made that the Executive Committee minutes, including the Treasurer report, be sent to the Membership by Marty and posted on the website (will be posted under About Us).

Membership Survey:

- Liz, Janie, and Diane developed a survey (based on one from Rhode Island) to find out from our membership preferences for meeting places, times, speakers, member skill set, etc.
- Liz created the survey in Google.
- Marty will send the survey link to membership this week. She will also print hard copies to bring to the November meeting for those who want to fill out on paper.
- The deadline will be November 11.
- Diane will write up a post based on Liz' survey introduction to put on the website to help generate interest in completing the survey.
- A drawing will be held at the December meeting of those who participated in the survey for five \$50 gift cards.

Meetings for 2027:

- One of the options for meetings in 2027 if we chose to meet on Sunday afternoon is the Calvary United Methodist Church at 3701 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37215, just off of I-440.
 - The Church has A/V capabilities, capacity for 70 people, and a kitchen.
 - The Church is available on the first Sunday of every month in 2027 except July.
 - The cost is \$75/meeting, with a \$150 deposit to reserve.
- The option to meet at Cheekwood would require meetings to be on Monday evening. There are concerns since there is no light and parking is difficult due to construction.
- Marty noted that the changing meeting day/time/location is one of the frustrations with members.
- To keep our relationship with Cheekwood and for the Rose Study Garden, we should have 1-2 meetings there in 2027.
- Cheekwood has offered us Sept 18 for the 2027 NRS Rose Show. Janie and John are to follow up with Cheekwood to see if the date can be moved to later in Sept or in October (for the Cheekwood Fall Harvest).
- Marty strongly suggests, and the Committee agrees, that there should be one meeting, perhaps in February, where attendees can sit at round tables to discuss roses with the CRs. Program – getting ready for spring?

Update from the Convention - Janie, Diane, and Liz

- Registrants – 211, slightly larger than the Rhode Island Convention two years ago
- NRS Members attending in addition to nine committee members, 22 members
- NRS seed money of \$17,659.25 was repaid on October 15 with interest for a total of \$20,000. This seed money was essential for the startup of the Medley of Roses Convention.

- By all accounts the Convention was an overwhelming success. Comments were made that it was the best in 10 or 20 years. Mary Ann was especially pleased that she had trouble finding room to place all the entries, when she had been afraid there would be very few roses due to the weather!
- We had an excellent Committee and we all worked well together which helped make for an excellent Convention.

Storage Unit:

- Janie is happy to report that everything fit in the smaller unit that we have. We thought we may have to up-size the unit, but not until at least 2027 Rose Show.
- Kudos to Ron and his team for getting everything from the Sheraton and into the unit.

Vendor Day - Marty, John, and Liz

- Roses have been ordered from Certified. We need to determine the pricing. Jeff will charge \$27 for those he sells; Marty is recommending that we charge \$30. Vendor day is our fund-raising event; people can preorder the roses that they want from us.
- John is to call to see if there is a chance that Mills Mix might become available.
- Ron is investigating other options for a balanced compost/fertilizer that can be recommended to our membership.

Membership:

- We have 157 members, 18 new members, 32 deleted and 4 returning.