

Roles and Responsibilities of the NSW Regional Judging Panel

Background

The AOC judging system recognises 7 Regional Judging panels, which are panels based in the 7 states and territories. In the 1980s, both NSW and QLD established Sub-Regional judging panels within their states; in recognition of the vast distances between societies. These 'State Sub-Regional panels' were established in the 1980s.

In 1990s, OSNSW agreed to the restructuring of the 'State Sub-Regional panels' to accommodate five geographic regions, including a proposed new panel based on the Mid North Coast, to include societies north of Taree and up to and including Woolgoolga.

The State Sub-Regional panels are:

1. Far North Coast: 10 societies, from Tweed to Grafton. Currently with 22 Judges and Associates
2. Mid North Coast: 10 societies, from Woolgoolga to Manning River. Currently with 11 Judges.
3. Hunter & Central Coast: 8 societies, from Maitland to Gosford. Currently with 11 Judges.
4. Metropolitan: 22 societies, Sydney Metropolitan and Illawarra areas. Currently with 38 judges.
5. South & West: 12 societies, from Nowra to Bega, and Albury to Dubbo, Currently with 10 judges.

This division is designed to provide maximum service to all NSW societies. It should be noted that the AOC judging system only recognises the "State Regional" panels as its Regional Panels. The sub regional panels are only noted as a part of the internal management of each AOC Regional Panel.

Judges

Based on the addresses of the current judges the panel's makeup would be:

FNC – 22 judges and associates.

MNC-10 judges and associates.

HCC – 10 judges and associates.

Metro - 38 judges and associates.

SW -10 judges and societies.

List of judges in each panel attached.

State Panel Structure

The State Judging Panel shall meet once a year rotating between the NSW Regions.

The State Meeting shall be chaired by the NSW Registrar

Responsibilities of NSW Panel

1. Approve the NSW training program.
2. Provide a forum to aid better uniformity of judging between the NSW sub regions.
3. Run practical and theory training.
4. Provide for election of the State Registrar.

NSW Registrar

Responsibilities

1. Chair at least one meeting a year of the State Judging Panel.
2. Represent the NSW Sub-Regional Panels to the AOC Judging Standing Committee.
3. Represent the NSW Sub-Regional Judges Panels on the OSNSW management committee.
4. Maintain a list of all judges.
5. Chair sub-committee that maintains the Register of Awards, provides Award Certificates and distribute State and National awards to Sub-regional panels.
6. Oversee all training to facilitate consistency of judging in NSW; Set theory exams.
7. Attend sub-regional panel meetings as time permits. Target - 1 meeting of each sub-regional panel each year.
8. Coordinate judging for the state competitions
 - a. Awards of the year (Hybrid, Species, AD and Culture)
 - b. Societies champions competition(Hybrid, Species and Novice)

NSW Sub-Regional Panels

Responsibilities

Each panel will be autonomous, and responsible for:

- a. At least 3 judges meetings per year.
- b. Electing its panel leader.
- c. Daily operations.
- d. Allocations of judges to shows and award judging.
- e. Ensuring award panels are available for all shows where appropriate.
- f. Ongoing training of judges and associates to maintain competencies.
- g. Training of new judges in accordance with the AOC rules and the NSW state panel training program. Training may be managed within the sub-regional panel or in association with the State Registrar.
- h. Manage the cost of the panel in an appropriate manner.

NSW State Sub-Regional Panel Leaders

Responsibilities

- a. Chair state sub-regional panel meetings
- b. Maintain a working relationship between the societies in their area and the panel.
- c. Manage complaints from members and societies.
- d. Manage award judging in their region
- e. Advise the NSW State Registrar of changes to the panel.
- f. Advise the NSW State Registrar and OSNSW Secretary, of panel meeting dates and agendas and provide minutes of the regional panel meetings, in a timely manner.
- g. Promote an amicable relationship with the State Registrar and the OSNSW Management Committee.

Judges

Responsibilities

1. Judges are encouraged to judge in alternate panels areas and attend other panel's meetings to promote cross fertilisation of ideas and opinions, and to encourage uniformity and communication between panels/areas.
2. Judges will welcome judges from other sub-regional panels to both meetings and shows.
3. Know the Judging Guidelines and the contents of the State Training manual.
4. Be financial members of Orchid Society of NSW and the AOC.

Orchid Society of NSW

Responsibilities

- a. Provide funding for the Judging Panels
- b. Administration of accounts
- c. Provide insurance to cover members during panel meetings, or during judging activities where home societies are not involved.