

A Note on Cultivar Naming

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The author may be correct that Japanese plant lovers use 'Nihon-no-Hana', but plant professionals and The Azalean follow the *International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants* (ICNCP) and the *International Rhododendron Register and Checklist* (IRRC). Under Article 21: Names of Cultivars (21.3) of the ICNCP, "Each word of a cultivar epithet must start with an initial capital letter unless linguistic custom demands otherwise.

Exceptions are words after a hyphen unless they are proper nouns, conjunctions, and prepositions other than those in the first word of the epithet." The citation in the IRRC for the cultivar name offered by the author shows 'Nihon-no-hana'. Other examples are 'Shinnyo-no-tsuki' and 'Niroku-no-iwai'. If authors are unsure about the spelling or the proper form of any cultivar names (not just in Japanese), they have access to a digital version of the IRRC on the ASA Website.

ASA Financial Statement - December 31, 2019

Paul A. Beck, Treasurer

INCOME STATEMENT

Year 2019

RECEIPTS

Contributions, Donations & Gifts	\$5,610
Dues (Life & Regular) ¹	\$12,095
Seed Exchange	\$828
<i>The Azalean</i>	\$2,535
Interest & Dividends	\$5,831
Total Receipts	\$26,899

EXPENSES

Grants	\$10,000
Professional Fees ²	\$5,400
Printing, publications, postage	\$10,124
Membership	\$2,882
Other expenses	\$877
Total Expenses	\$29,283

INCOME - EXPENSES

(\$2,384)

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2019

ASSETS

Checking	\$7,316
Savings	\$24,641
PayPal	\$2,939
CDs	\$80,296
Investments	\$128,524
Total Assets	\$243,716

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Uncashed checks	\$0
Credit Card Account	\$24
Operating Fund	\$75,269
General Endowment	\$62,715
Research Fund	\$105,708
Total Liabilities	\$243,716

¹ In 2019, the dues revenue was \$12,095 compared to \$19,490 for 2018. This is a huge difference. Details are discussed in the 2019 Treasurer's report, published on our website, <https://www.azaleas.org/annual-reports>.

² Three issues of *The Azalean* were published in 2019; the 2019 Winter issue came out in early 2020; this issue cost \$4,347.