

## Front Lines

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## All-America Selections

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Last month, we told you about AAS's first three AAS Winners for 2018, but the organization has a whole lot of new things going on, such as:

**AAS is celebrating its 85th anniversary.** Just think, prior to 1932 there was no national, independent testing program and also no uniform standard for evaluating new varieties. You have W. Ray Hastings to thank for the concept and the founding of the organization. And if imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, then the establishment of Fleuroselect and the Japan Flower Selections means Ray had a quality idea.

**AAS moved its offices.** After 30 years in the same space, they've moved to a more modern location in the same town. Their new address is 5201 Walnut Avenue, Suite 3, in Downers Grove, Illinois, 60515.

**Three new board members join AAS.** They are Chelsey Lenczyk of Bejo Seeds, Vaughn Fletcher of Fletcher Consulting and Jessie Liebenguth of Reiman Gardens. Congratulations and good luck to them! It's an exciting time in the organization.

**Read all about it in the 2016-2017 Annual Report.** The report reflects what all they've been up to over the past 12 to 18 months—and it's a lot! You can download the report from the website at [all-americaselections.org](http://all-americaselections.org) under the "About" tab (click on "Annual Reports" in the dropdown menu). **GP**

