

AIS Board Teleconference, Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Present: **Officers:** Gary White, president; Jody Nolin, 1st VP; Andi Rivarola, 2nd VP; Michelle Snyder, secretary; and Jim Morris, immediate past president. **Administrative Officers:** John Jones, registrar/recorder; John Ludi, publication sales director; Jane Milliman, Editor of Bulletin; and Claire Schneider, recording secretary. **Directors:** Bob Pries, Claire Schneider, David Cupps, Gerry Snyder, Howie Dash, Jill Bonino, John Ludi, Lois Rose, and Phyllis Wilburn. **Committee Chairs:** Affiliates Liaison, Jody Nolin; Awards, Gerry Snyder; Electronic Services, David Cupps; Encyclopedia, Bob Pries; Exhibitions, Lois Rose & Wayne Messer; Foundation Liaison: Jill Bonino; Honorary Awards, Jim Morris; Image Coordinator, Neil Houghton; Insurance, Michelle Snyder; Iris Program Resources (digital), Neil Houghton; News & Notes, Wayne Messer; Public Relations & Marketing, Bob Pries; Public Relations & Social Media, Andi Rivarola; RVP Counselor, Howie Dash; Section & Cooperating Societies Liaison, Phyllis Wilburn; Strategic Planning, Andi Rivarola and Youth, Cheryl Deaton. **RVPs:** Phyllis Wilburn (14), Scarlet Ayres (23). **Guests:** Paul Gossett and Janis Shackelford.

1) Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM PDT followed by Roll Call.

2) Minutes of August 22 board meeting.

Motion to approve the August 22 minutes made by Michelle Snyder and seconded by Bob Pries. Unanimously approved.

3) AIS Online Library - Bob Pries

The online library currently has 20,000 views per month. One of the items in the online library is the AIS Bulletin. Currently News & Notes is for AIS members only. By putting the News & Notes into the online library, they will be available to everyone.

Motion to archive News & Notes in the online library was made by Bob Pries and seconded by Jill Bonino. Unanimously approved.

Motion to archive the AIS Board Minutes in the online library was made by Michelle Snyder and seconded by Gerry Snyder. Unanimously approved.

4a) AIS 2020 Celebration update, the publication - Andi Rivarola

A working copy of the budget is available. Keep in mind that the budget is a work in progress and not yet final. The 2020 publication, instead of a book will be in the form of supplements to the Bulletin. The four supplements will be mailed with the Bulletin, approximately 76 pages per issue making about 300 pages in total. The Centennial Celebration Committee is investigating methods for holding the four supplements together. The editor of the supplements is Kathleen Sonntag and Jane Milliman will be doing the layouts. Andi has asked Howie Dash to be in charge of transportation for the extra tours into New York City, the Statue of Liberty and other places of interest.

Motion by Andi Rivarola to appropriate 10% of the Richardson Estate for the purpose of the Centennial Celebration and seconded by Jody Nolin. Motion was amended to replace "10%" with the dollar amount of \$48,000. Passed unanimously.

4b) AIS 2020 Celebration update, International Iris Competition & Budget - Jill Bonino

Under income in the budget, several of the entries are estimates. Later with more information the budget entries will be finalized (e.g. expenses for International judges, expenses for garden gear such as markers, awards, supplies). The guest iris, 123 different varieties, were planted in July. Seventy-one varieties were submitted by domestic hybridizers and 52 are international entries.

Discussion: Would it be possible to include the centennial iris winners of the 2019 AIS Convention in the 2020 gardens? Yes. Immediately after the convention, someone could send a few to be planted.

5) Updates, Announcements, Miscellaneous.

Please register for the AIS Fall Meeting in Portland before the deadline, October 15. All reports for the Fall Meeting must be received by Michelle by October 22. If Michelle hasn't received your report, then you will need to take 30 copies of your report to the Fall Meeting.

Paul Gossett gave an update on the AIS Convention 2019 in San Ramon. On Monday, April 22, there will be an optional albeit limited tour to the Ghio garden. The Board Meeting will be Monday evening. There will be tours to five gardens over three days beginning in the Sacramento area and ending with a garden in the Sonoma area. The convention headquarters will be at the Marriot Hotel in San Ramon. The closest airport is Oakland and San Jose would be the next closest.

David Cupps reported that the development of the AIS website has taken longer than expected. He is hopeful that the website will be up and running in time for demonstration at the Fall Meeting in Portland.

Neil Houghton reported that there have been a few hiccups in the process for submitting online photos of iris for registration. He is sending a letter to each hybridizer inviting them to use a personal account for submitting photos.

Gerry Snyder asked about last year's Caparne-Welch Medal. Bob Pries clarified. Gerry asked the awards company for an update about the missing mold for the Wister Medal. This will be an agenda item at the Portland meeting. Five nominations for honorary awards have been submitted to Jim Morris and will be forwarded to Michelle so she can create a ballot.

There will not be an October teleconference. The next meeting will be in Portland for the Fall Meeting. The new directors will take their official seat at the beginning of the Fall Meeting. The new AIS officers will be installed at the end of the Fall Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Schneider