

CONVENTION LIAISON REPORT

October 17, 2018

1. I have been working with Shirley Trio, 2019 Convention Chair, with the 2019 AIS Convention preparations in Northern California.
2. I am on the 2020 100th Anniversary Committee and working with the hotel and lunches for the convention. I do have an assistant, Debi Chowdhury, helping me.
3. I continue to ask the chairperson of AIS Conventions to strive to get the registrations and meeting information to the AIS Editor and the AIS Web Master as early as possible, so that the membership can have the information to make their plans to attend the convention.
4. I am also working with the 2021 AIS Convention Committee in Las Cruces, New Mexico.
- 5) I am looking for a convention site for the 2022 and beyond. If you would like to volunteer to host a convention, please contact me. The Beardless Guest Plants would need to be requested and planted in 2019.
- 6) Andi Rivarola will be presenting an invitation from the Greater Portland Iris Society to host a convention in 2023 as I will not be attending the AIS BOD Meeting.

Like I said in my last report, the 2018 AIS Convention in New Orleans will be my last convention as the AIS Convention Liaison. Andi Rivarola and I have formed a Convention Committee currently with 4 members, plus myself. Our first meeting took take place in New Orleans.

I am now in the process of phasing myself out of the past AIS Convention Committee Liaison as well as being on the new Convention Committee. I will always be around to assist the convention committee in any way that I can.

I thank ALL of you for your support over the years for assisting me.

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The committee will be an advisory committee with working with the host site convention committee. In the event, AIS is the host for the convention, then these people will be on the convention committee doing their jobs.

The members of the new Convention Committee are as follows along with their responsibility on the committee.

Debi Chowdhury from Albany, NY - Handling hotel negotiating and contracts.

Delane Langton from Billings, MT - Handling convention tour gardens and convention guest plants.

Howie Dash from Las Cruces, NM - Handling Transportation activities.

Ted Baker from Victoria BC, Canada - Handling Registration activities.

Bonnie Nichols from Dallas, TX - Consultant to the committee.

To ALL the Folks Associated with the planning of the 2018 Convention.

I would like to Thank each and everyone one of you who assisted in making the 2018 AIS/SLI Convention a BIG Success.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for all of your hard work before and during the convention.

Greater New Orleans Iris Society, you a GREAT group of people to work with.

Thank you,

Paul W. Gossett
2018 Convention Co-Chair

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Retiring AIS Convention Liaison