

AIS Board Teleconference, Wednesday, August 22, 2018

Present: **Officers:** Gary White, president; Jody Nolin, 1<sup>st</sup> VP; Andi Rivarola, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Al Elliott, Bob Pries, Claire Schneider, Dawn Boyer, Gerry Snyder, Howie Dash, Jill Bonino, John Ludi, Lois Rose, and Phyllis Wilburn. **Committee Chairs:** Advertising Editor, Dawn Boyer; Affiliates Liaison, Jody Nolin; Awards, Gerry Snyder; 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; Iris Program Resources (speakers), Al Elliott; 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; and Strategic Planning, Andi Rivarola. **RVPs:** Phyllis Wilburn (14). **Guests:** Paul Gossett and Janis Shackelford.

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

2) Minutes of June 27 board meeting.

Two corrections were made by Michelle Snyder.

**Motion** to approve the June 27 minutes with corrections made by Michelle Snyder and seconded by Jill Bonino. Unanimously approved.

3) Bylaws revision item - Audit Committee

A final report was submitted by the Audit Committee (Cheryl Deaton, Andi Rivarola and Jill Bonino.)

**Motion** by Jill Bonino: That a sentence be added to the AIS Bylaws, Article VII, Section 6: The Secretary shall receive and make all deposits except for Member Dues and Storefront Sales unless the president temporarily designates someone other than the treasurer.

Motion seconded by Jim Morris.

Unanimously approved.

Discussion: Someone acting as assistant secretary would be able to make deposits without having his or her name on the account and reside within range of a Wells Fargo Bank. At some point important positions such as secretary need a backup person.

4) Dykes Medal issues - Gary White

Gary received a letter from John Milner, chairman of the British Iris Society (BIS). Milner explained that BIS is a UK registered charity and as such, their activities overseas have been constrained. The BIS is asking to be reimbursed for the cost of the Dykes medals sent to America. Milner described two options for the medal: Option A would cost £280 (\$361) and Option B for £175 (\$225). Option B is a plated version of A and they are indistinguishable. BIS plans to use Option B in their award system. Keep in mind that BIS has paid for the Dykes medal for 90 years and the AIS is most grateful for their generosity.

Discussion: Archimedes could tell the difference between plated and solid but our iris hybridizers probably not. BIS will need to send us an invoice and our treasurer would need to take into account the exchange rate when making payment. In the future AIS could and should explore alternative forms of awards. Gary will continue to converse with BIS regarding awards.

**Motion** made by Jim Morris that AIS purchase the plated version of the Dykes medal from BIS. Seconded by Jill Bonino. Unanimously approved.

5) Aril Society and the registration of historic cultivars - Howie Dash

There are at least 114 arils and 11 arilbred irises that are unregistered. Some are in commerce and others have been used in hybridizing. Most are Regelias from the early 1900s. Extensive research will be required to verify their background. Because these are historic, the Aril Society is asking that the registration fees be waived for these irises. Howie estimated that the cost to register all these irises would be approximately \$1800.

Discussion: According to John Jones, registration fees have been waived in the past for species collected in the wild. Irises that have been used in hybridizing should be registered. Some of the arils and arilbreds are using names that are registered to other iris so definitely research needs to be done and names clarified. Chad Harris is working on the registration of significant Japanese iris, 40 to 50 irises, some of which have been involved in Japanese hybridization and others that are historic, from the 1800s. Chad has asked the Foundation to financially support the registration of these important JIs. His request included the cost of transporting the JIs to USA. . Howie is encouraged to present the Aril Society's request to the Foundation at the Spring Board Meeting. An alternative approach is that AIS waive the registration fees. Years ago registration fees of foreign iris was waived and because the origin of many of these arils and arilbreds is Holland, perhaps their registration fees also could be waived.

Summary: Howie will submit a few registrations of these historic arils and arilbreds to John Jones and prepare an application for funding from the Foundation. The topic of waiving fees for the registration of historic cultivars needs to be addressed. Michelle will place this item on the Fall Board Meeting agenda under Registrar.

6) Updates, Announcements, Miscellaneous.

Several members are still waiting for their issue of the Bulletin.  
The next teleconference will be September 26.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claire Schneider