

INFORMATION ONLY

NO ACTIONS RECOMMENDED Secretary Report Fall 2019

Everything is operating smoothly. Everyone is submitting their bills for payment in a timely manner. Deposits, other than those done by specific individuals, ie: Storefront and Membership Secretary are now coming to me.

Due to the recent teleconference meetings, there have been no electronic motions submitted.

As mentioned in a prior teleconference report, here are the comments that were included in some of the votes of the proposed by-laws changes.

ARTICLE 11 PURPOSES

“However, do Dyke’s Monograph, Mathew’s The Genus Iris, etc., have publication years”

“Most strongly agree. I am sick of ‘splitters”

“Add the actual botanical definition, not just a list of sources”

ARTICLE 111 MEMBERSHIP

“Pre requisites and privileges should be posted on the web site”

“Not sure about all that is eliminated”

“I object strenuously to the removal of membership types/classes from the By-laws”

“Disapprove Section 5!! Affiliate info every year in bulletin”

ARTICLE 1V MEETINGS

“Section 2-d. So who will enforce this? The last AIS Judges list was posted April 17., 2017. The last Exhibition report was 2015 (on the web”

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

“Excluding a salaried board member from a vote impacting his position is improper. It’s not the Same as having a conflict of interest”

“Section 3 (j) add “at his/her discretion”

“Sexist”

“It would be correct and appropriate to update gender specific language, ie. V3J to ‘his’ to his or her”

“Section 3-d. If they are not competent they shouldn’t or won’t be nominated & appointed in the first place”

Section (j) why ‘his discretion?’”

“Paid position should not have voting rights”

“Should be his/her”

“Article VI – Do not agree with the addition of the apostrophe or it should follow the ‘s”

“Paid positions should recuse themselves from the meeting until the discussion of his or her positon is finished & voted upon”

ARTICLE V11 OFFICERS

“I cannot vote for this because the statement is incomplete”

“Treasurer should handle all the money. The auditors should be defined”

“The President should not be able to temporarily designate someone to receive and make all deposits. It opens the organization up to possible fraud”

“Section 6: Caps on President and Treasurer”

“With this corrections the words president and treasurer in the next line of the changes need to be Capitalized”

“In section 3 (j) his/her missing”

“There is no reason given for this change”

“What ‘Audit Committee’ badly written”

“This one makes no sense. The sentence starts out talking about the secretary and ends referring to the treasurer”

:I don’t understand why financial duties are given to the Secretary rather than the Treasurer – receiving and depositing all funds”

“Confusing in that you mention Secretary and then unless Treasurer”

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

“By using the word “or” here, you permit the board to accomplish this action solely by electronic means, excluding members not using electronic means.”

“Very little time has been allowed for AIS members to read through these changes. I just received the bulletin, and its 2 weeks to your deadline.”

Did some “Great work comments at the bottom of the ballots”

DYKES MEDAL – email has been sent to the secretary of the British Iris Society (BIS) requesting the medal.

Respectfully submitted,

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