

## **RVP Counselor's Report**

**Fall 2019**

Attached please find the new RVP listing for 2020 for your review and approval. As of today, October 16, I have not resolved who will be the new RVP for Region 24. The new RVP for Region 3 will be elected on the weekend of October 19-20. I hope to have these issues resolved by the October electronic Board meeting.

I would like to thank Cheri Ellenberger (Region 1), Gary Slagle (Region 3), Darlene Brantley (Region 5), Jeanette Graham (Region 11), Peggy Cathey (Region 17), David Miller (Region 20), Kelly Norris, (Region 21), Scarlett Ayres (Region 23) and Patricia Ramey (Region 24) for their service as RVP's.

I would like to welcome the following new RVP's: Marcia Connolly (Region 1), Randall Bowen (Region 5), Cindy Davis (Region 11), Bonnie Nichols (Region 17), Linda Baumgartner (Region 20), Wayne Messer (Region 21) and Eva Barry (Region 23).

Respectfully submitted,

Howie Dash

RVP Counselor

## AIS/SLI Convention New Orleans, Louisiana 2018

Minutes from RVP meeting April 9th, 2018 .. 1:30 pm

Attendance: Howie Dash Region 23, Gary D. Slagle II Region 3, Dorothy Stiefel Region 2 , Deborah Miller Region 9 , Dave Miller Region 9 , Dave Miller Region 20 , Tim Moore Region 8 , Doug Chyz Region 4 , Cheri Ellenberger Region 1 , Scarlett Ayres Region 23 , Eileen Hollander Region 10 , Al Elliot Region 17 , Lois Rose Region 4 , Lorene Crone Region 7 , Belinda Carroll Region 7 , Phyllis Wilburn Region 14 , Cheryl Deaton Region 15, Bev Hoyt Region 18  
Sue Brown Region 15 - Dwayne Booth, Jody Nolan, Paul Gossett, Riley Probst, Shirley Trio.

Opening welcome - Howie Dash

First topic of discussion was about variation of bloom cycles from region to region.

2nd Topic was to find out what first year RVP's did or did not have their own copy of the RVP handbook.

Followed by a brief discussion of RVP responsibilities, discussion issued topic about who could and who could not be RVP Representative. Only 2nd year or third year RVP's are eligible.

Next was a lengthy discussion on needing a third person for the audit committee, to help audit the books. Which required traveling to Washington State to the perform a spot audit (unannounced) where the books are currently residing.

Discussion arose about having 11 different accounts, Dwayne Booth spoke about being in charge and focusing on the Convention accounts, he had all the numbers for there.

Discussion on using the newer Google groups, and how to access them

Covered 2020 - 2022 convention sites, and reasons for decline in attendance.

Paul Gossett announcing he was no longer going to be Convention Liason , New Orleans was his last one , he went into detail about what is required for a Region to host a AIS convention and how to successfully handle the task .

Open discussion on difficulty for some regions to get speakers and is there a plan put together for possible on line meetings / trainings through webinars, Skype , power point or similar type of program sites ?

Jody Nolan said it is her goal to try to make it a meeting in every Region, but she is also open to giving programs on Iris. And updated knowledge to new RVP 's of the Affiliation process, the discussion on some elder members do not have email addresses and they need to use snail mail to get any information about their local clubs programs and schedules (these people often get forgotten)

Cheryl Deaton gave a very nice discussion on the youth of AIS and what their region does to help encourage youth participation in Iris gardening.

Riley Probst explained for the New RVP's the process of the AIS symposium and what the RVP's role is in the process, the discussion also included that non AIS members could vote because the ballot was posted on the website.

Shirley Trio took the stand and gave a brief talk about the status of the gardens for the 2019 convention in Northern California,

Revisited discussion on PowerPoint presentations made by AIS that could be passed around and edited for each club use.

Final discussion was about how clubs charge for their memberships on top of what AIS charges for their memberships and what ways are clubs trying to increase members not only in their club but also AIS.

Election of new RVP Representative, Secretary and two RVP AIS Board nominating committee members were completed as follows:

Gary D Slagle - RVP Representative

Sue Brown – RVP Secretary

David Miller & Belinda Carroll - RVP AIS Board Nominating Committee