

Minutes of the AIS Board of Directors Videoconference, Wednesday, Nov 18, 2020

Present:

Jody Nolin (6) - President, Affiliate Chair

Andi Rivarola (15) - 1st VP, Convention Liaison (temporary), Public Relations Social Media,
Strategic Planning

Bonnie Jean Nichols (17) – 2nd VP, Judges, RVP 17

Michelle Snyder (15) – Secretary, Insurance

Jill Bonino (15) – Treasurer, Foundation Liaison

Gary White (21) - Immediate Past President, Honorary Awards, Finance

John Jones (14) - Registrar/Recorder

Cheryl Deaton (15) - Director, Youth

Claire Schneider (15) – Director, Recording Secretary

Doug Chyz (5) - Director, Public Relations & Marketing, RVP 4

Howie Dash (23) – Director, RVP Counselor

Janis Shackelford (15) – Director, Policy

Lorene Crone (7) – Director, Electronic Services

Mike Reed (17) - Director

Neil Houghton (2) - Director, Image Coordinator, Iris Program Resources Digital

Phyllis Wilburn (14) – Director, Section & Cooperating Society Liaison

Scarlett Ayers (23) - Director, AIS 2021 Convention Co-Chair

Susan Driver (7) – Director, Calendars

Wayne Messer (21) - Director, Exhibition Show Reports, News & Notes, RVP 21

Jean Richter (14) - RVP 14, RVP Representative

John Ludi (13) – RVP 13, Publication Sales Director

Marcia Connolly (1) - RVP 1

Sue Brown (15) - RVP 15

Linda Baumgartner (20) - RVP 20

Lois Rose (4) - Exhibition Schedules

Mary Ann Campbell (18)

Marjorie Williams

Carolyn Hawkins (5)

The meeting was called to order on Zoom at 5:00 PM PST.

A quorum was present.

1. New Directors - Michelle Snyder

Because there were no new nominations from the floor, Cheryl Deaton, Scarlett Ayers, Susan Driver and Mike Reed are elected by declaration as AIS directors.

2. Approve the minutes of the October 28th meeting – Claire Schneider

Motion 1: To approve the minutes of the October 28th AIS teleconference.

Motion by Janis Shackelford and seconded by Michelle Snyder. Motion passed.

REPORTS

3. Membership Report - Pam Messer (absent)

This electronic report was marked Information Only.

4. Registration Report - John Jones

Since the last AIS teleconference, John has received 93 additional registrations and 70 name reserve requests. The AIS website has been updated with a current list of registered iris and reserved names. Some registrations have arrived from Europe. John is working through the registrations as quickly as possible so hybridizers will have these for their next catalogs.

The Name Review Committee has met.

5. Symposium Report - Riley Probst (absent)

An electronic report of the symposium results is posted. Riley also compiled statistics in a report, "Interesting Symposium Facts."

4150 votes were cast, less than last year.

458 different irises were on the 2020 ballot.

425 different irises received one or more votes.

The top iris, 'That's All Folks,' received 67 votes, replacing 'Dusky Challenger'.

The top 3 irises were separated by one vote: 'That's All Folks' with 67, 'Dusky Challenger' with 66 votes and 'Jesse's Song' with 65 votes.

Region 14 cast the most votes with 1266 or 30.5% of the total.

6. 2021 Convention Update - Howie Dash

An electronic report is posted. Due to the COVID-19 situation and with permission from AIS and the Dallas Convention (2022) Committee, Howie asked that the 2021 Las Cruces Convention be postponed one year. Howie is working with the sales office in Albuquerque to allow the AIS convention to use the hotel facilities, tentatively, April 11-16, 2022. Bonnie reported that the Dallas Iris Society can postpone their convention to 2023 and John Ludi said the Portland convention can be postponed one year.

Next, there was a discussion about creating a video tour of the Las Cruces gardens and presenting it as an AIS webinar.

Motion 2: to accept postponing the 2021 Las Cruces convention to 2022.

Motion by Andi Rivarola and seconded by Gary White. Motion passed.

Note: Dallas and Portland have agreed to postpone their conventions one year.

7. RVP Counselor Report - Howie Dash

An electronic report and a list of RVPs as posted.

Motion 3: to accept the RVP report with one correction.

Motion by Bonnie Nichols and seconded by Andi Rivarola. Motion carried.

LIST OF APPROVED RVPs by region:

1. Marcia Connolly, year 2
2. Kathryn E. Mohr, year 3

3. Gary D. Slagle II, year 1
4. Dan Fetty, year 1
5. Randall Bowen, year 2
6. Jean Kaufmann, year 3
7. Caroline Winters, year 1
8. Elladan McLeester, year 3
9. Debra Miller, year 3
10. Catherine B Mason, year 1
11. Cindy Davis, year 2
12. Susan Boyce, year 3
13. John Ludi, year 1
14. Jean Richter, year 3
15. Janis Shackelford, year 1
17. Bonnie Nichols, year 2
18. Laurie Winzer, year 3
20. Linda Baumgartner, year 2
21. Wayne Messer, year 2
22. Mark Shipp, year 3
23. Eva Barry, year 2
24. Don Nelson, year 2

8. Judges Report - Bonnie Nichols

An electronic report dated Nov 15th and the list of qualified judges are posted. There are a total of 458 judges and 115 retired judges.

Motion 4: to approve the list of judges as presented by Bonnie Nichols.

Motion by Andi Rivarola and seconded by Cheryl Deaton. Motion passed.

9. Treasurer - Jill Bonino

Seven treasurer reports are posted electronically. They include AIS Assets 2020, AIS Draft Budget 2021, Income & Expenses Actual, Pie Chart of Expenses, Pie Chart of Income, Restrictive Funds and Treasurer Report 2020.

Net Income from the general and restricted funds for the fiscal year ending Sept 30, 2020, totaled \$1,064. The general fund generated a net income of \$18,540. The restricted funds had a loss of \$17,476.

Even though the AIS 2020 Convention was cancelled (and all registration fees refunded), funds previously allocated to the convention from the Gerald Richardson Estate (\$48,000) and the 100th Anniversary Restricted Funds (\$19,678) allowed the Convention operations to show a net income of \$13,149.

Jill went through the draft of the general fund budget for the fiscal year ending Sept 30, 2021. Based on input from the relevant parties, Jill made adjustments during the meeting to line items in the draft budget and ending with a net loss of \$3823. Jill cautioned that this is a draft and there will be changes during the 2021 fiscal year.

Discussion: Restricted funds come from six or seven different funds that the board has designated for specific operation expenses. It's helpful to see another column in the draft budget that shows last years income and expenses.

Motion 5: to print 750 calendars for 2022.

Motion by Bonnie Nichols and seconded by Michelle Snyder. Motion passed.

The calendars are paid for out of restricted funds. The cost this year, estimated to be \$18,650, is only ten dollars more than last year.

Motion 6: to approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 2021 as posted by Jill Bonino.

Motion by Cheryl Deaton and seconded by Bonnie Nichols. Motion passed. Motion passed.

The AIS Board thanked Jill for a job well done.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. There will be an executive AIS board meeting on December 2nd to vote for emeritus judges and honorary awards.

11. The next AIS board meeting will be December 16th.

The agenda will be:

Voting guidelines for the 2021 AIS Ballot

Handbook for Judges

Digital Resources - Neil Houghton

Schedule for spring reports

4th issue of the centennial supplement publication

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM PST

Respectively submitted,

Claire Schneider