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This is the first year that images have been required at the time of introduction. It highlights the overlap for many hybridizers who have reserved a name and introduce the irises in their catalogs or on their websites before that cultivar has been registered. This is common practice that seems counterintuitive to me.

I have been pursuing various methods of assuring the registrar that pictures have been received and filed in our Google Drive. The area impacted is the rewards system and the time of eligibility for HMs.

I have been working with John Jones and by the time this meeting occurs, I believe that Janis Schackelford, Michael Reed, and I will have a Zoom meeting to discuss these issues.

The prospect of developing an online system for submitting registration has been discussed. Three or Fours years ago there was opposition from many quarters to requiring images. In my discussion with people that are impacted that is now a very small concern. Acceptance of, and even a preference for, the online submission of forms, images, and payments is anecdotally in the majority.

The ability to tie all of this in with catalog production would simplify everyone's life and avoid many incidents of having to contact registrants to verify introduction and the receipt of an image.