

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SEDONA, ARIZONA
NOVEMBER 4-5, 2016

FULL MINUTES

President Gary White called the Fall Meeting of The American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 7:00 PM on Friday, November 4, 2016, and announced a quorum was present. White asked Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVPs, and guests to introduce themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: Officers: President, Gary White; 1st Vice President, Jody Nolin; 2nd Vice President, Andi Rivarola; Secretary, Michelle Snyder; and Treasurer, Dwayne Booth. Administrative Officers: Registrar/Recorder, John Jones; Publication/Sales, John & Kay Ludi, Recording Secretary, Susan Boyce; and Membership Secretary, Tom Gormley. Directors: Susan Boyce, Dawn Boyer, David Cupps, Howie Dash, Al Elliott, John Jones, John Ludi, Lois Rose, Claire Schneider, and Gerry Snyder. RVP Representative: Anita Moran. Immediate Past President: Jim Morris. Committee Chairs: Jill Bonino, Cheryl Deaton, Paul Gossett, and Riley Probst. RVPs: Anita Moran (4), Bob Seaman (13), Phyllis Wilburn (14), Beverly Hoyt (18), and Nick Stewart (22). Guests: David Saxby (6), Ann Booth (13), Kathy Chilton and Darol Jurn (15), Jean Morris (18), and Linda Rader (21).

President White welcomed all and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may make motions and vote.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

Michelle Snyder announced that she has received no additional nominations, therefore the published candidates for the AIS Board of Directors are duly elected by acclamation. They are David Cupps (7), Claire Schneider (15), Dawn Boyer, (17), and Howie Dash (22).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Newark, New Jersey – May 23-24, 2016

Two corrections to the minutes were noted. Morris noted on page 4, under the Rainy day fund discussion, it should have stated "Motion carried by a vote of 7-6. Morris also noted that under Honorary Awards, he had no report.

*Snyder moved and Booth seconded:

**That we approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

President White appointed Jody Nolin as the Parliamentarian. President White also appointed John Jones as the meeting Motions Secretary.

In accordance with standard practice, White asked for affirmation of interim Board actions taken by email vote since the May 2016 Board meeting.

1. *Andi Rivarola moved and Michelle Snyder seconded:
**That the AIS Board give Andi Rivarola (and the 2020 Centennial Committee) authorization to have a relationship with CafePress to produce any items necessary in order to promote The American Iris Society's Centennial Anniversary Celebration. Motion carried.

2. *M Snyder moved and G Snyder seconded:
**That we approve President Gary White's appointment of Jane Milliman as Editor of IRISES. Motion carried.

*Boyce moved and Nolin seconded:
**That we approve the interim Board actions as enumerated in the Secretary's report. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President – Gary White noted that in his written report, there are items that will be addressed later in the meeting.

1st Vice President – Jody Nolin had no report.

2nd Vice President – Andi Rivarola had no report.

Secretary – Michelle Snyder noted the two interim motions that were passed are in her report.

Treasurer – Dwayne Booth reported that the last year's budget was in good shape and did not suffer a loss. It was noted that new memberships and membership renewals are down and the income is less than expected. Booth presented a chart that showed the income and expenditures for the past budget year. A long discussion was held about getting and retaining new members to help increase income.

Editor – Jane Milliman was not in attendance and had no report.

Managing Editor – Jim Morris wanted to thank David and Deb Miller, the assistant editors in gathering information for the bulletin. Morris also welcomed Jane Milliman as the new editor. Morris stated the need for high quality pictures for the bulletin. Morris noted difficulty in getting articles for the bulletin.

*Nolin moved and M Snyder seconded:

**That each committee chair, write a ½ page article for the AIS Bulletin about the recent activity of their committee. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for a break at 9:00 pm and reconvened at 9:15pm.

Advertising Editor – Ron Killingsworth was not present. Morris noted that Killingsworth is working hard on gathering businesses to advertise in the bulletin.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership Secretary – Tom Gormley reported a loss of 154 members, which equals a loss in income. Gormley noted that most new members are youth members, but youth memberships are cheaper than adult memberships which makes the loss in income even greater.

Registrar/Recorder – John Jones reported that he is working on a fillable PDF registration form. Jones noted that some foreign registrants are now using it. Jones stated a need to spend some time with Keith Keppel, who has an extensive collection of catalogs, stud books, and hybridizers programs, to be able to scan his records. It was noted that Keppel also keeps records of many other hybridizers and the collections have accurate records that AIS needs to have access to.

*Jones moved and Boyce seconded:

**That the Registrars be allowed up to \$950.00 from the Electronic Services Restricted Fund in travel expenses to visit and evaluate Keith Keppel records. Motion carried.

Recording Secretary – Susan Boyce reported that this will be her last meeting as the recording secretary. Boyce noted that she has served in this position for 11 years and felt it was time for a change. White reported that he will be appointing Claire Schneider to fill this position later in the meeting.

Publications/Sales – John Ludi reported that the 2017 calendars are almost sold out.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: President White reported that Amazon has a fundraiser called Amazon Smile. For every \$1000 of product that AIS members purchase, Amazon will donate \$5 to AIS. Donations Development Chair, Cheryl Deaton will contact Amazon for the details.

*Nolin moved and Moran seconded:

**That the donations development committee investigate Amazon Smile and take whatever action is appropriate. Motion carried by a vote of 12-3.

Bob Pries, via speaker phone, proposed the AIS create a new position of Encyclopedia Manager. Jones noted that on Pries' proposed job description for this position: That the Encyclopedia Manager is expected to maintain and expand the archive of iris information relating to the checklist of Iris cultivars and species. Jones stated that there is only one checklist and that is the Iris Register and that people could be confused and think that the wiki is the official checklist. Gormley noted that John Jones is the official registrar of the ICRA for irises, thus he is the official keeper of the records.

*Pries moved and Rivarola seconded:

**That the position of Encyclopedia Manager be established and a job description be drafted for approval. Motion carried.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

1 – AIS Intellectual Property Committee – Chair Bob Hollingworth was not present, but his report stated that there is nothing new to report.

2 – Library ad hoc Committee – Chair Ron Cosner was not present and did not send in a report.

3 – Bylaws Revision Committee – Chair Jody Nolin requested that this be addressed later in the meeting.

4 – Life Membership Dues Restricted Fund – Chair Jill Bonino also requested that this be addressed later in the meeting.

5 – 2020 Centennial International Iris Competition rules – Chair Jill Bonino is awaiting Kathy Chilton's arrival tonight and requested that this be addressed later in the meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Affiliations/Affiliate Liaison – Chair Jody Nolin reported that the affiliations went smoothly for 2016. Nolin reported on several requests of the affiliates. Some of requests were that the Speakers list be sent to the affiliate's Presidents, advice on how to retain new members, and public relations on how to get the information out to the public about events. Nolin stated that she would like the Garden Writers Association invited to write about the events before, during, and after a convention.

The meeting recessed for the evening at 11:00 pm.

Saturday November 5, 2016 – the meeting was called back to order at 8:03 am.

Awards – Chair Gerry Snyder reported that more judges voted the ballot online than with the paper ballots this year. He also reported on his quest to obtain the remainder of the blank Wister Medals from the manufacturer. Snyder noted that there is some question about as to exactly where the official registration information on irises that qualify for awards is to be found.

*G Snyder moved and Jones seconded:

**That the AIS Board of Directors affirm that the Decennial Checklist, the annual Registrations and Introductions booklets, and the Registrar's online database are the only authorized sources for registration and introduction information for AIS Awards. Motion carried by a vote of 14-1.

Calendars – Chair Janet Smith was not present, and her report noted that Ludi would make a proposal.

*Ludi moved and M Snyder seconded:

**That we purchase 750 calendars for 2018 for the amount of \$1817.50. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the 2017 calendar with concerns about photo quality and type of photos used. Morris asked if there was a set of criteria for the AIS calendars and how the pictures were selected, and did anyone other than the calendar chair review photos for selection? Since these questions were unanswered, President White

appointed a volunteer ad hoc advisory committee consisting of Jim Morris, Howie Dash, and Anita Moran to provide AIS picture guidelines to AIS confer for board review by January 1st. After the criteria guidelines are viewed by the board and approved, the criteria will be forwarded to Smith to be in effect for the 2018 picture selection. It was also suggested that Smith form a small committee to assist her in choosing photos for the calendar.

Convention Liaison – Chair Paul Gossett reported working on the various upcoming conventions. Gossett also reported on the sales of the guest irises and questioned how do we split the money from the sale of the remaining irises that will be sold in 2017.

*Nolin moved and Moran seconded:

**That when AIS is the host or co-host of a convention, convention guest irises may be sold only within in the year of the convention and in subsequent year's guest irises over three-year old may be sold outside the region with the proceeds being divided as per the convention agreement. Motion carried.

Gossett thanked all who donated money to fund the deficit from the 2016 convention. Gossett also extended an invitation from the Tulsa Area Iris Society to host the Fall 2019 fall board meeting.

*Boyce moved and G Snyder seconded:

**That we accept the invitation from the Tulsa Area Iris Society to host the 2019 Fall Board Meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for a break at 9:43 am and reconvened at 10:00 am.

Donations Development – Chair Cheryl Deaton reported that she has been writing articles for the bulletin on different ways to donate to AIS. Deaton noted that someone with knowledge is needed to investigate and apply for grants to obtain more funds for AIS.

Exhibitions – Show approval Chair Lois Rose reported that she has approved 134 shows. Rose noted that only about 7 show schedules are sent in by mail and the rest are sent in via email. Supply and Show Report Chair Susan Boyce reported a 20 percent increase of orders and revenue for 2016 over the previous year. Boyce reported that there are still 17 show reports that have not been received. Boyce noted that all of the Show Chairman really need to be accurate on their show reports as misinformation has been sent in and it is a lot of work to go back and make corrections. Boyce has submitted her resignation for the Show Report Chair, but she will still keep her position as the Show Supply chair. President White noted that he will name a replacement later in the meeting.

Foundation Liaison – Chair Jill Bonino reported that the Foundation has approved two grants. In Bonino's written report, there is a final and approved investment policy for the AIS Foundation which details ways to increase earnings of the Foundation funds and the DuBose trust money.

National Collections, Test, & Display Gardens – Chair Bob Pries, via speaker phone reported that they are increasing the number of display gardens. Pries reported that Charlie Carver has been doing a good job on the National Gardens.

Insurance – Chair Michelle Snyder reported that everything is going well with members receiving their insurance certificates for the iris shows.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 10:55 am and reconvened at 12:45 pm.

Ad Hoc Committee - 2020 Centennial International Iris Competition rules – Committee Chair Jill Bonino reported on the committee's work in developing the format for handling the receipt of the plants, how to limit the number of plants, and how to handle the actual judging and competition. Chilton reported that these rules were based on other international iris shows held in Florence, Italy and Paris, France. Bonino presented this report for approval.

*Boyce moved and Dash seconded:

**That we accept the proposed rules as presented in the report. (Ad hoc 2020 International Competition Proposed Rules-Fall 2016). Motion carried.

Electronic Services – Pro tem chair John Jones announced that David Cupps will take over as the Electronic Services chair.

Image Coordinator – Chair Janet Smith was not in attendance. President White noted that Smith asked to be replaced as the Image Coordinator, but he has no replacement yet.

Iris Program Resources (Slides & Digital) – Chair Janet Smith was not in attendance. President White noted that Smith is also resigning from this position.

Iris Program Resources (Speakers) – Chair Gordon Carver was not in attendance. President White reported that Carver has resigned from this position and he will name a replacement at the end of this meeting.

Judges – Chair Judy Keisling was not in attendance. Her report noted that only 400 of the 485 judges voted the ballot. President White noted a problem in a region that has been taken care of. He noted that if a region does not have a judges training chair, then the RVP is responsible for handling the judges training duties. A deletion, an addition, and spelling corrections were made to the 2017 judges list.

*G Snyder moved and Booth seconded:

**That we approve the 2017 Judges list as amended. Motion carried.

Judges Handbook Revision – Chair Betty Roberts was not in attendance. Her report indicated that two suggestions were submitted for the Arilbred section. Dawn Boyer volunteered to help revise the Design section.

Legal Advisor – Chair Veronica Johnson was not in attendance. Her report listed the groups exemptions that have been added this past year. Johnson has also tendered her resignation effective the Summer of 2017, and President White is searching for a new lawyer to represent AIS.

Library – Chair Dave Silverberg was not in attendance. Bonino noted that a new two-year lease was just signed for the building rental for the library.

Photo Contest – Chair Janet Smith was not in attendance. In her report, she stated that she wants a shorter time period for the entry of photos for the contest.

Public Relations – Chair Bob Pries, via speaker phone reported that every year we honor people who have contributed to the encyclopedia with a certificate of appreciation. There are three people this year.

*Pries moved and Cupps seconded:

**That the Board move that Janet Smith, David Potembski, and Elena Igonina, receive a certificate of recognition of their contribution to the Iris Encyclopedia. Motion carried.

Nolin and other board members asked that the PR committee assist the convention committees to write more press releases about the conventions and AIS events.

Social Media – Chair Andi Rivarola reported that attention to the blog has been high. Sales for the AIS Centennial items have been great since the start of sales.

The meeting recessed for a break at 2:31 pm. The Executive Session started at 2:45 pm and ended at 3:00 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 3:05 pm.

Honorary Awards – President White announced the results of the Honorary Awards. The Hybridizers Medal will be awarded to Don Delmez (18).

2020 Centennial Committee Report – Bob Pries reported that there is \$14,000 in the collective centennial fund. Rivarola reported on a possible commemorative medal design that is being developed. Gossett reported that the hotel contract for 2020 will be reviewed during 2017.

RVP Counselor – Chair Susan Grigg was not in attendance. M Snyder noted that she handed out Griggs report.

*Jones moved and M Snyder seconded:

**That we approve the RVP list as amended. Motion carried.

First Year RVPS:

Region 1: Cheri Ellenberger

Region 3: Gary Slagle

Region 5: open
Region 10: open
Region 17: Peggy Cathey
Region 20: David Miller
Region 21: Kelly Norris
Region 23: Kathy Palmer
Region 24: open

Second Year RVPs:

Region 2: Dorothy Stiefel
Region 6: Barbara Bunnell
Region 9: Margaret Kelly
Region 11: Jeanette Graham
Region 12: David Burke
Region 14: Phyllis Wilburn
Region 18: Bev Hoyt
Region 22: Nick Stewart

Third Year RVPs:

Region 4: Anita Moran
Region 7: Janet Wilson
Region 8: Tim Moore
Region 13: Bob Seaman
Region 15: Debbie James

RVP Representative – Anita Moran reported that she has tried to email all of the RVPs and most of the emails came back. She reminded the RVPs to make sure their email addresses are up to date.

Scientific Advisory Committee – Chair Bob Hollingworth was not present and his report indicated that no new items were reviewed or discussed..

Section and Cooperating Society Liaison – Chair Jody Nolin reported that most of the sections have not been sending in information for publication in IRISES.

Silent Auction – Co-Chair Nick Stewart reported on the items donated and also reported that the New Jersey silent auction took in \$4,634. Stewart noted that the 2017 convention will be the last silent auction that they will chair and they will resign after the convention is over.

Strategic Planning Committee – Chair Andi Rivarola reported they are working hard on long term planning, but have nothing to report at this time.

Symposium – Chair Riley Probst reported that only one region did not participate in the symposium. Probst noted that there was an 8.6 percent increase in the number of votes received.

Youth – Chair Cheryl Deaton reported on a request to lower the cost of Youth members for the Classroom Iris Program participants. Deaton stated that the cost to print the welcome packets, bi-yearly newsletters, contests, and postage is more than the \$8 yearly membership fee, so the current \$8 membership fee will stay in place. President White noted that the AIS youth website needs to be updated.

Ad Hoc Committee – Life Membership Dues Restricted Fund – Committee Chair Jill Bonino reported that the point of this project was to come up with a more accurate number for the Life Member Dues Restricted Fund. In various discussions with Treasurer Booth, both Booth and Bonino felt that the money in the fund was overstated and there was too much money being kept in the fund when it should have been already transferred to the general fund. In an extensive study of reports of life members and when they joined, Bonino came up with an amount that should be transferred.

*Booth moved and M Snyder seconded:

**That the Balance of the Restricted Life Member Dues Fund be adjusted down to \$102,580 as of 10-1-16. This difference will become a one-time increase to General Fund member dues. The adjustment will be \$28,260.00 Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for dinner at 5:00 pm and reconvened at 7:06 pm.

Ad hoc committee – Life membership Dues Restricted fund continued – Bonino and Booth reviewed the Temporarily Restricted Funds report. Booth noted that the Publications Restricted fund has not been used for several years, and there is no known reason why this fund even exists. Bonino voiced the opinion that the Publications Restricted Fund should be closed.

*Booth moved and M Snyder seconded:

**That we close out the Publications Restricted Fund as of 1 Oct 2016. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Upon receiving no additional nominations from the floor, nominations were closed and the following slate of officers were elected by acclamation.

President – Gary White

1st Vice President – Jody Nolin

2nd Vice President – Andi Rivarola

Secretary – Michelle Snyder

Treasurer – Dwayne Booth

Editor – Jane Milliman

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

Registrar/Recorder – John Jones and Joanne Prass-Jones

Membership Secretary – Tom Gormley

Recording Secretary – Claire Schneider

Publications/Sales – John and Kay Ludi

*G Snyder moved and M Snyder seconded:

**That we accept the appointments by the President for the Administrative Officers. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Managing Editor – Jim Morris

Advertising Editor – Ron Killingsworth

Affiliations/Affiliate Liaison – Jody Nolin

Awards – Gerry Snyder

Calendars – Janet Smith

Convention Liaison – Paul Gossett

Donations Development – Cheryl Deaton

Electronic Services – David Cupps

Exhibitions – Lois Rose, Susan Boyce, and Wayne Messer

Foundation Liaison – Jill Bonino

Honorary Awards – Jim Morris

Insurance – Michelle Snyder

Iris Program Resources (Slides & Digital) – Janet Smith

Iris Program Resources (Speakers) – Al Elliott

Judges – Judy Keisling

Judges Handbook Revision Committee – Betty Roberts

Legal Advisor – Veronica Johnson

Librarian – Dave Silverberg

National Collections, Display & Test Gardens – Bob Pries

Photo Contest – Janet Smith

Public Relations & Marketing – Bob Pries and Susan Grigg

RVP Counselor – Howie Dash

RVP Representative – Anita Moran

Scientific Advisory Committee – Bob Hollingworth

Section and Cooperating Society Liaison – Jody Nolin

Silent Auction – Debra Strauss and Nick Stewart

Social Media – Andi Rivarola

Symposium – Riley Probst Youth –

Cheryl Deaton Encyclopedia

Manager – Bob Pries

*Jones moved and M Snyder seconded:

**That we approve the appointments as enumerated by President White. Motion carried.

Budget for 2016-2017

Treasurer Booth opened a line-by-line discussion of the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017, with changes that had been added and subtracted as they came up for discussion throughout the meeting.

*Boyce moved and Rivarola seconded:

**That we approve the budget as amended. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for a break at 9:02 pm and reconvened at 9:17 pm.

Unfinished Business:

Photo Contest – John Jones reported in his conversation with Janet Smith, that Smith wishes the timeline for the Photo contest to be changed.

*Jones moved and Nolin seconded:

**That the AIS Photo Contest entries may be submitted from May 1st through June 15th. Motion carried.

RVP Counselor – President White reported that he had received an email from Susan Grigg with an update on two new RVPs to be approved as 1st year RVPs. In Region 5, Darlene Brantley will be the new RVP and in Region 24, Patricia Ramey will be the new RVP.

*Boyce moved and Dash seconded:

**That we approve the AIS RVPs for Regions 5 and 24. Motion carried.

Ad Hoc Committee – By-laws Revision Committee – Chair Jody Nolin reported on the work that the committee has done during this last year. The committee suggested simplifying and changing Article III, Membership, Section 2.

*Cupps moved and M Snyder seconded:

**That Article III Membership, Section 2 of the AIS Bylaws be changed to read: AIS Membership types and classes shall be determined by the AIS Board of Directors and published in the AIS Bulletin and on the AIS website. Holding multiple types of AIS memberships shall not duplicate voting privileges. Motion carried.

Nolin continued on in Article III Membership, but in Section 5 regarding affiliations and affiliates.

*Booth moved and Rose seconded:

**That Article III Membership, Section 5 be amended to read:

Section 5. An organization with purposes consistent with those of the AIS and with a majority of its membership within one AIS region shall be eligible for acceptance as an Affiliate of the AIS. The prerequisites for acceptance as an AIS Affiliate and the privileges granted shall be determined by the AIS Board of Directors. These prerequisites and privileges shall be published at least once every two years in the AIS Bulletin. The AIS shall not be responsible for the debts or liabilities of any of its Affiliates, and shall have no power to exercise control over the Affiliate except pursuant to any Affiliation Agreement entered into as a condition of Affiliate status. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The 2017 Spring meeting and convention will be held in Des Moines, Iowa Tuesday May 23 thru Saturday May 27th, at the Des Moines Marriott Hotel, 700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309. (515) 245-5500. The convention co-chairs are: Kelly Norris (515) 777-2356 and his email is kellydn@frontiernet.net, and Gary White (402) 421-6394 and his email is in2iris@yahoo.com.

President White thanked all for making this meeting a success.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Susan Boyce

**AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
MAY 23-24, 2016**

FULL MINUTES:

President Gary White called the Spring Meeting of The American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 1:09 PM on Monday May 23, 2016, and announced a quorum was present. President White asked Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVPs, and guests to introduce themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President, Gary White; 1st Vice President, Jody Nolin; 2nd Vice President, Andi Rivarola; Secretary, Michelle Snyder; and Treasurer, Dwayne Booth. **Administrative Officers:** Registrar/Recorder, John Jones; and Recording Secretary, Susan Boyce. **Directors:** George Boyce, Susan Boyce, Gordon Carver, Al Elliott, Susan Grigg, John Jones, Bob Pries, Lois Rose, Debra Strauss, and Gerry Snyder. **RVP Representative:** Howie Dash. **Immediate Past President:** Jim Morris. **Committee Chairs:** Jill Bonino, Cheryl Deaton, Paul Gossett, and Riley Probst. **RVPs:** Linda Corapi (1), Dorothy Stiefel (2), Anita Moran (4), Tim Moore (8), Phyllis Wilburn (14), Debbie James (15), Dawn Boyer (17), Bev Hoyt (18), Linda Wilkie (21), and Howie Dash (23). **Guests:** Glenn Grigg (4), Louis DiSanto and Wil Wenkland (6), Dave & Debra Miller (9), Ann Booth and Chad Harris (13), Shirley Trio Probst (14), and Jean Morris (18).

President White welcomed all and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board Members may make motions and vote. President White appointed Jody Nolin to serve as the Parliamentarian. President White also appointed John Jones to serve as the Motions Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Omaha, Nebraska
November 6-7, 2015

*M Snyder moved and Nolin seconded:

That the minutes of the 2015 Board meeting be approved as published. **Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President – Gary White reported on the appointment of Jim Morris as the Managing Editor of *IRISES*. Jaime Cloud will be the guest editor for the Summer issue and Jane Milliman will be the guest editor of the Fall issue of the Bulletin of the American Iris

Society.

In accordance with standard practice, White asked for affirmation of interim Board actions taken by email vote since the November 2015 Board meeting.

1. *M Snyder moved and G Snyder seconded:
That we approve Andi Rivarola as the Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee. **Motion carried.
2. *Jones moved and G Boyce seconded:
At such times other than regularly scheduled meetings of the AIS Board of Directors, appointments to committees and/or committee chair positions requested by the AIS President shall be submitted by the AIS Secretary as a motion made on AISDiscuss@aisboard.org. In furtherance of the general superintendence of the affairs of the AIS, the deliberative period for said motions shall be 24 hours from the time the motion is seconded after which the motion shall be presented by the AIS Secretary on AISVote@aisboard.org for voting. Pursuant to the current standing rules on electronic voting, for all other motions the deliberative period shall remain five days. **Motion carried.
3. *M Snyder moved and G Snyder seconded:
That we approve Ron Killingsworth as Advertising Editor. **Motion carried.
4. *S Boyce moved and Rose seconded:
That we raise the Shipping and Handling fee for the Exhibition supplies from \$13.00 to \$14.00 effective Jan 15, 2016. **Motion carried.
5. *Pries moved and Rivarola seconded:
That the AIS President has the authority to approve uses of Bulletin articles being reprinted. **Motion carried by a vote of 10-3.
6. *Rivarola moved and Jones seconded:
That the AIS accept the invitation from the Iris Society of Dallas to host the 2017 AIS Fall Board Meeting in Dallas, Texas on November 3rd and 4th, 2017. **Motion carried.
7. *Jones moved and M Snyder seconded:
That the AIS Board approve a purchase of 750 copies of the 2017 calendar at a cost of \$1811.00. **Motion carried.
8. *M Snyder moved and Elliott seconded:
Jim Morris be appointed to the position of Managing Editor of *IRISES*, the Bulletin of the American Iris Society. **Motion carried.
9. *Ludi moved and Jones seconded:
That the Standard Price (including S&H) for the AIS 2017 Iris Calendar be: USA individual copy \$8.00, packet of 10 \$50.00; Canada individual copy \$10.00, packet of 10 \$55.00; International individual copy \$14.00, packet of 10 \$65.00. And the AIS offers as Early Order Special (cutoff May 1, 2016)(including S&H) USA individual copy &7.00, packet of 10 \$40.00; Canada individual copy \$9.00, packet of 10 \$50.00; International individual copy \$12.00, packet of 10 \$60.00. **Motion carried.
10. *Ludi moved and M Snyder seconded:
*That the AIS accept the offered donation of \$2000.00 to establish an AIS Revolving Funds Account for the annual purchasing/printing of the AIS Iris Calendar beginning with the Year 2017 Calendar. That income from calendar sales in any given year be returned to the AIS Revolving Funds Account until the AIS Cost is recovered. That any profits after the AIS Cost Recovery will be available to the AIS General Fund for use. That should the AIS Board of

Directors decide to not continue the annual AIS Iris Calendar Program, the \$2000.00 is to be a donation to the AIS General Fund. **Motion carried.**

*S Boyce moved and Booth seconded:

**That we affirm the interim Board actions since the 2015 Fall Board meeting.

Motion carried.

1st Vice President – Jody Nolin had no report.

2nd Vice President – Andi Rivarola had no report.

Secretary – Michelle Snyder reported that everyone is sending in their bills and checks to her in a timely manner.

Treasurer – Dwayne Booth reported on the current financial status of AIS. Booth reported no problems on filling the tax returns for 2015. Booth reported that several of the AIS accounts are in names of a past president and the past treasurer and they need to be updated.

*Booth moved and G Boyce seconded:

**That the American Iris Society Treasurer, currently Dwayne Booth, be designated as “owner” on behalf of the American Iris Society on the following accounts at the specified institutions:

Institution	Account Type	Last 4 Digits of Account
US Bank	Membership Checking	9886
US Bank	Storefront Checking	0875
US Bank	Storefront Petty Cash	4103
US Bank	Membership Petty Cash	9894
Wells Fargo	General Fund Checking	5925
Wells Fargo	Registrations Checking	7032
Edward Jones	Unrestricted Investments	17-1-3
Edward Jones	Restricted Investments	43-1-0
Edward Jones	Restricted Investments	17-1-3

Motion carried.

Nolin noted that the AIS Treasurer’s job description needs to be modified to be able to make these changes in signatories when changes happen.

*Nolin moved and Jones seconded:

That the AIS Treasurer job description be modified to include responsibilities for maintaining the proper signatories to the AIS bank accounts and investments. **Motion carried.

Booth reported that he feels a need for more AIS members who are involved in banking and fund raising to be members of the AIS Board of Directors. Many members of the board noted that finding board members who meet this criteria, may be impossible to find.

*Booth moved and Jones seconded:

That the Nominations Committee of the American Iris Society be directed to try to identify potential Board Members actively employed in the following professions: 1) Banking, 2) Fund Raising. **Motion carried.

Booth also reported a need for a committee to review the Membership Dues Restricted fund. A motion was made and seconded, but the motion was withdrawn in favor of having

an ad hoc committee address this issue. President White appointed Jill Bonino to head this committee.

Booth also noted a need to consolidate the AIS Storefront's two storage units down to one storage unit to save money.

*Booth moved and Jones seconded:

That the AIS Storefront be directed to reduce the inventory of 1939 through 1999 checklists to 1,000 books by the end of the fiscal year, September 30, 2016. **Motion carried.

Jones noted that in the Treasurer's report, Booth stated that he has a hard time paying some of the bills at certain times of the year due to the drop in income and not having enough money on hand in the checking account.

*Jones moved and Nolin seconded:

That the AIS Board direct the Treasurer to maintain enough ready cash on hand to be able to pay invoices and bills due throughout the year. **Motion carried by a vote of 8-4.

Rivarola asked if the AIS has a "Rainy Day" fund for paying bills, and the answer was no.

*Rivarola moved and Jones seconded:

That we create a "Rainy Day" category for operational funds. **Motion by a vote of 7-6.

The meeting recessed for a break at 2:55 pm and reconvened at 3:13 pm.

Dash reported on a discussion held during the break about adding a line for donations on the membership form.

*Dash moved and Booth seconded:

That we add a line to the online membership application form for new or renewing members that allows them to donate additional funds. **Motion carried by a vote of 13-2.

Advertising Editor – Ron Killingsworth was not in attendance. His report showed the number of advertisements that were received in 2014 and 2015. His report also noted that there are several advertisers who are consistently late, so he is now enforcing a strict cutoff date that is published in *IRISES*.

Managing Editor – Jim Morris reported that both guest editors have received poor quality photos. They need pictures that are at least 300 dpi and up. These requirements are necessary for good photo quality.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership Secretary – Tom Gormley was not in attendance. His report indicated a small decrease in membership since last fall. It was noted that the Membership Secretary sends out a monthly statistics report to all of the RVPs and their region's membership secretaries. This report should also be made available to all board members. It was noted that this Statistical Monthly Report should be sent to Michelle Snyder so she can post it on AISDiscuss.

Registrar/Recorder – John Jones reported that several countries have changed registrars and there is now a registrar for China.

Recording Secretary – Susan Boyce reported that she has obtained a new recording machine and it is working great.

Publications/Sales – John and Kay Ludi were not present. His report listed the sales figures since Oct 1, 2015. Booth reported on the calendar sales that have been received so far for the 2017 calendar.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

1. Library ad hoc committee – Ron Cosner was not present and did not send in a report.
2. Operations Manual – Michelle Snyder reminded all to send any updates in job descriptions to her. Snyder would like the AIS job descriptions posted on the AIS Website.
3. AIS Intellectual Property Committee – Bob Hollingworth was not present and his report noted that there is no new activity.
4. Bylaws Revision Committee – Jody Nolin will report later in the meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Affiliations/Affiliate Liaison – Chair Jody Nolin reported that 153 affiliates have sent in their affiliations paperwork so far. Unfortunately, one of the regions has not sent in any affiliation paperwork yet.

Awards – Chair Gerry Snyder reported the Wister Medals have arrived for the awards ceremony. Snyder noted that the 2017 ballot will be in bigger print so it will be easier to read.

Calendars – Chair Janet Smith was not present, and it was noted that the calendars were already reported on during the Publications/Sales report.

Convention Liaison – Chair Paul Gossett reported on the progress of the upcoming conventions. Gossett presented an invitation from the Greater Portland Iris Society to host the 2018 AIS Fall Board meeting.

*M Snyder moved and S Boyce seconded:

That we accept the invitation from the Greater Portland Iris Society to host the Fall 2018 AIS Board meeting. **Motion carried.

Bonino presented a line by line discussion of the finances for the 2016 convention, and also the plant sale that will be conducted by the Presby Gardens in July.

The meeting recessed for dinner at 4:56 pm and reconvened at 6:54 pm.

Donation Development – Chair Cheryl Deaton reported that she will write a series of articles for *IRISES* on different funds and what they are for.

Electronic Services – Chair Bob Seaman was not present and did not send in a report.

Exhibitions – Supply and Show report Chair Susan Boyce reported that the AIS supply income will be ahead of last year's totals. She also reported on the continuing problem with their current medal supplier and that this year's medals have still not been received.

S Boyce has been looking into a local foundry to make the medals for 2017 and has found a company that will charge a lot less money. She will work on making a changeover during the rest of this year.

Lois Rose reported that she has approved 136 shows so far for this year.

National Collections, Display & Test Gardens Committee – Chair Bob Pries reported that the committee is exploring having garden display signs and convention garden signs made. George Boyce presented a proposal for the AIS to buy 9 inch by 7 inch, black aluminum garden signs at a cost of \$215 each when ordering 10 signs. For 20 signs it would be \$198 per sign or for 40 signs a cost of \$189 each. After a long discussion the board indicated that this was too expensive, and no action was taken.

Pries brought up the subject of sending extra bulletins to botanical/display gardens to sell in their gift shops and create interest in The American Iris Society, and thus hopefully gain new AIS members.

*Pries moved and Nolin seconded:

That we experiment for a year with up to 5 gardens giving them 5 to 10 copies of each issue of the AIS Bulletin for them to offer for sale. **Motion carried.

Honorary Awards – Chair Jim Morris reported that the engraved Wister medals have been received for the Awards banquet.

Image Coordinator – Chair Janet Smith was not in attendance, but her report indicated that she has received very few photos of iris introductions.

Insurance – Chair Michelle Snyder reported that everything with the insurance policy is running smoothly.

Iris Programs Resources (Slides & Digital) – Chair Janet Smith was not present, and her report shows that the slide rentals have not been used at all. It was noted that Smith has been very busy scanning slides from various sections and slide collections from individuals.

Iris Programs Resources (Speakers) – Chair Gordon Carver reported that he has only received 3 requests for information about speakers.

G Snyder asked if a new category could be made to include a list of AIS judges who are willing to travel to other regions to help judge an iris show. Carver noted that this would be a great idea.

Judges – Chair Judy Keisling was not present, but her report indicated that there has been a loss of 12 judges since the 2015 Fall Board meeting.

Judges Handbook Revision Committee – Chair Betty Roberts was not present. Her report noted that there are two large important sections that have yet to name their committee members to review their sections in the Judges Handbook. In her report, Roberts wondered if she should submit completed chapters, one at a time for approval, or should she wait until the whole book is done before submitting for approval? After a discussion, President White announced that she should submit the whole book at once for approval.

Morris stated that he would like to see the Judges Handbook be placed online.

*Pries moved and Morris seconded:

That the current “Handbook for Judges and Show Officials” be put on the Iris Encyclopedia. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for a break at 8:29 pm and reconvened at 8:46 pm.

Legal Advisor – Chair Veronica Johnson was not present. Her report noted that the problem with the Internal Revenue Service penalty for 2014 tax filing year has been resolved and the AIS did not have to pay the penalty.

Library – Chair Dave Silverberg was not present. White noted, that the official name of the library is “The American Iris Society Hager-DuBose Memorial Library”. This name should be used always when referring to it.

Photo Contest – Chair Janet Smith was not present. It was noted that the 2015 photo contest results are still not posted on the AIS Website. The 2016 photo contest started on May 1st.

Public Relations – Chair Bob Pries reported that work on the encyclopedia is continuing. Rivarola reported that more and more international members are on the social website. He also stated that work is continuing on the 2020 Centennial convention, including a special iris competition.

Pries stated that he has found an editor for the 2020 Centennial publication. There was a discussion about the process of hiring an editor for the centennial publication.

*Pries moved and Nolin seconded:

That Nancy McDonald be named editor for the centennial publication. **Motion carried.

G Boyce proposed that work on the international iris competition needs to be started.

*G Boyce moved and Nolin seconded:

That the AIS sponsor an international iris competition during the 2020 Spring Convention. **Motion carried.

More discussion about the iris competition ensued.

*Nolin moved and M Snyder seconded:

**That the AIS President appoint a committee to develop the rules for the 2020 Centennial International Iris Competition and that the committee include members from the 2020 convention committee and judges with experience in international competitions and that the committee report to the AIS Board at the Fall 2016 AIS Board meeting.

Motion carried.

G Boyce wanted to amend his earlier motion to clarify it.

*G Boyce moved and Pries seconded:

That motion 15 be amended to read: That the AIS sponsor an international iris competition during the 2020 Centennial Convention. **Motion carried.

Rivarola noted that a motion is needed for the President to appoint an ad hoc committee.

*Rivarola moved and G Snyder seconded:

That the AIS President appoint a committee to work on the 2020 Centennial publication. **Motion carried.

Scientific Advisory Committee – Chair Bob Hollingworth was not present. His report indicated the ongoing scientific research projects. Morris noted that as the Managing Editor, he reserves the right to refuse to print some of the scientific articles that are sent to

him.

Silent Auction – Chair Debra Strauss reported that the silent auction is ready for business. Strauss submitted the list of items that the library has donated for the silent auction. Pries noticed that several of the items listed are catalogs and Pries wondered if the catalogs have been scanned. After a discussion, the board decided that several items will not be put out for the silent auction.

*Strauss moved and M Snyder seconded:

That the list of items from the library for the silent auction except items 16 through 45 be approved. **Motion carried.

Strategic Planning Committee – Chair Andi Rivarola reported on the work done in establishing a mission statement for The American Iris Society. The members of this committee are: Andi Rivarola (Chair), Judy Keisling, Jody Nolin, Cathy Egerer, Linda Wilkie, Bob Pries, Gary White, Gerry Snyder, Wayne Messer, and Paul Black.

*Rivarola moved and S Boyce seconded:

That the mission statement “The Mission of The American Iris Society is to organize and disseminate knowledge of the Genus Iris, while fostering its preservation, enjoyment and continued development.” be approved. **Motion carried.

Symposium – Chair Riley Probst reported that only the top 30 irises were printed in the Winter issue of *IRISES*. The whole list of the top 100 irises were printed in the Spring issue. Probst noted that the 2016 symposium ballot was included with the Spring issue. Hopefully, by including this in the bulletin, the participation will substantially increase.

Youth – Chair Cheryl Deaton announced the winners of the Clarke Cosgrove Award. Sarah Green (Region 21) is the winner. 1st runner up is Glory Winzer (Region 18) and the 2nd runner up is Hope Winzer (Region 18). Deaton also announced the Ackerman Essay contest winners. Amberlee Peck (Region 14) is the winner for the 13 and up age group. There was a three way tie for the 12 and under age group. The winners are Samantha Anderson (Region 14), Ava Stanley (Region 14), and Katharina Brase (Region 21). Deaton would like the Classroom Iris Project name changed to the Classroom Iris Program. The board agreed with the name change. Deaton also noted that the Clarke Cosgrove fund is almost depleted. She noted that the Cosgrove Winner Travel fund has almost never been used and also the Classroom Iris Program fund has rarely been used. Booth suggested combining these accounts and be rolled into a General Youth Restricted Fund.

*S Boyce moved and Carver seconded:

That the Classroom Iris Program, Cosgrove Winner Travel, and the Clarke Cosgrove Youth Award Fund restricted funds be consolidated into the General Youth Restricted Fund. **Motion carried.

Deaton reported on the final decision of the committee chaired by Judy Keisling on changing the youth policy regarding membership. “It would be unfair for non-members to be able to enjoy the perks created for dues paying AIS Youth members, such as the contest, prizes, and awards. Information on curriculum and other projects is available to all on the AIS Youth website.” So there will be no change in the youth membership policy.

The meeting recessed for the evening at 11:13 pm.

Tuesday May 24, 2016 – the meeting was called back to order at 9:18 pm.

Foundation Liaison – Chair Jill Bonino reported that they did not have a quorum present during the Foundation meeting so they only held discussions. An official meeting will need to be held later. Bonino reported on a draft investment policy being developed to allow foundation capital to be invested in securities other than just FDIC insured savings and certificates of deposit. The goals of the foundation are to create enough interest income for the year to fund all of the expenses for the library and for research grants.

RVP Counselor – Chair Susan Grigg reported on RVP Counselor meeting held earlier in the day. Grigg requested board approval of two new RVPs. It was noted that the RVP for Region 11 has not been approved by the members of the Region and a regional meeting needs to be held before November to approve of this appointment.

*Grigg moved and Booth seconded:

That the Board approve Margaret Kelly and Jeannette Graham as RVPs for AIS Regions 9 and 11 respectively. **Motion carried by a vote of 12-1.

RVP Representative – Howie Dash announced that the RVP Representative for this next year is Anita Moran of Region 4. The Nominating Committee representatives are Phyllis Wilburn (14) and Nick Stewart (22).

Section and Cooperating Society Liaison – Chair Jody Nolin reported on the Section and Cooperating Society meeting. Several different discussions were held. Nolin announced that Joe Musacchia (Society for Louisiana Irises) will be the Section Representative to the AIS Nominating Committee.

Report of the Nominating Committee – Andi Rivarola presented the slate of nominees, for consideration as candidates for the four director positions on The American Iris Society Board of Directors. They are: George Boyce (4), Cheryl Deaton (15), Claire Schneider (15), Dawn Boyer (17), and Gordon Carver (17). There were two additional nominations from the floor. David Cupps (7) and Howie Dash (23).

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 pm for Executive Session.

The Board of Directors went into Executive Session from 10:05 pm with the regular Session called back to order at 10:40 pm.

President White announced the Director Nominees selected for the three-year terms which will expire in 2019 are: Dawn Boyer, David Cupps, Howie Dash, and Claire Schneider.

Nominating Committee Appointments – President White announced the appointment of Lois Rose and Al Elliott as Board representatives to the 2017 AIS Nominating Committee. Rose and Elliott will join Nick Stewart (RVP), Phyllis Wilburn (RVP), and Joe Musacchia (Sections) as members of this committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Fall Board Meeting will be held November 4-5, 2017 at the Hampton Inn Sedona Hotel. 2016 Fall Meeting Chair, Michelle Snyder may be reached at aissecretary@irises.org or (928) 282-5867.

The 2017 Spring AIS Board Meeting and Convention will be held May 23-27, in Des

Moines, Iowa.

Unfinished Business:

By-laws Revision Committee – Chair Jody Nolin reported that the members of the by-laws committee are: Jody Nolin (Chair), Judy Keisling, Susan Boyce, Susan Grigg, Anita Moran, and Andi Rivarola. Nolin stated that during the past year this committee has been reviewing, modernizing, clarifying, and redoing old policies. Parts of some Articles and Sections have been reworded and agreed upon by the members of this committee, but other Articles and Sections are still being worked on and are still in discussion and it will take time before it is presented to the AIS Board of Directors. President White noted that since Article 4 has minor changes it could be looked at first. After a discussion, a consensus was agreed upon about the minor word changes for Article 4.

President White thanked all in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Boyce

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OMAHA, NEBRASKA NOVEMBER 6-7, 2015

FULL MINUTES

President Jim Morris called the Fall Meeting of The American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 7:00 PM on Friday, November 6, 2015, and announced a quorum was present. Morris asked Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVPs, and guests to introduce themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President, Jim Morris; 1st Vice President, Gary White; Secretary, Michelle Snyder; and Treasurer, Dwayne Booth. **Administrative Officers:** Registrar/Recorder, John Jones; Publication/Sales, John Ludi; Recording Secretary, Susan Boyce; and Membership Secretary, Tom Gormley. **Directors:** Susan Boyce, Gordon Carver, Ron Cosner, Al Elliott, Susan Grigg, John Jones, John Ludi, Bob Pries, Andi Rivarola, Lois Rose, and Debra Strauss. **RVP Representative:** Howie Dash. **Immediate Past President:** Judy Keisling. **Committee Chairs:** Cheryl Deaton, Riley Probst, Bob Seaman, and Gerry Snyder. **RVPs:** Linda Corapi (1), Tim Moore (8), Bob Seaman (13), Phyllis Wilburn (14), Dawn Boyer (17), Bev Hoyt (18), Linda Wilkie (21) and Howie Dash (23). **Guests:** Glenn Grigg (4), Shirley Trio Probst (14), Jill Bonino (15), Happy Carver (17), Jean Morris (18), Heidi Brase, Kris Jurik, Wayne & Pam Messer, Linda Rader, and John & Phyllis Randall (21).

President Morris welcomed all and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may make motions and vote.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

Michelle Snyder announced that she has received no additional nominations, therefore the published candidates for the AIS Board of Directors are duly elected by acclamation. They are: Bob Pries (4), Lois Rose (4), Ron Cosner (8), and Alverton Elliott (17).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Portland, Oregon – May 18-19, 2015

One correction to the minutes was noted. Lee Walker's name needed to be moved to the guest section.

*Snyder moved and Booth seconded:

Approve the minutes as corrected. **Motion carried.

President Morris appointed Gary White as the Parliamentarian. President Morris also appointed John Jones as the meeting Motions Secretary.

In accordance with standard practice, Morris asked for affirmation of interim Board actions taken by email vote since the May 2015 Board meeting.

- 1 . *Snyder moved and S Boyce seconded:
That Gary White be elected AIS Present-elect. **Motion carried.
2. *Snyder moved and Boyce seconded:
That we approve the appointment of Gordon Carver as the new Advertising Editor. **Motion carried.
3. *Snyder moved and Rivarola seconded:
**That we approve Bob Seaman as the new Electronic Services Chair.
Motion carried.

*Jones moved and Booth seconded:
Approve interim Board Actions. **Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President – Jim Morris would like to thank everyone that he has worked with for the last three years. He has items listed on his report that will be discussed during the meeting.

1st Vice President – Gary White has no written report, but wanted to thank President Morris for keeping him apprised of important issues that will need attention in his presidency.

2nd Vice President – Jody Nolin was not in attendance and did not send in a report.

Secretary – Michelle Snyder wanted to thank Jody Nolin, Dwayne Booth, and John Jones for taking on her duties for the last board meeting as she was not in attendance.

Treasurer – Dwayne Booth reported that the year end budget will end up in the positive balance. He also reported on the ongoing dispute with the IRS in regards to whether the AIS did file the 2014 AIS tax forms on time.

Editor – open. President Morris stated that there will be two guest editors for the 2016 Winter and Spring edition of IRISES.

*White moved and Booth seconded:
That we approve the Winter and Spring Bulletin Guest editors – Jamie Cloud and Jane Milliman respectively. **Motion carried.

Advertising Editor – The Board had approved Gordon Carver in June, but due to extenuating circumstances, Gordon has not been able to assume this position yet, so Ron Killingsworth was been filling in until Gordon can assume this position at the end of this year. Ron's written report indicated that the Spring issue has the most number of advertisements in it.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership Secretary – Tom Gormley reported that the AIS has about 21 members more than it did this time last year. He also presented a chart on the ten year history of AIS membership numbers.

Registrar/Recorder – John Jones reported that in the last week of the registration period, he received an additional 190 registrations in addition to the 711 registrations and 261 reserves that were reported in his written report. Jones also reported that he has established a relationship with a university in China, and they will sponsor an associate registrar in China.

Morris asked if there was anything that the AIS can do to quicken the time frame in the registration process, and a discussion was held about this. Jones noted that there is a difference in the registration process and the introduction process. When an iris is registered, it is not yet officially introduced and eligible for any awards until the Registrars have received written proof that the iris was offered for sale and that introduction is documented in an R&I. Another discussion was held about irises being offered for sale in Section or Cooperating Societies publications.

*White moved and Booth seconded:

If an iris is offered for sale in any of the Section or Cooperating Societies publications and hard copy forwarded by mail to the AIS Registrar/Recorder that it be considered as qualified for introduction. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for a break at 9:00 pm and came back at 9:15 pm.

Publications/Sales – John Ludi reported on the low sales of the yearly Registrations and Introductions, as most people are now using the iris wiki to gain the information that they need. Ludi reported that the 2016 calendar sales are very slow. Ludi also reported on the need to reprint the Invitation To Join brochures. Inventory is low and also the prices for the membership rates have been raised and so new ITJs are needed.

*Snyder moved and S Boyce seconded:

That we accept the proposal to print 10,000 copies of the “Invitation To Join” at a cost of \$1,028.00. **Motion carried.

Ludi reported on a proposal to sell a new Beardless Irises book by Kevin Vaughn. The board held a discussion and decided to sell this book in the AIS Storefront.

*Booth moved and Rivarola seconded:

That we order 20 copies of “Beardless Irises a Plant for Every Garden Situation” by Kevin Vaughn for sale by the AIS Storefront as a price of \$30.00 including shipping. **Motion carried.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

1. Operation Manual Review- Chair Debra Strauss reported that this will be her last report and she needs to get the last of the job descriptions, so that she can forward them to Michelle Snyder.
2. AIS Intellectual Property Committee – Chair Bob Hollingworth was not present, but he had indicated that no action has taken place since the convention in May.
3. By-laws Revision Committee – Chair Jody Nolin was not present, but her report indicated that the committee is still working on the revision and hopefully will present

its report at the board meeting in May 2016.

4. Library ad hoc committee – Chair Ron Cosner that there has been problems in getting the committee together for a meeting, so there is nothing new to report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Affiliations – Chair Jody Nolin was not present. Her report noted some new possibilities for improving the affiliation process, but for now, the affiliations process will remain the same. RVP Representative Dash requested that the affiliations process start much earlier than it is now. Former Affiliations Chair Susan Boyce reported that in the five years that she served in this position, the earlier affiliations process was tried and was a failure, so it was changed back again to start in the first week of January.

Awards – Chair Gerry Snyder reported that ballots submitted by electronic vote is just under 50 percent. Morris noted that the Tall Bearded Iris Society will fund the cost of the Wister Medals for 2016.

Calendars – Janet Smith was not present. Ludi reported that the decision for printing calendars for 2017 will not be made until early in 2016.

Convention Liaison – Chair Paul Gossett has tendered his resignation. Morris noted that a replacement has not been found yet.

Donations Development – Chair Cheryl Deaton had no report.

Electronic Services – Chair John Jones introduced Bob Seaman as the new Electronic Services chair. Jones noted that Seaman will need to purchase new up to date software. Some of that funding will come from the Electronic Services Restricted Fund. Jones thanked all for his support during his 15 years tenure in this position.

Exhibitions – Lois Rose reported that some of the shows approved have not appeared in the Final Show report. Susan Boyce reported that she will need to order entry tags. She also reported that she only received 68 orders compared to 80 orders received in 2014. Also noted, a possible increase in postal rates for 2016 may be coming in the next few weeks, and if so, S Boyce will notify the board so a rate change may be initiated.

Foundation Liaison – Chair Gary White reported that Jill Bonino will be taking over this position. Bonino is also now the Foundation Donations Chair. Bonino noted that the Foundation financial books will be audited shortly. Also, the Foundation has given Bonino authorization to look into a Foundation Investment Policy for investing the Foundations funds in other than Certificates of Deposits. The CD's have been paying extremely low interest rates and the need to find other areas of investing the Foundation funds that pay more is needed. Bonino also noted the need to scan the old financial AIS and Foundation records so that the many boxes of financial records that are in various

locations across the United States may be disposed of.
The submitted written Foundation report detailed the various grants now being conducted.

National Collections, Test & Display Gardens – Chair Bob Pries reported on the quotes of purchasing signs for the AIS Display Gardens. It was noted that the current price quotes are extremely high, so the search will continue. Pries noted that he wants to eventually get a large list of AIS Display Gardens, perhaps 200 to 300 gardens so that visitors can find a display garden anywhere. M Snyder worried about the cost of insurance for insuring so many AIS Display Gardens.

General Counsel – Chair Veronica Johnson was not present, but her report talked about the problems that the AIS has encountered with filing their tax return with the Internal Revenue Service this year.

Insurance – Chair Michelle Snyder reported on the first insurance claim the AIS has ever had, when a convention guest slipped and fell in one of the gardens and was hurt. The claim has been processed and is now closed. Snyder noted that if there are any injuries sustained at AIS activities, she needs to be notified immediately.

Iris Program Resources (Slides & Digital) – Chair Janet Smith was not in attendance. Her report showed that there have been no slide rentals this year. However the purchase of digital and DVD programs, especially email orders have increased.

Iris Program Resources (Speakers) – Chair Gordon Carver reported that there are currently 84 speakers on the list. For 2015, Carver has only received two request for this service.

Judges – Chair Judy Keisling reported that there are 484 fully accredited judges for 2016. There is a loss of 36 judges with most of them moving from Masters to retired status. Keisling presented the list of judges for approval for 2016.

*Keisling moved and Snyder seconded:

That the judges listed in the AIS Judges Recommendations for 2016 report be approved. **Motion carried.

Judges Handbook Revision – Chair Betty Roberts was not present, but her report stated that there is some progress, but some of the Section and Cooperating Societies have yet to name members to their committee to review their chapter of the Judges Handbook. This must be done as soon as possible in order for there to be any kind of completion of a revised Handbook.

The meeting recessed for the evening at 10:57 pm.

Saturday, November 7, 2016. The Executive session started at 8:05 am.
The meeting reconvened at 8:22 am.

Library – Chair Dave Silverberg was not in attendance. His report indicated that he has started working on inventorying the items in the AIS Library. White noted that the official name of the AIS Library is the "The American Iris Society Hager-DuBose Memorial Library". Pries would like a section of the iris wiki to be a branch of the memorial library. It was suggested that this idea be brought before the Foundation as the Foundation funds the library.

*White moved and S Boyce seconded:

**That the AIS Board recommend to the AIS Foundation that a section of the AIS Iris Encyclopedia be created as the Online AIS Hager-DuBose Memorial Library.

Motion carried.

Photo Contest – Chair Janet Smith was not in attendance, but her report asked the question, since there was only one youth entrant, whether the Youth categories should be combined with the Adult categories. Smith also wants to move the contest dates to a month later, to May 1st through June 30th. It was suggested that the contest end be delayed to July 31st as many of the colder regions in the states and also Canada still have bloom into July and members of those areas are still working in their gardens. It was also noted that the Japanese irises are still blooming into July. Jones volunteered to call Smith at the break and ask her opinion as to delaying the end of the contest. Another point brought up was that the Photo Contest winners are only listed in IRISES, and that won't be until either the Fall or Winter issue. It was suggested that the photo contest winners be posted earlier on the AIS Website and the iris wiki, so that all may see the winning photos earlier.

*Jones moved and Snyder seconded:

That a list of the AIS Photo Contest results be provided to the AIS Website and available to social media and the Iris Encyclopedia for publication. **Motion carried.

Public Relations – Co-chair Bob Pries talked about doing more surveys to find what AIS members want from the AIS. He would like the board to authorize \$300 to do an unlimited number of surveys via Survey Monkey. After a long discussion, Booth reminded Pries that he already has \$300 available in his budget to purchase this service. Pries had others in attendance, share ideas about membership retention. Rivarola talked about the AIS presence online, and ways to reach out to more potential AIS members overseas. Pries also talked about setting up and conducting Webinars. Messer talked about News and Notes and the possibility of advertising on it.

The meeting recessed for a break at 10:00 am and came back at 10:38 am.

Honorary Awards – President Morris announced the results of the Honorary Awards.

The Hybridizer Medal was awarded to Fred Kerr (14).

The Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Jim Morris (18).

RVP Counselor – Chair Susan Grigg reported that the RVP discussion group list will be reactivated. It has not been used and it has been offline since 2007. Grigg presented the list of RVPs for 2016.

*Grigg moved and Snyder seconded:

*That we approve the submitted list of RVPs for 2016. **Motion carried.**

First Year RVPs:

Region 2: Dorothy Stiefel
Region 6: Barbara Bunnell
Region 7: Janet Wilson
Region 8: Tim Moore
Region 12: David Burke
Region 14: Phyllis Wilburn
Region 18: Bev Hoyt
Region 20: Susan Driver
Region 22: Nick Stewart

Second Year RVPs:

Region 4: Anita Moran
Region 13: Bob Seaman
Region 15: Debbie James
Region 17: Dawn Boyer

Third Year RVPs:

Region 1: Linda Corapi
Region 3: George Hildenbrandt
Region 5: Jeanette White
Region 9: David Kelly
Region 10: Joe Musacchia
Region 11: Jim Sadler
Region 21: Linda Wilkie
Region 23: Howard Dash
Region 24: Don Nelson

RVP Representative – Howie Dash reported that the RVPs would like the symposium put back into the AIS bulletin.

Scientific Advisory Committee – Chair Bob Hollingworth was not present, but he earlier indicated that he had nothing new to report.

Section and Cooperating Society Liaison – Chair Gary White reported that this is the end of his term in this position. White noted that the Novelty Iris Society was formed this year.

Silent Auction – Chair Debra Strauss reported that they raised over \$5,000 at the silent auction this year. It is predicted that the 2016 silent auction results will be less.

Symposium – Chair Riley Probst reported that Regions 3, 4, 10, 11, 20, & 24 did not participate this year. There were only 349 ballots cast this year which is only 7.8% of participation. Probst wants all present to encourage members in and out of their region

to vote. It was noted that since the symposium was taken out of the bulletin, the percentage of votes cast has gone down substantially and it was recommended that it be put back into the bulletin. After a discussion:

*Pries moved and Snyder seconded:

That we include a supplemental insert of the Symposium ballot in the spring issue of the AIS Bulletin. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:57 am and reconvened at 1:08 pm.

Unfinished Business:

RVP Representative – Howie Dash reported that the RVPs present, would like a one page sheet that has a yearly calendar and also details their responsibilities. It was noted that their responsibilities are listed in the RVP Handbook starting on page 8 and it was impossible to detail these responsibilities and timeline on just one page.

Corapi noted that members in her region would like to be able to write in names of irises on the symposium vote. It was noted that in the past, write-ins were allowed, but they never came close to make the top 100. It was also noted that the work involved tabulating write-ins for all 22 regions would be too much work.

Photo Contest – John Jones reported on his phone call with Janet Smith and she was in agreement with delaying the end of the photo contest.

*Jones moved and Booth seconded:

That the AIS Photo Contest run from May 1st to July 31st each year. **Motion carried.

Another discussion was held about keeping or downsizing the number of youth entry categories.

*Jones moved and Keisling seconded:

That we have only one youth category in the AIS Photo Contest and that for any given photograph the youth may choose to enter either the youth category or any of the adult categories. **Motion carried.

Youth – Chair Cheryl Deaton reported on the number of youth programs in schools. She praised the adults who lead these programs. The 2016 theme for the Ackerman Essay contest is: “My most interesting or exciting iris experience”.

New Business:

2016 Convention Budget report – Jill Bonino presented a line by line discussion of the draft budget for the 2016 convention.

Calendars – John Ludi reported that after consulting with Booth, the decision was made to lower the prices of the 2016 calendars.

*Booth moved and Snyder seconded:

That effective immediately we sell the 2016 calendars at \$4.00 each or 10 for \$30.00 plus postage. **Motion carried.

2020 Convention – Rivarola presented the winning picture for the 2020 convention logo contest. Pries talked about hiring an editor to do the special 100th anniversary bulletin edition. Morris stated that the board will have the final decision in choosing an editor to work on this important project.

The meeting recessed for a break at 2:26 and reconvened at 2:40 pm.

Budget for 2015-2016

Treasurer Booth opened a line-by-line discussion of the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016, with changes that had been added and subtracted as they came up for discussion throughout the meeting.

*Boyce moved and Snyder seconded:

That we adopt the budget as modified. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for dinner at 3:55 pm and reconvened at 7:00 pm.

Unfinished Business:

Youth – Judy Keisling, chair of the youth ad hoc committee reported that no recommendations have been decided upon yet, but they should have one ready for the 2016 board meeting in New Jersey.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Upon receiving no additional nominations from the floor, nominations were closed and the following slate of officers was elected by acclamation.

President – Gary White

1st Vice President – Jody Nolin

2nd Vice President – Andi Rivarola

Secretary – Michelle Snyder

Treasurer – Dwayne Booth

Editor – open

President White accepted the gavel from outgoing President Morris.

Since the AIS now has a new president, a new standard banking resolution to add the new signature needs to be approved.

*Boyce moved and Jones moved:

That we approve a standard banking resolution to add the signature of the incoming AIS President to the bank accounts effective Nov 8, 2015. **Motion carried.

President White requested approval for the following appointments:

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

Registrar/Recorder – John Jones and Joanne Prass Jones

Membership Secretary – Tom Gormley

Recording Secretary/Policy – Susan Boyce

Publication/Sales – John and Kay Ludi

President White noted that since Andi Rivarola was just elected as the new AIS 2nd Vice

President, there is now a vacancy on the AIS Board of Directors. President White then appointed Gerry Snyder to complete the Director term vacated by Andi Rivarola's election to 2nd Vice President.

*Morris moved and Carver seconded:

That Gerry Snyder be appointed as Director serving until 2017 replacing Andi Rivarola. **Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Advertising Editor – Gordon Carver

Affiliations/Affiliate Liaison – Jody Nolin

Awards – Gerry Snyder

Calendars – Janet Smith

Convention Liaison – open

Donations Development – Cheryl Deaton

Electronic Services – Bob Seaman

Exhibitions – Lois Rose and Susan Boyce

Foundation Liaison – Jill Bonino

General Counsel – Veronica Johnson

Honorary Awards – Jim Morris

Insurance – Michelle Snyder

Iris Program Resources (Slides & Digital) – Janet Smith

Iris Program Resources (Speakers) – Gordon Carver

Judges – Judy Keisling

Judges Handbook Revision Committee – Betty Roberts

Librarian – Dave Silverberg

National Collections, Display & Test Gardens – Bob Pries

Photo Contest – Janet Smith

Public Relations & Marketing – Bob Pries and Susan Grigg

RVP Counselor – Susan Grigg

RVP Representative – Howard Dash

Scientific Advisory Committee – Bob Hollingworth

Section and Cooperating Society Liaison – Jody Nolin

Silent Auction – Debra Strauss and Nick Stewart

Social Media – Andi Rivarola

Symposium – Riley Probst

Youth – Cheryl Deaton

*Jones moved and Grigg seconded:

That the Administrative Officer's appointments and Committee Chair's appointments as enumerated by President White be approved. **Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The 2016 Spring meeting and convention will be held in Newark, New Jersey, Monday May 23rd thru Saturday May 28th, at the Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel, 1 Hotel Rd, Newark, NJ 07114. (973) 623-0006. The convention chair is Paul Gossett, (918) 853-6204 and email pwgossett@juno.com.

President White thanked everyone for attending this meeting. A special thanks to the members of the Greater Omaha Iris Society and also the Lincoln Iris Society for their support.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Susan Boyce

**AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
PORTLAND, OREGON
MAY 18-19, 2015**

FULL MINUTES:

President Jim Morris called the Spring Meeting of The American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 1:03 PM on Monday, May 18, 2015, and announced a quorum was present. President Morris noted that the Secretary, Michelle Snyder was not in attendance and Jody Nolin will be filling this position for this board meeting. President Morris asked Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVPs, and guests to introduce themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President, Jim Morris; 1st Vice President, Gary White; 2nd Vice President, Jody Nolin; and Treasurer, Dwayne Booth. **Administrative Officers:** Registrar/Recorder, John Jones; Recording Secretary, Susan Boyce; and Publication/Sales, John and Kay Ludi. **Directors:** George Boyce, Susan Boyce, Gordon Carver, Ron Cosner, Susan Grigg, John Jones, John Ludi, Bob Pries, Andi Rivarola, and Debra Strauss. **RVP Representative:** Jim Copeland. **Immediate Past President:** Judy Keisling. **Committee Chairs:** Cheryl Deaton, Bob Hollingworth, Riley Probst, Betty Roberts, Lois Rose, and Dave Silverberg. **RVPs:** Anita Moran (4), Bob Seaman (13), John Pesek (14), Debbie Hughes (18), and Howie Dash (23). **Guests:** Sandy Ives, Dorothy Stiefel (2), Glenn Grigg (4), Jill Copeland (6), Jack Worel (8), John Boyce (12), Nancy Price, Lee Walker (13), Rudy Ciuca, Joseph Lawrence, Gesine Lohr, Bob & Jeanne Clay Plank, Barbara Pesek, Shirley Trio Probst, Jean Richter, Phyllis Wilburn (14), Ramona Howard, Bonnie Nichols, Michael Reed (17), Bob & Carolyn Ash, Jim Hedgecock, Jean Morris, Faith Winzer (18), Louise Carson, Robert Treadway (22), and Debra Bilberry (23).

President Morris welcomed all and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may make motions and vote. President Morris appointed Gary White to serve as the Parliamentarian. President Morris also appointed John Jones to serve as the Motions Secretary.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Salt Lake City, Utah
November 7-8, 2014

*Carver moved and Nolin seconded:

That we accept the draft minutes as modified. **Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President – Jim Morris reported on the resignation of Kathleen Sonntag as the *IRISES* editor and thanked her for her services. Morris announced that two different guest editors will be handling this position for the Summer and the Fall 2015 edition of *IRISES*.

*Booth moved and G Boyce seconded:

**That we accept the appointment of the two guest editors as per the president's report.

Motion carried.

In accordance with standard practice, Morris asked for affirmation of interim Board actions taken by email vote since the November 2014 Board meeting.

1. **1.** *Jones moved and Ludi seconded:**That the AIS Board appoint Susan Driver the RVP for Region 20.

*Booth moved and G Boyce seconded:

**That the board approve the appointment of Susan Driver as RVP for Region 20.

Motion carried.

1. **2.** *G Boyce moved and Carver seconded:

That we approve the appointment of Susan Grigg as RVP Counselor. **Motion carried.

1st Vice President – Gary White had no report.

2nd Vice President – Jody Nolin had no report.

Secretary – Michelle Snyder was not present and had no other report than the interim motions report.

Treasurer – Dwayne Booth reported on the current financial status of AIS and recommended that the AIS raise the membership rates.

Editor – Kathleen Sonntag had submitted her resignation, but she still submitted a report, which indicated the cost of each issue.

Advertising Editor – Ron Killingsworth was not present. President Morris noted that Ron has asked to be replaced as the Advertising Editor.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership Secretary – Tom Gormley was not present, but his report showed a gain of only seven new memberships since last fall. Grigg reported that Region 7 subsidizes the cost of new AIS members, and Grigg recommended that all Regions do likewise to gain new members.

Registrar/Recorder – John Jones presented a graph on the registration activity. Jones reported about defining the official definition of registering irises.

*Booth moved and White seconded:

**That the AIS Board of Directors defines introduction as “the offering for sale to the public”, and that:

- A. A. Introduction information must include Iris name, date, price, and seller's contact

information.

- B. B. The Registrant or Introducer must send printed copy of the catalog, list, advertisement or webpage, introduction page and the webpage URL to the AIS Registrar by first class mail. That the printed information includes the information referenced in paragraph A above.
- C. C. That social media sites, because they are particularly ephemeral and of limited audience not be considered as a public offering.
- D. D. That offering for sale at an auction not be considered a public sale. **Motion carried.**

The meeting recessed for a break at 2:20 pm and reconvened at 2:36 pm.

Publications/Sales – John Ludi reported that old bulletins, prior to the format change are gone, and the storefront is now in a smaller storage unit, thus saving money for the AIS. Ludi noted that the 2016 calendars are now available for sale. Ludi also reported that the AIS seals are now gone and need to be reprinted.

*Jones moved and Carver seconded:

That we purchase 10,000 seals for \$787. **Motion carried.

Recording Secretary/Policy – Susan Boyce reported that she continues to receive inquiries about board meetings and she researches the minutes and sends the information out to those who request it.

Unfinished Business – none.

New Business – *John Jones moved and Booth seconded:

**That we increase the print memberships starting October 1, 2015.

After a discussion:

*Jones moved and Carver seconded:

That we table the Motion until the Fall Board meeting. **Motion carried.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

1. 1. Library ad hoc committee – Chair Ron Cosner reported on a meeting held this morning and the Committee set quarterly meeting dates. Cosner noted that another volunteer is needed for this committee. Nolin volunteered to be on this committee.
2. 2. Operation Manual Review – Chair Debra Strauss reported that she is still working on updating the Operation Manual.
3. 3. AIS Intellectual Property Committee – Bob Hollingworth was not in attendance at this meeting, but he did send in a report, that indicated the work done on the AIS Copyright statement for the bulletin.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Affiliations/Affiliate Liaison – Chair Jody Nolin reported that there are 159 affiliates. She noted that there is room for improvement in the affiliation process. She will be working on it and hopes to have it done before next year.

Awards – Chair Gerry Snyder was not in attendance, but his report noted that the 2015

Judge's Ballot has been sent out. President Morris noted that he has received the three engraved Wister Medals and they are ready to be presented at the awards banquet.

Calendars – Chair Janet Smith was not in attendance. Ludi reported that Smith questioned whether she should continue gathering pictures for the 2017 calendar. It was noted that the decision to print the 2017 calendar will be made at the 2015 Fall Board meeting, so Smith will be directed to continue gathering pictures.

Convention Liaison – Chair Paul Gossett was not in attendance. His report listed the sites for the 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2020 Spring Board meetings and conventions, as well as the 2015 and the 2016 Fall Board meetings. President Morris noted that Gossett has submitted his resignation and Morris will be looking for a replacement for him.

Electronic Services – Chair John Jones reported that he has not found a new digital projector yet. Jones also reported that the iris catalogs scanning project is almost complete, but that the money funded for this project has run out and Jones will be drafting a new proposal for funding and submitting the proposal to the AIS Foundation for consideration.

Exhibitions – Supply clerk Susan Boyce reported on the number of shows approved so far. She noted that the show entry tags will need to be ordered this year, but the cost of shipping them from the current printer in New York State is high, so she will be getting price quotes from around her state. S Boyce also noted that there has been a problem with Capitol Medals losing the molds for the youth medals so she will also get price quotes for the medals in her state. S Boyce noted negative feedback that has been received in regards to the possibility of switching the show awards medals to pins. She will be crafting a survey that can be taken online, for all AIS members, so that the AIS can get a true feeling on whether the members want the show awards to be medals or pins.

National Collections, Display, & Test Gardens Committee – Chair Bob Pries reported on the addition of Charlie Carver to head the National Collections part of this committee. Pries also reported on the addition of George Boyce to head the Display and Test Gardens part of this committee. G Boyce reported on the progress of getting gardens to sign up to be display gardens. He also showed the sample signs that could be considered for the display gardens.

Honorary Awards – Chair Judy Keisling reported that new Hybridizer Medals were ordered and have been received.

Iris Programs Resources (Slides & Digital) – Chair Janet Smith was not in attendance, but her report showed a need for a new, more proficient slide scanner. Library chair, Dave Silverberg, reported that a request for a new slide scanner will be presented to the AIS Foundation for funding at tomorrow's meeting.

Insurance – Chair Michelle Snyder was not in attendance, but her report indicated that everything is running smoothly.

Iris Programs Resources (Speakers) – Chair Gordon Carver reported that this program is in

a developing stage. Carver noted that he has only received one request for help in locating a speaker this year. He stated that he will be doing more advertising of this service to the affiliates and regions.

Judges – Chair Judy Keisling reported a loss of 14 judges since the Fall of 2014.

The meeting recessed for a break at 3:55 pm and reconvened at 4:18 pm.

Judges Handbook Revision Committee – Chair Betty Roberts reported that she is still asking for Sections to name committee members. Roberts has now set a deadline of October 1st for some kind of accomplished work to be submitted to her. Roberts stated that work needs to get started so we can get the new Judges Handbook completed.

Legal Advisor – Chair Veronica Johnson was not in attendance, but her report indicated that she has been working with the Novelty Iris Society in gaining their tax exempt status.

Library – Chair Dave Silverberg reported that the Library committee consists of the following members: Ron Cosner (Chair), Gary White, Jill Bonino, Dave Silverberg, and the new member, Jody Nolin. Silverberg noted that many years ago, there was a traveling library, called The Farr Library. The possibility of having a modern day traveling library was discussed during the Library committee meeting held earlier in the day. Due to the high cost of shipping, a traveling library is not financially feasible. Silverberg noted that he will get some assistance to do a complete inventory of the library.

Photo Contest – Chair Janet Smith was not in attendance. Morris noted the deadline for this year's photo contest is June 30th.

Public Relations – Chair Bob Pries reported on a problem with Wiki Encyclopedia and the program itself is not designed well for foreign languages. If a search is done with the accent marks, the search will not work perfectly. Even though he has done a work around, to correct this, a few problems still remain. Pries and Grigg noted that they want to honor four wiki volunteers for their service.

*Grigg moved and Carver seconded:

**AIS Board adopt a resolution recognizing and thanking the "Wiki Heros" for their dedication, willingness, and helpfulness in updating, correcting, and maintaining the Iris Encyclopedia. Our thanks to Betsy Higgins, John Black, Terry Laurin, and Alain Franco.

Motion carried.

Grigg reported on the number of vouchers sent out to new members and also members who renew and upgrade their membership to a three year membership. Rivarola reported that there is increased involvement of people on the blog and the AIS Facebook page.

The meeting recessed for dinner at 5:05 pm and reconvened at 7:14 pm.

RVP Counselor – Chair Susan Grigg announced that a new RVP for Region 8 has been elected.

*Grigg moved and S Boyce seconded:

****That the Board approve Tim Moore as RVP *. Motion carried.**

Donations Development Committee – Chair Cheryl Deaton reported on the two articles that were printed in the *IRISES* bulletin. Deaton also noted that several grocery store chains have a program that a small percentage of your purchase will go to the charity that you designate. All one needs to do is to sign up with the store. This would be a great way to donate to the AIS.

Scientific Advisory Committee – Chair Bob Hollingworth was not present. White noted a request from Dr. Carol Wilson that will be discussed at the Foundation meeting tomorrow evening.

Silent Auction – Chair Debra Strauss reported that everyone at the meeting should encourage all at their regions to donate to the AIS silent auction.

Symposium – Chair Riley Probst reported that there will be 471 irises on this year's symposium and it will be posted to the AIS Website for downloading after the convention.

Youth – Chair Cheryl Deaton reported that as of May 1st, there are 331 youth members and nine Classroom in Iris Projects. Deaton also proposed that the youth membership fees be raised as they have not been raised in several years and it cost more than \$5.00 to print and mail the youth welcome packets. Deaton announced the winners of the Clarke Cosgrove Award. Faith Winzer (Region 18) is the winner. 1st runner up is Sarah Green (Region 21), and 2nd runner up is Hope Winzer (Region 18). Deaton also announced the winners of the Ackerman Essay contest. They are: Grace Raymond, Region 18 (12 and under age group) and Colin Campbell, Region 4 (13 and up age group).

John Pesek, RVP Region 14, proposed a motion to do away with requirements of name, age, and address of the youth members. During the discussion, it was noted that this discussion was previously held, at length at the 2014 Fall Board meeting, and after the fall board meeting discussion, AIS Legal was consulted and it was her opinion that the youth policy remain status quo. During the very lengthy discussion, other current speakers from the audience voiced opinions that the rules should be broken to accommodate a few youth in Region 14. Other thoughts discussed were about the possibility of changing the AIS by-laws to make some youth membership changes, but it was noted that the AIS Legal counsel will have to be consulted to make any changes. Judy Keisling volunteered to head a committee to address these issues.

The meeting recessed for a break at 8:43 pm and reconvened at 9:03 pm.

Report of the Nominating Committee – Chair Riley Probst presented the slate of nominees for consideration as candidates for the four director positions on The American Iris Society Board of Directors. They are: Bob Pries (4), Lois Rose (4), Nancy Price (13), Shirley Trio Probst (14), Cheryl Deaton (15), Gerry Snyder (15), Alverton Elliott (17), Judy Keisling (18), and Ron Cosner (21).

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm for Executive Session.

The Board of Directors went into Executive Session from 9:10 pm with the Regular Session called back to order at 9:44 pm.

President Morris announced the Director Nominees selected for the three-year terms which will expire in 2018 are: Ron Cosner, Alverton Elliott, Bob Pries, and Lois Rose.

New Business – President Morris asked John Pesek, RVP Region 14, to make his announcement. Pesek extended an invitation to the AIS for Region 14 to host the 2019 AIS convention.

*Pries moved and Ludi seconded:

That we hold the 2019 AIS Spring Convention in Region 14. **Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Fall Board Meeting will be held November 6-7, 2015 at Hyatt Place Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska. 2015 Fall Meeting Chair, Linda Wilkie may be reached at lrwilkie@gmail.com or (402) 559-7649.

The Spring 2016 AIS Board Meeting and Convention will be held May 23-28, in Newark, New Jersey.

The meeting Recessed for the evening at 9:57 pm.

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 – the meeting was called back to order at 9:20 pm.

Foundation Liaison – Chair Gary White reported on the results of the Foundation Board meeting. White noted that the Foundation approved the funding for the purchase of a slide scanner for use by Janet Smith. After her project is completed, the scanner will then go to the AIS Library. The Foundation also approved the funding of the 3 year study by Dr. Carol Wilson. Also approved, was the funding of the continuation of scanning of the rest of the various iris catalogs that were donated by Anne Lowe. White noted that under the terms of the Hager-DuBose trust, the AIS Library needs to be named as a memorial to Ben Hager and Sid DuBose.

*Cosner moved and Jones seconded:

That the AIS Library be named “The American Iris Society Hager-DuBose Memorial Library. **Motion carried.

RVP Counselor – Chair Susan Grigg reported on the RVP Counselor meeting held earlier in the day. Grigg announced that the RVP Representative for this next year is Howie Dash of Region 23. The Nominating Committee representatives are Anita Moran (Region 4) and Debbie Hughes (18).

RVP Representative – Jim Copeland reported that apparently there is an AIS rule that the RVP Representative must be a RVP in their 2nd year to fill this position. There was a consensus of the RVPs present, that this should be changed to allow a 1st year RVP to fill this position if a 2nd year RVP is not available or will not accept this responsibility. This again would be a change in the by-laws, and the long process that it takes. President Morris appointed Jody Nolin to head a committee to look at several by-laws changes that have been mentioned

during this meeting and also during the last couple of years.

Section and Cooperating Society Liaison – Chair Gary White reported on the Section and Cooperating Society. A lot of the discussion was about future conventions and starting in 2017, the convention will be one day shorter to help reduce costs for all involved, but in doing that something has to be removed from the convention. Most of the section board meetings will be combined with their general meetings, or the section board meetings will need to be held elsewhere. White announced that Jim Hedgecock (Spuria Iris Society) will be the Section Representative to the AIS Nominating Committee.

President Morris noted that the Herb Society will host the CAPS convention and Gary White will represent the AIS at this meeting.

Nominating Committee Appointments – President Morris announced the appointment of Ron Cosner and Andi Rivarola as Board representatives to the 2016 AIS Nominating Committee. Cosner and Rivarola will join Anita Moran (RVP), Debbie Hughes (RVP), and Jim Hedgecock (Sections) as members of this committee.

Unfinished Business – Booth again presented his request to raise the membership rates motion that was tabled at yesterday's meeting. The Board voted to take the motion made in yesterday's meeting off the table. After a discussion, the motion was amended:

*Jones moved and Booth seconded:

**That we increase the print memberships starting October 1, 2015 as follows:

Annual Single - \$30

Annual Dual - \$35

Triennial Single - \$70

Triennial Dual - \$85

Overseas Annual Single - \$35

Overseas Annual Dual - \$40

Overseas Triennial Single - \$75

Overseas Triennial Dual - \$90

Youth w/o Bulletin - \$8

Youth with Bulletin - \$12 **Motion carried by a vote of 11-2.**

Silent Auction – Debra Strauss presented the list of items donated by the library to the Silent Auction for approval.

*Strauss moved and Nolin seconded:

That we accept the list of items from the Library for the Silent Auction. **Motion carried.

New Business – Bonnie Nichols reported on the organizational meetings that have been held to organize the new Novelty Iris Society. Two electronic newsletters have been sent out since last spring. The by-laws have been drawn up, and AIS Legal has been consulted in obtaining the tax exemption status. The first general meeting will be held on Friday evening and officers will be elected at that time. Nichols also requested that the AIS recognize the Novelty Iris Society as a full section of AIS.

*White moved and S Boyce seconded:

That the AIS accept the Novelty Iris Society as a Section of the AIS. **Motion carried.

Judy Keisling reported on the meeting held earlier in the day, about the youth membership revision. Judy Keisling, Cheryl Deaton, Bob Plank, Bob Pries, Rudy Ciuca, and Joseph Lawrence attended the meeting. Ideas were discussed, which included a new youth program, a partnership program, and also whether non-member youth can participate in all youth contests. Keisling noted that more meetings with more board members need to be held, as this will be an ongoing discussion. Keisling noted that the current youth membership requirements must stay the same as per AIS by-laws.

President Morris thanked all who made this convention possible.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Boyce

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH NOVEMBER 7-8, 2014

FULL MINUTES

1st Vice President Gary White called the Fall Meeting of The American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 7:05 PM on Friday, November 7, 2014, and announced a quorum was present. White asked Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVPs and guests to introduce themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** 1st Vice President, Gary White; 2nd Vice President, Jody Nolin; General Secretary, Michelle Snyder; and Treasurer, Dwayne Booth. **Administrative Officers:** Registrar/Recorder, John Jones; Recording Secretary Pro Tem, Susan Boyce; and Publication/Sales, John and Kay Ludi. **Directors:** Susan Boyce, Gordon Carver, Paul Gossett, John Jones, John Ludi, Bob Pries, and Andi Rivarola. **Immediate Past President:** Judy Keisling. **Committee Chairs:** Cheryl Deaton, Riley Probst, and Gerry Snyder. **RVPs:** Linda Corapi (1), Helen West (12), and John Pesek (14). **Guest:** Shirley Trio Probst (14).

1st Vice President White welcomed all and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may vote.

ELECTIONS OF DIRECTORS:

Michelle Snyder announced that she has received no additional nominations: therefore the published candidates for the AIS Board of Directors are duly elected by acclamation. They are: Susan Boyce (12), John Ludi (13), John Jones (14), and Andi Rivarola (15).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Dallas, Texas – April 5-6, 2014

One correction to the minutes was noted. Under the Editor report it said: Another lengthy discussion was held about keeping the convention registration form in the Fall and Spring issues to encourage attendance at the convention. It should have said, Fall and Winter issues.

*Keisling moved and Booth seconded:

That the Minutes be approved as amended. **Motion carried.

1st Vice President White appointed Jody Nolin as the Parliamentarian.

*Gossett moved and Snyder seconded:

That Jody Nolin be appointed Parliamentarian. **Motion carried.

White also appointed John Jones as the meeting Motions Secretary.

*Carver moved and Gossett seconded:

That John Jones be appointed Motions Secretary. **Motion carried.

In accordance with standard practice, White asked for affirmation of interim Board actions taken by email vote since the April 2014 Board meeting.

1. *Deaton moved and Snyder seconded:

That we approve Jim Sadler as RVP for Region 11. **Motion carried.

2. *Pries moved and Grigg seconded:

That we table the motion to upgrade the AIS Web Site. **Motion failed by a vote of 9 no – 6 yes.

3. *Deaton moved and Susan Boyce seconded:

That we upgrade the AIS Web Site. **Motion failed by a vote of 13 no – 3 yes.

4. *Grigg moved and Pries seconded:

That we approve the amended minutes from the Nov 2013, Fall board meeting. **Motion carried by a vote of 9-2.

5. *Deaton moved and Grigg seconded:

That we approve the motion to amend the Awards Ballot: In any given year, when there are only two eligible cultivars for any Award of Merit or Honorable Mention, both cultivars shall be placed on the ballot, with one vote for each judge, resulting in one winner in that class. **Motion carried.

6. *Pries moved and Deaton seconded:

That we approve the second motion to amend the Awards Ballot: In cases where there would otherwise be fewer than three irises on the ballot for the Dykes Medal in any iris class, the most recent winner (s) of the special medal in that class that have been dropped from the Dykes Medal ballot shall be added back to the ballot in order to bring the number of candidates up to three. **Motion carried by a vote of 11-2.

7. *Pries moved and Grigg seconded:

That we move chapters from *The World of Irises* to the Encyclopedia. **Motion carried by a vote of 11-1

8. *White moved and Susan Boyce seconded:

That this catalog scanning project, as described in John's proposal, is approved for forwarding to the AIS Foundation for their consideration for funding; and once the project is completed, that the products of these scans be made available to both the AIS and to the Iris Encyclopedia, and that the paper catalogs will then go to the AIS Library. **Motion carried.

*Pries moved and Gossett seconded:

That the interim board actions ("email votes") be affirmed. **Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President – Jim Morris was not in attendance as he was in New Zealand attending their national convention and representing the AIS at their convention. His report indicated 1st Vice President Gary White will preside at the Fall Board meeting in President Morris' absence.

1st Vice President – Gary White had no report.

2nd Vice President – Jody Nolin had no report.

Secretary – Michelle Snyder reported that she will not be at the Spring 2015 Board meeting and she gave instructions on how to submit the reports for the Board Meeting.

Treasurer – Dwayne Booth reported that this last financial year we only had a loss of \$808. This amount was a much better loss amount than what was predicted at the Fall 2013 meeting.

Editor – Kathleen Sonntag was not present, but her report showed the comparisons of number of pages per issue for 2014.

It was noted that at the Spring 2014 board meeting, the Editor was directed to put the Convention registration form in the Fall and Winter edition of *Irises*. This was not put in the Fall 2014 edition and the importance of it being put in there was discussed.

*Boyce moved and Snyder seconded:

That the convention registration form be printed in the Fall and Winter issues of the Bulletin. **Motion carried by a vote of 10-1.

Advertising Editor – Ron Killingsworth was not able to attend. His report showed the advertising activity that occurred in 2014. Noted in his report, a potential advertiser and her advertisement was rejected by the editor, and Killingsworth wanted to appeal this decision. The board discussed that there is a policy regarding advertising in the bulletin, and needs to be found so that this problem can be addressed.

Membership Secretary – Tom Gormley was not present. His report indicated a drop of 38 members from this time last year.

Registrar/Recorder – John Jones reported that he is still working on a fillable PDF form for use by the hybridizers in registering irises electronically. Jones also talked about a motion that was passed at the Spring 2014 board meeting, concerning charging two different registration fees according to the time of the year. Even though this new change has not officially started, he is receiving the higher fee and it is causing considerable confusion already for the hybridizers. Jones would like this motion to be rescinded.

*S Boyce moved and Pries seconded:

That Motion 14 from the Spring 2014 AIS Board meeting be rescinded. **Motion carried.

Recording Secretary – S Boyce noted her resignation, but the person who was to record this meeting and prepare the minutes is ill, so she is filling in as Recording Secretary for this meeting.

Publications/Sales – John Ludi reported on the sales of the R&I and the old bulletins. He stated he has a very large inventory and the sales on these items are flat. He asked for direction from the Board in reducing the inventory on these items. After a discussion:

*Jones moved and Nolin seconded:

That John Ludi be authorized to use his discretion to hold back copies of the 2000 to 2009 R&Is and all old copies of the AIS Bulletin for free giveaway at the 2015 AIS Spring Convention and to dispose of all other remaining copies. **Motion carried.

Ludi reported on recovering money lost when the AIS Shopping cart was not correctly collecting money on orders. He also reported on sales of the 2015 calendars and also reported that supplies of the AIS seals were getting low. Ludi was directed to get price quotes on the seals and present them at the 2015 Spring meeting to determine if we want to reorder them at that time.

The meeting recessed for a break at 8:53 pm and came back at 9:10 pm.

Unfinished Business – none.

New Business – none.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

1. Library ad hoc committee – Chair Ron Cosner was not present, but his report stated that they are looking at various libraries concerning policy about placement for the AIS Library. White noted that he has serious concerns about storing our AIS items with University Libraries. If items are given to a University library, they become the library's property and they can do anything with the items that they want to do, including throwing items away if they no longer want them.

2. Operation Manual Review – Chair Debra Strauss was not present, but she stated in her report, that several committee chairs job descriptions are still needed. Several committee chairs stated that they have already sent in their report to her, but they are still listed as not having sent in their report.

3. AIS Intellectual Property Committee – Chair Bob Hollingworth was not present, but his report stated that he has just taken over this committee.
4. Donations Development Committee – Chair Cheryl Deaton reported on grants, fund raisers, and estate donations that will benefit AIS. It was suggested that a packet needs to be put together with the help of the AIS Legal Counsel, explaining on how to donate your estate to AIS and given out to those who are interested in this option.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Affiliations – Chair Susan Boyce reported that for 2014, there were 162 affiliates, down by 7. Boyce noted that the RVPs need to get the affiliation paperwork out to the affiliates in a more timely manner. Boyce noted her resignation in this position. 1st Vice President White stated that the Affiliates Liaison committee will now be combined with this committee and Jody Nolin will head this combined committee.

Affiliates Liaison – Chair Jody Nolin reported on the results of the survey that she conducted for the last several months. Seventy affiliates from fourteen regions responded. Several board members noted, that there were many very interesting comments made by the affiliates in the suggestion section part of the survey and some of the suggestions will be worked on by members of the board and committee chairs.

Awards – Chair Gerry Snyder reported on the two motions that were passed since the 2014 Spring Board meeting. In recent discussions with several board members, he has reconsidered the wording of the second motion that was passed in late July.

*Jones moved and S Boyce seconded:

That the requirement to have at least three cultivars in each class on the Dykes Medal ballot is dropped. **Motion carried.

Calendars – Chair Janet Smith was not in attendance. Ludi reported on the sales of the 2015 calendars and it was decided to proceed with printing and ordering of the 2016 calendar.

*Keisling moved and Snyder seconded:

That we print 1000 copies of the 2016 calendars. **Motion carried by a vote of 10-1.

Electronic Services – Chair John Jones noted the problem that AIS has been having with our generic AIS, irises.org email. He will continue to work on the problem.

Meeting recessed for the evening at 10:47 pm.

Saturday November 8, 2014 – the meeting was called back to order at 8:06 am.

Convention Liaison – Chair Paul Gossett reported on the future of holding shorter conventions in order to save money for the convention attendees, and a lengthy discussion ensued. Gossett also reported that he has received an invitation for the 2018 convention to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

*Gossett moved and S Boyce seconded:

**That AIS, GNOIS, and SLI have a joint convention in 2018 in New Orleans.

Motion carried.

Another very lengthy discussion was held about the possibility of the AIS not having an AIS 2019 convention. Several pros and cons were discussed. More research needs to be done before any final decision is made and this discussion will continue at the 2015 Spring Board meeting.

Exhibitions – Supply clerk Susan Boyce reported on the number of shows held this year. S Boyce also stated that the company that the medals have been ordered from has been bought, but the name remains the same. Karen and Ray Jones noted in their report that they need to buy more Youth Division medals, but the company cannot find the mold for the back of the medal and wants to charge an additional \$225 as a setup fee, to make a new mold. After a discussion, the board decided, that if the company will not waive the fee for the new mold, (since they lost the original mold), the AIS will not order the Youth Division medals and will go with the slightly larger adult medals for both the adults and the youth.

S Boyce presented a request that a RVP made. The RVP requested that the AIS cast a new platinum medal to be presented to the Best Specimen of Show winner. It was noted that the Best Specimen of Show winner already receives the rosette. White noted that it would be a significant expense. It was brought up that some affiliates do award a special award, either a certificate or a roving trophy to their Best Specimen of Show, but that it is the affiliates that pay for the special award, not the AIS.

A discussion was also held about the cost of the medals and it was noted that back many years ago, the affiliates used to pay the full price of the medals when they had an iris show. The AIS at that time was flush with money and decided to start giving the medals to the affiliates for free. Times have now changed and the AIS runs a deficit budget every year and the medals are a very expensive part of the budget. A suggestion was made to start charging a small fee for the medals. Another idea came forth about maybe instead of awarding medals which mostly end up sitting in a dresser drawer, some of the affiliates might like to award pins for people to wear and show off. S Boyce was directed to check on the price of pins and check back at the 2015 Spring Board meeting. If the cost is reasonable, pins might be awarded instead, or if the affiliate still wants the medals, then they would be charged for the medals. As for the 2015 iris show season, the status quo remains and medals will still be awarded. Another suggestion was to have an article put into the bulletin and have the old, unengraved medals recycled and be turned back into the AIS if they are not wanted anymore.

The meeting recessed for a break at 10:00 am and came back at 10:16 am.

Foundation Liaison – Chair Gary White reported on the grants that have been approved since the 2014 Spring meeting. White noted that money for scientific grants is starting to dwindle and future scientific grants might not be granted due to lack of money.

Honorary Awards – Chair Judy Keisling reported on how the honorary committee works and what members are on it. Keisling also stated the need to order Hybridizer medals as only one remains.

*Keisling moved and Snyder seconded:

That we order 10 Hybridizer Award medals at a cost of \$1950.00. **Motion carried.

Insurance – Chair Michelle Snyder reported that everything is working great.

Iris Programs Resources (Slides & Digital) – Chair Janet Smith was not present, and her report showed the activity for 2014.

Iris Programs Resources (Speakers) – Chair Gordon Carver reported that he is working on a new current speakers list. He also noted that he will advertise this service more.

Judges – Chair Judy Keisling reported that there are 519 fully accredited judges. Keisling presented the list of judges for approval for 2015.

*Keisling moved and Nolin seconded:

That the Judges list, as amended to be approved. **Motion carried.

The subject of Retired Judges, not being able to judge an iris show came up. Several board members want the retired judges to be able to judge an iris show.

*Pries moved and Nolin seconded:

That we reinstate retired judges as iris show judges as long as they serve on a panel with at least one fully accredited judge. **Motion carried by a vote of 10-1.

Legal Advisor – Chair Veronica Johnson was not present. Her report stated that she is working with affiliates and regions on obtaining tax exemption.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:48 am. Executive session started at 1:15 pm. The meeting reconvened at 2:24 pm.

White noted that during the Executive Session, a problem was discussed that resulted in a motion being made.

*Gossett moved and Snyder seconded:

That the AIS delegate to Jack Worel authorization to call a regional meeting for AIS Region 8 pursuant to the AIS By-Laws Article IV, Section 2 (b). **Motion carried.

Honorary Awards – 1st Vice President Gary White announced the results of the Honorary Awards.

The Hybridizer Medals were awarded to: Thomas Johnson (13) and Bryce Williamson (14).

The Distinguished Service Medals were awarded to: Gerry Snyder (15) and Michelle Snyder (15).

The Gold Medal was awarded to Paul Gossett (22).

The Bee Warburton Medal was awarded to Barry Blyth of Australia.

The new Emeritus Judges are: Judy Keisling (18), Russell Eacker (20), and Betty Roberts (20).

Judges Handbook Revision Committee – Chair Betty Roberts was not present, but her report listed names of people who will be handling and revising the different sections of the Judges Handbook.

Library – Chair Dave Silverberg was not present, but his report indicated that the library is running out of space.

National Collections, Display, & Test Gardens – Chair Bob Pries reported the slow progress in trying to get this project going. Pries noted that he would like to have someone else take over this position as he cannot devote enough time to this committee.

Photo Contest – Chair Janet Smith was not present. Her report noted that some of the winner's rhizomes were not received. Smith enlisted the aid of others and they donated iris rhizomes and they were mailed out.

Public Relations – Chair Bob Pries reported on the size and cost of the AIS hosting the iris Encyclopedia and ways to fund this large expense.

*Rivarola moved and Booth seconded:

That the AIS request that the AIS Foundation pay the \$2000.00, 2014 hosting cost of the iris Encyclopedia. **Motion carried.

Pries talked about the events and contests planned for the AIS' 100 anniversary year in 2020 including a special edition of *Iris*. Pries also noted that since the AIS 100th anniversary is 5 years away, he would like to start creating and working on a new and different book in the interim, and it would cost \$20 a month for the next 6 years to lease the software needed to work on this book. During a long discussion, many board members discussed the need for an editor and enough materials being gathered together before work starts on a book.

*Rivarola moved and Gossett seconded:

That the AIS request that the AIS Foundation fund a monthly license for the Marketing Committee Chair to use Adobe InDesign. **Motion failed.

The meeting recessed for a break at 3:41 pm and came back at 3:54 pm.

RVP Counselor – Chair Cheryl Deaton reported that the RVPs want the symposium back in the bulletin and also an article should be placed in the bulletin on the reason why the irises are put in the symposium. Deaton also reported that the RVPs have a concern about the Regional Razin' Baskets for the silent auction. The money that is raised for them, is not worth the value contained in the baskets and also the cost involved in shipping them home to the winners. Many of the regions have now decided

not to donate baskets to the 2015 convention. Ludi reported that Region 13 would rather donate the money directly to the AIS, than make and donate a basket. Deaton also reported on the total lack of communication by some of the RVPs back to her and to the RVP Representative.

Deaton presented the list of RVPs for 2015 for approval with the exception of Region 8.

*S Boyce moved and Carver seconded:

That we accept the RVP list as presented except for Region 8. **Motion carried.

First Year RVPs:

Region 4: Anita Moran
Region 7: Janet Wilson
Region 13: Bob Seaman
Region 15: Debbie James

Second Year RVPs:

Region 1: Linda Corapi
Region 2: Judith Tucholski-Zon
Region 3: George Hildenbrandt
Region 5: Jeanette White
Region 10: Joe Musacchia
Region 17: Dawn Boyer
Region 20: Bob Van Liere
Region 21: Linda Wilkie
Region 23: Howard Dash
Region 24: Don Nelson

Third Year RVPs:

Region 6: James Copeland
Region 9: David Kelly
Region 11: Jim Sadler
Region 12: Helen West
Region 14: John Pesek
Region 18: Debbie Hughes
Region 22: James Bledsoe

Scientific Advisory Committee – Chair Bob Hollingworth was not present. His report noted that this has been a fairly quiet period.

Section and Cooperating Society Liaison – Chair Gary White reported that the Novelty Iris Society is moving towards petitioning the AIS Board of Directors for Section status, and they hope to do so at the 2015 Spring convention.

Silent Auction – Chair Debra Strauss was not present, but her report stresses donating items for the 2015 convention. Many board members agreed that the Regional Razin' Baskets idea has passed its prime and should be discontinued.

Symposium – Chair Riley Probst reported that 7 regions did not send in symposium results. Ways to increase participation were discussed.

The meeting recessed for dinner break at 5:00 pm and reconvened at 6:30 pm.

Youth – Chair Cheryl Deaton reported that there is a private school that would like to have a CIP for 34 youth, but the school board has privacy concerns and do not want the names or ages of the youth listed in the AIS membership rolls. They want to have false last names listed or no last names listed and no ages given at all, and want the AIS to change their policy to accommodate them. The AIS is willing to have an affidavit signed by the parent certifying the child is under 18 years old, but the name must be listed. A board member noted, all youth organizations such as boy scouts, girl scouts, or any youth sports teams, require full contact information: name, address, age and date of birth. Deaton noted that the AIS has a very strict Youth Protection Guideline in place that has served AIS well and no problems have ever arisen from this policy. The region's RVP, John Pesek, was in attendance and stated that he does not think that the affidavit paper that the AIS has made will be accepted by the school board. Pesek requested that the AIS redo the form. Deaton will work on this form with the AIS Legal Counsel.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Upon receiving no additional nominations from the floor, nominations were closed and the following slate of officers were elected by acclamation.

President – Jim Morris

1st Vice President – Gary White

2nd Vice President – Jody Nolin

Secretary – Michelle Snyder

Treasurer – Dwayne Booth

Editor – Kathleen Sonntag

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

Registrar/Recorder – John Jones and Joanne Prass-Jones

Membership Secretary – Tom Gormley

Recording Secretary – open

Publication/Sales – John and Kay Ludi

*Jones moved and Gossett seconded:

That the Administrative officers be reappointed. **Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Advertising Editor – Ron Killingsworth

Affiliations – Jody Nolin
Awards – Gerry Snyder
Calendars – Janet Smith
Convention Liaison – Paul Gossett
Donations Development – Cheryl Deaton
Electronic Services – John Jones
Exhibitions – Lois Rose, Susan Boyce, Karen & Ray Jones
Foundation Liaison – Gary White
Honorary Awards – Judy Keisling
Image Coordinator – Janet Smith
Insurance – Michelle Snyder
Iris Program Resources (Slides & Digital) – Janet Smith
Iris Program Resources (Speakers) – Gordon Carver
Judges – Judy Keisling
Judges Handbook Revision Committee – Betty Roberts
Legal Advisor – Veronica Johnson
Librarian – Dave Silverberg
National Collections, Display & Test Gardens – Bob Pries
Photo Contest – Janet Smith
Policy – Susan Boyce
Public Relations & Marketing – Susan Grigg and Bob Pries
RVP Counselor – open
RVP Representative – Jim Copeland
Scientific Advisory Committee – Bob Hollingworth
Section and Cooperating Society Liaison – Gary White
Silent Auction – Debra Strauss and Nick Stewart
Symposium – Riley Probst
Youth – Cheryl Deaton

*Snyder moved and Gossett seconded:

That the Committee Chairs as listed be re-appointed. **Motion carried.

Budget for 2014-2015

Treasurer Booth opened a line-by-line discussion of the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015, with changes that had been added and subtracted as they came up for discussion throughout the meeting. A discussion was held about raising the price of the yearly affiliation fee.

*S Boyce moved and Booth seconded:

That we raise the Affiliation fee to \$30.00 per year. **Motion carried by a vote of 7-4.

After going over the proposed budget, it shows a deficit of \$3,002.81.

*S Boyce moved and Snyder seconded:

That we accept the budget as modified. **Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The 2015 Spring meeting and convention will be held in Portland, Oregon, Monday, May 18th thru Saturday, May 23rd, at the Red Lion Hotel on the River-Jantzen Beach, Oregon, 909 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland Oregon 97217. 1-503-283-4466. The convention chair is John Ludi, 1-503-668-9230 and email kludi@juno.com.

1st Vice President White thanked Paul Gossett and his committee for hosting this board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Susan Boyce

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DALLAS, TEXAS APRIL 5-6, 2014

FULL MINUTES

President Jim Morris called the Spring Meeting of The American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 1:05 PM on Saturday, April 5, 2014, and announced a quorum was present. President Morris asked Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVPs, and guests to introduce themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President, Jim Morris; 1st Vice President, Gary White; 2nd Vice President, Jody Nolin; Secretary, Michelle Snyder; Treasurer, Dwayne Booth; and Editor, Kathleen Sonntag. **Administrative Officers:** Registrar/Recorder, John Jones; Recording Secretary, Susan Boyce; and Publication/Sales, John and Kay Ludi. **Directors:** George Boyce, Susan Boyce, Gordon Carver, Ron Cosner, Cheryl Deaton, Al Elliott, Paul Gossett, Susan Grigg, Ron Killingsworth, Bob Pries, and Debra Strauss. **RVP Representative:** Winona Stevenson. **Immediate Past President:** Judy Keisling. **Committee Chairs:** Riley Probst, Dave Silverberg, and Gerry Snyder. **RVPs:** Don Rude (4), Jim Copeland (6), James Bledsoe (22), and Howie Dash (23). **Guests:** Glenn Grigg (4), Jill Copeland (6), Ann Booth, Chad Harris, Fran Hawk, Nancy Price (13), Shirley Trio Probst (14), Lew Begley, Bonnie Nichols (17), and Jean Morris (18).

President Morris welcomed all and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may make motions and vote. President Morris requested the appointment of Gary White to serve as the Parliamentarian. Deaton moved and Stevenson seconded. Motion carried.

President Morris announced that Harold Griffie had resigned his position as Director on the Board of The American Iris Society. Morris announced that he has appointed Al Elliott to fill the remainder of Harold's term.

*Snyder moved and White seconded:

That we appoint Al Elliott to replace Hal Griffie on the Board. **Motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

New Orleans, Louisiana – November 1-2, 2013

*George Boyce moved and Susan Boyce seconded:

Approve Fall minutes as published on the website. **Motion carried.

President Morris requested that in the future when we post the minutes digitally, that we should identify them as draft minutes, because they are not officially approved until the next board meeting.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President – Jim Morris noted the passing of many well know irisarians this last year. President Morris requested John Jones be appointed as Motions Secretary.

*Deaton moved and Susan Boyce seconded:

That we appointed John Jones as Motions Secretary. **Motion carried.

Secretary – Michelle Snyder reported on the interim motions passed since the Fall 2013 AIS Board meeting.

1. *Michelle Snyder moved and Susan Boyce seconded:

That George Hildenbrandt be approved as incoming RVP for Region 3. **Motion carried.

2. *Susan Boyce moved and Deaton seconded:

That we raise the Shipping and Handling fee for the Exhibition supplies from \$12.00 to \$13.00 effective January 1, 2014. **Motion carried.

*Gossett moved and Booth seconded:

That the interim email vote actions be approved. **Motion carried.

1st Vice President – Gary White had no report.

2nd Vice President – Jody Nolin had no report.

Treasurer – Dwayne Booth reported on the financial five month status of the AIS. He encouraged raising fees in a few areas of the AIS. No action was taken on the subject at this time. Booth also noted some problems with money being received from the company that handles the transactions for the AIS Storefront shopping cart after orders are placed and shipped out. More research will be done to correct this problem. Booth recommended that the AIS stop producing calendars starting with 2016. This will be addressed in the Publication/Sales report.

Advertising Editor – Ron Killingsworth reported that he expects a decrease in the number of display advertisements placed for the year.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership Secretary – Tom Gormley was not present, but his report indicated a small increase in memberships. White asked how many memberships are actually people who hold an E-membership and also a regular AIS membership. The number is not listed in Tom's report. Ideas for gaining and retaining new member were discussed.

Registrar/Recorder – John Jones reported that the 2013 R&I is now available for sale. Morris noted that he received a request that the iris name reserve time be changed from the current three years to five years. Several years ago it was five years. After a discussion, Jones recommended that it be kept at three years. Also discussed was the possibility of changing the printing of the ten year checklist, and breaking it up and printing it every 5 years. After a discussion it was recommended that we keep the current ten year checklist.

The meeting recessed for a break at 3:01 pm and reconvened at 3:15 pm for Executive session. The Executive session recessed for the dinner break at 4:45 pm and the General meeting reconvened at 7:00 pm.

Registrar/Recorder continued.

Jones reported on the discussion held during the Executive session regarding using trademark names as iris names. After a discussion:

*Deaton moved and Stevenson seconded:

That we hold in abeyance any action on Motion 5, AIS board meeting Fall 2013 regarding trademark disclaimer. **Motion failed.

It was also noted that when a hybridizer sends in the registration form for a new iris name, the registration form has to be signed in pen before being submitted. Jones also noted the huge volume of registrations that are received at the end of the registration year, which results in some delay of processing the registrations in a timely manner. A discussion was held and ideas were brought up to encourage hybridizers to register their new introductions earlier in the year. It was decided that this will be addressed later in this meeting.

Recording Secretary/Policy – Susan Boyce had no report.

Publication/Sales – John Ludi reported on the 2015 calendar sales. He recommends that we wait until the Fall 2014 Board meeting, when we have a more up to date sales information on the sales of the 2015 calendar, before we decide if we should discontinue printing the calendar starting with the 2016 calendar. The board revisited the recommendation of Treasurer Booth to lower the price of the older 10-year checklists in order to sell some of the stock at the AIS Storefront.

*Susan Boyce moved and Booth seconded:

**That we change the price of the 1939 thru 1999 Check List each to \$5.00.

Motion carried.

Editor – Kathleen Sonntag recommended that the monthly date on the *IRISES* (January/February, April/May, July/August, and October/November) be changed to

Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall. There was a lot of discussion as this seasonal connotation has been used twice in the past and was changed back to January, April, July, and October dates rather quickly. After an extremely lengthy discussion:

*Pries moved and Keisling seconded:

**That the Editor of *IRISES* may title the issues seasonally (Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall) and that the target publication dates be January, April, July, and October.

Motion carried by a vote of 9-5.

Sonntag also expressed a desire to discontinue all entry forms, (registration forms and entry forms), as she feels most people do not use these forms. The subject of printing a special yearly business supplement was again brought up to the board. There was a discussion on removing the photo contest entry form, since this contest is handled exclusively on the internet.

*Keisling moved and White seconded:

That we discontinue printing the Photo Contest Entry form in *IRISES*. **Motion carried.

Another lengthy discussion was held about keeping the convention registration form in the Fall and Winter issues to encourage attendance at the conventions.

*White moved and Gossett seconded:

**That we create a business supplement for the Winter January issue of *IRISES*.

After a discussion about the unknown cost of printing a business supplement:

*Deaton moved and Snyder seconded: That we table this motion until the Nov 2014 Board meeting.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

1. Library ad hoc committee – Chair Ron Cosner reported slow progress on evaluating the options of possibly relocating the AIS Library. Also discussed was the possibility of digitizing some of the contents of the library.
2. Operations Manual Review – Debra Strauss reported on the job descriptions that she has already received.

The meeting recessed for a break at 9:00 pm and reconvened at 9:14 pm.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Affiliations – Chair Susan Boyce reported on the affiliation process and the problems that have happened this year.

Affiliates Liaison – Jody Nolin reported on the confusion that she has also encountered with affiliates confusing her position with the affiliations position. She noted that the Affiliates Liaison and Affiliations used to be one combined position and since the division of this job several years ago, many problems have arisen having two different committees. She noted that these two positions should be combined in the future. Nolin also noted that she has just sent out a new survey to the affiliates and will be receiving the results of this survey shortly, and will report back at the Fall Board meeting.

Awards – Chair Gerry Snyder reported that the Awards ballot was sent to the printer on March 25th and it will be mailed to the AIS Judges shortly. He also noted that the online voting will be available soon.

Calendar – Chair Janet Smith was not present, and it was noted again that the decision about whether to print a 2016 calendar will be decided at the Fall Board meeting.

Convention Liaison – Chair Paul Gossett reported that he is now the convention chairman for the 2016 convention in Newark, New Jersey as Essex County has released all of their paid personnel. The new contact person for Essex County is Nancy Skjei-Lawes. Gossett also reported that the 2017 convention will be one day shorter in length. Michelle Snyder presented a proposal for the 2016 Fall Board meeting to be held in Sedona, Arizona.

*Gossett moved and Nolin seconded:

That the Board meeting for Fall 2016 be in Sedona, Arizona. **Motion carried.

Gossett remarked about the search for a site for 2020, which is the AIS' 100th anniversary. Morris asked Pries about the progress of the AIS 100th anniversary book. Morris wants to be kept notified of the progress of this special project.

Donations Development – Chair Cheryl Deaton reported a need for a few more members for this committee. Deaton stated that she is working on an article for *IRISES*, about members including the AIS in their estate planning and wills.

Electronic Services – Chair John Jones reported that the Board still needs to decide what other libraries will receive the digitized AIS bulletin archives. The Board needs to adopt a policy of whether non AIS members or E-members can make individual copies of the bulletins. White noted the possibility, that if non AIS members want a copy, then they should be charged a nominal fee.

Exhibitions – Susan Boyce reported an update in the number of approved iris shows to 128. White noted that the process for approving iris shows, ordering iris show supplies, and reporting the results of an iris show is very easy and much improved.

Legal Advisor – Veronica Johnson was not present, and her report encouraged the AIS to continue to compile the AIS job descriptions and policies into a manual.

Honorary Awards – Chair Judy Keisling reported that a limited number of special medals are left and will need to be ordered, and this will need to be addressed at the Fall Board meeting.

Image Coordinator – Chair Janet Smith was not present, but her report indicated a poor response from the hybridizers in sending in a picture of their new iris introductions to her. Pries stated that he believes that the form should be redone and the policy rewritten. Keisling suggested that since Pries was on the original committee, he should

rewrite this policy, and President Morris requested that Pries have this ready to present at the Fall Board meeting.

Insurance – Chair Michelle Snyder reported that everything is running smoothly.

Iris Programs Resources (Slides & Digital) – Chair Janet Smith was not present. Her report showed the income and expenses of this committee.

Iris Programs Resources (Speakers) – Chair Gordon Carver was not present, but his report noted that he is updating the speakers list.

Judges – Chair Judy Keisling had no report.

Judges Handbook Revision Committee – President Morris noted the new appointment of Betty Roberts to head up this committee and needs the Board approval for this appointment.

*White moved and Stevenson seconded:

Approve Betty Roberts as Chairman of the Judges' Handbook Revision Committee. **Motion carried.

Library – Chair Dave Silverberg reported on the newest library additions and the work he has done.

National Collections, Display, & Test Gardens – Chair Bob Pries reported that he has started a site on the Iris Encyclopedia for display or test gardens.

Photo Contest – Chair Janet Smith was not present, but her report stated that the 2014 Photo Contest has now started.

The meeting recessed for the evening at 10:51 pm.

Sunday, April 6, 2014 – the meeting was called back to order at 9:08 pm.

Public Relations – Chair Bob Pries reported on the Iris Wiki. President Morris noted that there is going to be a meeting, Coalition of American Plant Societies, and he is requesting Bob Pries to attend on behalf of The American Iris Society. He would like Pries to be reimbursed for some of the expenses.

*Killingsworth moved and White seconded:

That we reimburse Bob Pries up to \$400.00 to attend Coalition of American Plant Societies Alexandria, VA from the Public Relations Budget. **Motion carried.

RVP Counselor – Chair Cheryl Deaton reported the results of the RVP Board of Counselors meeting. Jim Copeland, Region 6, is the new RVP Board Representative. The Nominating Committee representatives are Linda Corapi (Region 1) and Dawn Boyer (Region 17).

RVP Representative – Winona Stevenson had no report.

Scientific Advisory Committee – Chair Bob Hollingworth was not present and did not send in a report.

Section and Cooperating Society Liaison – Chair Gary White reported on the meeting and some of the topics discussed were some of the problems with dwindling memberships and some of the successes of the sections. White announced that Riley Probst (Reblooming Iris Society) will be the Section Representative to the AIS Nominating Committee.

Silent Auction – Chair Debra Strauss reported that she sent 80 letters out to the hybridizers for donations for the 2014 silent auction.

Symposium – Chair Riley Probst reported that the symposium ballot will be coming out in late May and will be available for downloading and printing from the AIS Website. Probst encouraged all to print up the ballot, take copies of it to their regional and affiliate events, and distribute them to all the AIS members so they can vote their symposium ballot.

Youth – Chair Cheryl Deaton reported that there are currently 283 youth members. 105 are in Region 14. Deaton announced the winners of the Clarke Cosgrove Award. Colin Campbell (Region 4) is the winner, 1st runner up is Sarah Green (Region 21), and 2nd runner up is Faith Winzer (18). Deaton also announced the winners of the Ackerman Essay contest. They are: Haley Cannavan, Region 18 (12 and under age group) and Colin Campbell, Region 4, (13 and up age group).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Electronic Services: John Jones reported back on the issue of the registration fee.

*Deaton moved and Booth seconded:

That effective 1 Dec 2014 the fee to register, reserve, or transfer an iris name for the period from 1 Dec of the registration year through 30 June of the registration year will be \$15.00 for North America and \$10.00 if registered through an Associate Registrar in a non-North American country, and for the period 1 July of the registration year through 30 Nov of the registration year the fee to register, reserve, or transfer an iris name will be \$20.00 for North America and \$15.00 if registered through an Associate Registrar in a non-North American country. All payments must be post marked or made by Paypal payment (for non-North American registrants) by the end date of the respective period to qualify for the associated fee. **Motion carried.

Storefront: John Ludi reported back on the possible repricing of the older Registration & Introduction yearly booklets. He recommended that they be reduced from \$8.00 to \$2.00.

*Susan Boyce moved and Nolin seconded:

That the price for the 2000 through 2009 R&I's be reduced from \$8.00 to \$2.00 each. **Motion carried.

Foundation – Chair Gary White reported on the Foundation meeting held earlier in the evening. White announced that Jill Bonino will become the new treasurer for the Foundation. White also reported on the projects currently being funded.

Report of the Nominating Committee – Chair Nancy Price presented the slate of nominees for consideration as candidates for the four director positions on The American Iris Society Board of Directors: Don Rude (4), Susan Boyce (12), John Ludi (13), John Jones (14), Riley Probst (14), Janet Smith (14), Andi Rivarola (15), and Gerry Snyder (15).

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm for Executive Session.

The Board of Directors went into Executive Session at 9:55 pm until 10:18 pm, with the Regular Session called to order at 10:20 pm.

President Morris announced the Director Nominees selected for the three-year terms which will expire in 2017 are: Susan Boyce, John Jones, John Ludi, and Andi Rivarola.

Nominating Committee Appointments – President Morris announced the appointment of Susan Boyce and Paul Gossett as Board representatives to the 2015 AIS Nominating Committee. Susan Boyce and Gossett will join Linda Corapi (RVP), Dawn Boyer (RVP), and Riley Probst (Sections) as members of this committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Fall Board Meeting will be held November 7-8, 2014 at the Hilton Salt Lake City Airport Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah. 2014 Fall Meeting Chair, Paul Gossett may be reached at pwgossett@juno.com or (918) 853-6204.

The Spring 2015 AIS Board Meeting and Convention will be held May 18-23, in Portland, Oregon.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Boyce

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA NOVEMBER 1-2, 2013

FULL MINUTES

President Jim Morris called the Fall Meeting of The American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 7:00 PM on Friday, November 1, 2013, and announced a quorum was present. President Morris asked Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVPs, and

guests to introduce themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President, Jim Morris; 1st Vice President, Gary White; 2nd Vice President, Jody Nolin; General Secretary, Michelle Snyder; and Treasurer, Dwayne Booth. **Administrative Officers:** Registrar/Recorder, John Jones; Membership Secretary, Tom Gormley; Recording Secretary, Susan Boyce; and Publication/Sales, John and Kay Ludi. **Directors:** Susan Boyce, Ron Cosner, Cheryl Deaton, Harold Griffie, Susan Grigg, Ron Killingsworth, Bob Pries, Andi Rivarola, and Debbie Strauss. **Immediate Past President:** Judy Keisling. **RVP Representative:** Winona Stevenson. **Committee Chairs:** Riley Probst and Gerry Snyder. **RVPs:** Joe Musacchia (10) and Donald Nelson (24). **Guests:** Glenn Grigg (4), Patrick O'Connor (10), Ann Booth (13), Shirley Trio Probst (14), Jean Morris (18), Linda Rader (21), Melvin Campbell and Pat Nelson (24).

President Morris welcomed all and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may vote. President Morris appointed Gary White as the Parliamentarian.

*Grigg moved and Booth seconded:

*That John Jones be appointed as Motion Secretary. **Motion carried.**

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

Michelle Snyder announced that she has received no additional nominations; therefore the published candidates for the AIS Board of Directors are duly elected by acclamation. They are: George Boyce (3), Gordon Carver (17), Susan Grigg (4), and Debbie Strauss (17).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Dallas, Texas - April 15-16, 2013

Two corrections to the minutes were noted. Under the Membership Secretary report, it said "projected budge", it should have been "projected budget". Under Electronic Services report, it was noted that the scanned bulletins "was" to be, it should have stated that the scanned bulletins "were" to be.

*Snyder moved and Deaton seconded:

*That we accept the minutes as amended (corrected typos). **Motion carried.**

In accordance with standard practice, Morris asked for affirmation of interim Board actions taken by email vote since the April 2013 Board meeting.

1. *Strauss moved and Pries seconded:

That we "plastic wrap" the AIS Bulletin *IRISES* for mailing. **Motion carried by a vote of 10-9.

2. *Keisling moved and Susan Boyce seconded:

That we confirm the AIS President's appointment of Jody Nolin as Chairman of the Intellectual Properties ad hoc committee. **Motion carried.

*Nolin moved and Deaton seconded:

That we accept the motions voted electronically. **Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President - Jim Morris noted the passing of past AIS President Clarence Mahan. Morris stated that he would like to have a new section created in the Judges Training handbook addressing growing irises in containers. Morris noted that many irisarians grow irises in containers due to smaller yards and also more and more people living in apartments have only patios and porches with pots to grow their flowers in. He also asked for a separate section of all judging point scales as a quick comparison guide. A sample was submitted for review and given to Hal Griffie as chairman of the Judges' Handbook Revision Committee.

1st Vice President - Gary White had no report.

2nd Vice President - Jody Nolin had no report.

Secretary - Michelle Snyder reported on managing the AIS' lists, AISDiscuss, AISVote, and AISConfirm. She needs to be kept informed of any and all changes, so she can keep these lists updated, so all can be included in all communications.

Treasurer - Dwayne Booth reported that we were in a better financial state this last fiscal year.

Editor - President Morris will delay this report until later in the board meeting. New editor Kathleen Sonntag is in transit.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley reported that the AIS membership increased by one member this year from this time last year. He noted that this is much better than losing a couple hundred of memberships each year.

Registrar/Recorder - John Jones reported that he is working on developing a fillable pdf form for use by the hybridizers to register irises electronically. In President Morris' report, he suggested that the AIS put out a 5 year checklist, two times in the 10 year period instead of one very large checklist every 10 years. The pros and cons were discussed and Jones was asked to investigate the costs and report back to the board. President Morris also reported about name trademarks and the possible problems that have started to pop up. For example "Got Milk" is a trademark of the California Milk Processor Board and it is also an iris registered in 2002. Other irises have been named with a trademark name and have been requested to be renamed or not sold or distributed. After a statement from Veronica Johnson, AIS Legal Counsel was read, and after a discussion:

*Susan Boyce moved and Deaton seconded:

**That we add a "trademarked name" disclaimer on the Iris Registration form.

Motion carried.

Recording Secretary/Policy - Susan Boyce reported that she still receives a few phone calls every month in regards to the meeting minutes. She also talked about the policy regarding the affiliation agreement. In doing research, she has not been able to find the latest affiliation agreement and if one could be located, it will probably need to be updated. Boyce noted that she has been working on a new affiliations agreement and will present the new affiliation agreement it in her Affiliations report.

Publications/Sales - John Ludi reported on the inventory that is being stored. Ludi reported that the new postage rate increases have already been added into the shipping rates for 2014. Ludi also noted the poor sales numbers for the 2014 calendars. He also noted that he has received several complaints about the small size of the calendars. He requested that a larger size, but smaller order number of calendars be ordered for 2015.

*Snyder moved and Stevenson seconded:

That we print 1000, 2015 6x9 calendars. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for a break and Executive session at 9:00 pm. The meeting reconvened at 9:50 pm.

Editor - The hiring of Kathleen Sonntag as Editor was announced effective with the January/February 2014 *IRISES*. Kathleen was detained in the Los Angeles airport because of the shooting there. Kelly Norris was not present, but his report stated that he is working with the new editor, Kathleen Sonntag, during this transition time. Another discussion was held about the designation of *IRISES* being renamed as a "magazine" versus the current designation of "bulletin". It was decided to keep it as a "bulletin".

Advertising Editor - Ron Killingsworth requested that the advertising rates for the back cover be changed. The board requested that he report back with proposed new rates later in the meeting.

New Business - President Morris reported that the Region 4 Board of Directors would like to add an award to the AIS Convention each year, for the Best Seedling seen at the convention, voted by the attendees attending the convention. Pries noted this would be in honor of Clarence Mahan and Lloyd Zurbrigg, both members of Region 4, who have now passed on.

*Snyder moved and Booth seconded:

That we create the Lloyd Zurbrigg-Clarence Mahan Award for the Best Seedling as seen in the convention gardens and voted on by the attendees at the AIS National Convention beginning in 2014. The cost of design and construction of the award to be funded by Region 4. **Motion carried.

Riley Probst reported that the James M Gibson Iris Society would like to honor two of their Charter members, George and Margaret Sutton, by also presenting a special award. The Board of Directors asked that Probst report back at the Spring board meeting with more specifics as to which kind of award they would like this to be.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

1. Commercial Fundraising Committee - Chair Jody Nolin reported that this report was presented at the Spring 2013 Board meeting, but the Board never acted upon this report.

*Pries moved and Deaton seconded:

That we adopt The Commercial Fundraising Recommended Guidelines as presented at the Spring 2013 Board meeting. **Motion carried.

2. Intellectual Property Committee - Chair Jody Nolin stated that Veronica Johnson, John Jones, Andi Rivarola, Janet Smith, and Gerry Snyder were members of this committee. This committee set out to define guidelines in the management and protection of the AIS' Intellectual Property. Nolin noted that this is a good starting point and this will evolve over time and she presented this report for Board approval.

*Pries moved and Snyder seconded:

That we adopt as policy the recommendations of the Intellectual Properties Committee as presented at the 2013 AIS Fall Board meeting. **Motion carried.

3. Library ad hoc committee - Chair Ron Cosner reported on some of the problems in contacting different persons in trying to obtain information needed for his report. There seems to be some confusion on what direction the library needs to go. White stated that the library committee needs to have a definite direction plan in which to proceed with. A vision statement is needed and also cooperation from the librarian. President Morris will send a letter to Dave Silverberg requesting the library inventory. Keisling reviewed the report of the old Library committee from 2010. The consensus at that time was that the library should be located somewhere in Oregon. President Morris asked Keisling to have a copy of the 2010 report sent to Ron Cosner, the Library committee chair.

*Pries moved and Booth seconded:

That the Library Committee create an Accession Policy to be presented at the next Board meeting. **Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for the evening at 11:39 pm

Saturday November 2, 2013 - the meeting was called back to order 8:01 am.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports - continued

4. Operations Manual Review - Debbie Strauss reported that she has sent out email reminders to all to review their AIS job descriptions and update them. Several board and committee members stated that they have not received any emails from her at all. She will follow-up with them.

Unfinished business:

Advertising Editor - Ron Killingsworth presented a new price rate for the *IRISES* bulletin back cover.

*Killingsworth moved and Snyder seconded:

**That the advertising rates for display advertisements in *IRISES* be changed as follows:

The full page outside back cover be changed from \$800 to \$600.

The 1/2 page outside back cover be changed from \$400 to \$300. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Affiliations Liaison - Chair Jody Nolin reported that the AIS Affiliates discuss group has been really slow for the last six months. Nolin discussed sending out a new affiliate survey.

Awards - Chair Gerry Snyder reported on the glitches that were encountered at the AIS convention in presenting the Wister awards. He will follow-up with TBIS to solve the problem for 2014. Gerry Snyder reported on the Nelson Award, which is awarded to the iris which has won the most "Best of Show" awards. There are often ties and thus there is no clear winner every year. Several individuals have stated that since there is no clear award winner every year, that the Nelson Award should be discontinued. After a discussion, it was decided to continue with this award, and promote it more on the AIS Wiki, and have an article about the award put into the *IRISES* Bulletin.

Calendar - Chair Janet Smith was not in attendance, and her request for a smaller order of 2015 calendars was already covered under the Publication/Sales report.

Convention Liaison - Chair Paul Gossett was not in attendance. Keisling reported on a request from the Iris Society of Dallas for assistance in the form of a donation in covering the cost of renting the audio visual equipment for the 2014 Spring convention. Attendance at the 2014 convention is expected to be less than the 2013 convention and costs have been cut back as far as can be and any financial assistance would be greatly appreciated.

*Keisling moved and Deaton seconded:

That the AIS donate \$2,000.00 to the Iris Society of Dallas for the audio visual expenses of AIS functions at the 2014 AIS Spring Convention. **Motion carried.

Gary White presented an invitation from Region 21 to host the 2015 AIS Fall Board meeting and also host the 2017 AIS Spring Convention.

*Deaton moved and Stevenson seconded:

That we accept the offer of Region 21 to host the 2015 AIS Fall Board meeting in Omaha, NE. **Motion carried.

*Deaton moved and Snyder seconded:

That we accept the offer of Region 21 to host the 2017 AIS Spring Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. **Motion carried.

Gossett's report also stated that he is looking to have the 2020 convention, the AIS' 100th anniversary, somewhere in New York.

Donations - Chair Gary White reported on the donations that have been received since April 1, 2013. White noted that donations are steadily decreasing and he would like to have a new Donations Development Committee be formed to assist with increasing donations for both the AIS and the AIS Foundation.

*White moved and Nolin seconded:

That a Donations Development Committee be appointed to plan focused donation drives and to prepare reminders in *IRISES* and/or letters to Affiliates, Regions, membership about donations, various Funds, how to donate, and new methods for donating. **Motion carried.

Cheryl Deaton volunteered for this position. Andi Rivarola and Shirley Trio Probst will also join this committee. White noted that someone from the Foundation will also be joining this committee.

The meeting recessed for a break at 10:11 am and reconvened back at 10:34 am.

Affiliations - Chair Susan Boyce reported that since the old Affiliation Agreement cannot be located, she has drafted and updated a new Affiliation Agreement and has worked with Veronica Johnson, the AIS Legal Counsel in developing this new agreement for presentation to the AIS Board of Directors for approval. The Affiliation Agreement-Requirements for Affiliation are as follows:

1. Elected officers must be current AIS members for the duration of their term.
2. A renewing society must submit an application for affiliation each year. New affiliates may join at any time.
3. All Affiliate Board meetings and Elections must follow the current edition of Roberts, Rules, and Orders and cannot be in conflict with the by-laws of The American Iris Society.
4. All general meetings must be open to the public.
5. Any AIS sanctioned show sponsored by the Affiliate, must adhere to AIS show rules.
6. The society must state its affiliation with AIS on show schedules, publications, and publicity releases, and include, when possible, an invitation to join AIS.
7. The AIS and/or the Region shall not be responsible for the debts or liabilities of any of the Affiliates, unless agreed upon in advance and in writing.
8. If an Affiliate disbands, the remaining funds (after all the bills are paid), are turned over to the Region or an associated non profit, subject to their by-laws.

*Susan Boyce moved and Killingsworth seconded:

That we approve the Application For Affiliation Agreement. **Motion carried.

Electronic Services - Chair John Jones reported that the wiki server has moved and no longer negatively impacts the function of the AIS Website.

The meeting recessed for Executive session at 11:03 am and broke for lunch at 12 noon. The Executive session resumed at 1:15 pm and the meeting reconvened back at 1:55 pm.

Honorary Awards - President Morris announced the results of the Honorary Awards.

The Hybridizers Medal was awarded to Bill Maryott (14).

The Distinguished Service Medals are awarded to: John Jones (14), John Ludi (13), and Bob Pries (4).

The new Emeritis Judges are: Jim and Jill Copeland (6), Bonnie Nichols (17), and Patricia Randall (23).

Exhibitions - Susan Boyce reported that more iris shows were held in 2013 than was held in 2012. Boyce noted that the USPS package postal rate increases for 2014 have not been announced yet and when she finds out, she will ask for a rate increase via AISDiscuss. For the show reports, Karen and Ray Jones have requested that the show reports be moved from the Membership Services area of the AIS Website to another area on the website. John Jones will move them to the Awards area of the website.

Foundation Liaison - Chair Gary White reported that five of the six ongoing research projects are fully funded and paid. White also noted two new grants have been awarded for new studies. White announced that the 2014 Ackerman Youth Essay contest has now started and the deadline for submission of essays is March 1, 2014. The theme of this years contest is "Why, When, and Where did you become interested in Irises?".

Image Coordinator - Chair Janet Smith was not present. Her report indicated that she receives no iris photos and the release forms for this position. She recommends that this position be discontinued. Keisling recommended that we leave the position as is and try to figure out how to make this work like we would like it to work.

Insurance - Chair Michelle Snyder reported that the insurance premium went up \$320 this year for inflation. Snyder reported that for Aug 2012 to Aug 2013, the policy time frame, she had received copies of 73 certificates issued by the insurance company that were sent to affiliates for insurance coverage.

Iris Programs Resources (Slides & Digital) - Chair Janet Smith was not in attendance. Ludi noted that these programs are available on the AIS Storefront shopping cart for purchase.

Iris Programs Resources (Speakers) - Chair Gordon Carver was not present and did not send in a report.

Legal Advisor - Chair Veronica Johnson was not present, but her report encourages compiling AIS policies into a central location that can ready be readily accessed and referenced.

Library - Chair Dave Silverberg was not in attendance and his report had no action that needed attention.

National Collections, Display, & Test Gardens - Chair Bob Pries noted that the Presby Gardens are in the process of trying to become a National Collection Garden. Pries presented the report of the Garden Committee.

*Pries moved and White seconded:

That we accept the report of the Garden Committee as policy for AIS National Collections, Display, and Test Gardens. **Motion carried.

Photo Contest - Chair Janet Smith was not present, and her report stated that she will be restructuring the entry form verbage, hoping to clarify and resolve the problems experienced this year.

Judges - Chair Judy Keisling reported that there are 521 fully accredited judges. Down 27 from last year. Keisling presented the list of judges for approval for 2014.

*Keisling moved and Snyder seconded:

That the list of judges be approved as submitted. **Motion carried.

Keisling noted that she has received several requests that Master judges be allowed to receive credit for training an apprentice judge for in-garden training.

*Keisling moved and Rivarola seconded:

That we allow Master Judges to receive up to one hour credit every three year period for in-garden training tutoring of an apprentice judge. **Motion carried.

Judges Handbook Revision Committee - Chair Harold Griffie reported that he will be contacting each iris section and cooperating society to check to see if they have any suggested changes for the Judges Training Handbook. Keisling reported that she has finished rewriting the judges section in the Judges Training Handbook.

Public Relations - Co-chair Bob Pries reported that the digital *News and Notes* is now being sent out the start of every month. It was noted that the voucher program will continue through 2014 and they have three new nurseries participating this next year.

RVP Counselor - Chair Cheryl Deaton reported that the biggest problem she has encountered, is RVPs communicating with her. Most contact her regularly, but some do not contact her at all. Deaton presented the list of RVPs for 2014 for approval. Deaton noted that the election for the RVP for Region 3 will be held next weekend, and after she is notified of the new RVP, she will have it posted on AIS Vote for confirmation.

*Strauss moved and Rivarola seconded:

That we accept the RVP list (except Region 3 - awaiting the results of their Fall meeting) as presented at the 2013 Fall Board meeting. **Motion carried.

First Year RVPs:

Region 1: Linda Corapi

Region 2: Judith Tucholski-Zon

Region 5: Jeanette White

Region 10: Joe Musacchia

Region 17: Dawn Boyer

Region 20: Bob VanLiere

Region 21: Linda Wilkie

Region 23: Howard Dash

Region 24: Don Nelson

Second Year RVPs:

Region 6: James Copeland
Region 8: Carol Jo Shonka
Region 9: David Kelly
Region 11: Angelique Violette
Region 12: Helen West
Region 14: John Pesek
Region 18: Debbie Hughes
Region 22: James Bledsoe

Third Year RVPs:

Region 4: Don Rude
Region 7: Sue Ann Barnes
Region 13: Dwayne Booth
Region 15: Winona Stevenson

RVP Representative - Winona Stevenson had no report.

Scientific Advisory Committee - Chair Bob Hollingworth was not present, but his report stated that because of the interest rates on the CDs are very low, the Foundation now has a limited capacity to fund new projects. However, they still welcome new research proposals of modest scope.

Section and Cooperating Society Liaison - Chair Gary White reported that at the Spring convention Section and Cooperating Society meeting, two issues of importance came forward. The first one was of member retention and growth and the second issue of problems with filing with the Internal Revenue Service. These were discussed.

Silent Auction - Co-chair Debbie Strauss encouraged all to donate to the silent auction.

Symposium - Chair Riley Probst reported that he did not receive symposium votes from four of the regions. Probst stated that he has several requests to put the symposium ballot back in the *IRISES* bulletin. It was decided to have the new editor investigate the cost of adding an insert with the bulletin into the plastic wrap.

Youth - Chair Cheryl Deaton reported on the number of youth in the Regions. She also noted that there are four active classroom iris projects. Deaton also noted that the youth website is back up and running again.

Meeting recessed for a break at 4:11 pm and back at 4:23 pm.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Upon receiving no additional nominations from the floor, nominations were closed and the following slate of officers were elected by acclamation.

President - Jim Morris

1st Vice President - Gary White
2nd Vice President - Jody Nolin
Secretary - Michelle Snyder
Treasurer - Dwayne Booth
Editor - Kathleen Sonntag

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

Registrar/Recorder - John Jones and Joanne Prass Jones
Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley
Recording Secretary - Susan Boyce
Publication/Sales - John and Kay Ludi

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Advertising Editor - Ron Killingsworth
Affiliates Liaison - Jody Nolin
Affiliations - Susan Boyce
Awards - Gerry Snyder
Calendars - Janet Smith
Convention Liaison - Paul Gossett
Donations Development - Cheryl Deaton
Electronic Services - John Jones
Exhibitions - Lois Rose, Susan Boyce, Karen & Ray Jones
Foundation Liaison - Gary White
Honorary Awards - Judy Keisling
Insurance - Michelle Snyder
Iris Program Resources (Slides & Digital) - Janet Smith
Iris Program Resources (Speakers) - Gordon Carver
Judges - Judy Keisling
Judges Handbook Revision Committee - Harold Griffie
Legal Advisor - Veronica Johnson
Librarian - Dave Silverberg
National Collections, Display & Test Gardens - Bob Pries
Photo Contest - Janet Smith
Public Relations & Marketing - Susan Grigg and Bob Pries
RVP Counselor - Cheryl Deaton
RVP Representative - Winona Stevenson
Scientific Advisory Committee - Bob Hollingworth
Section and Cooperating Society Liaison - Gary White
Silent Auction - Debra Strauss and Nick Stewart
Symposium - Riley Probst
Youth - Cheryl Deaton

*Deaton moved and Stevenson seconded. **Motion carried.**

The meeting recessed for dinner break at 5:10 pm and reconvened back at 6:20 pm.

Budget for 2013-2014

Treasurer Booth opened a line-by-line discussion of the Proposed Budget for the

fiscal year 2013-2014, with changes that had been added and subtracted as they came up for discussion throughout the meeting. After going over the proposed budget, it shows a projected deficit of \$7,262.40

*Rivarola moved and Griffie seconded:

That we accept the budget as adjusted. **Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Spring 2014 meeting and convention will be held in Dallas, Texas, Saturday, April 5th thru Thursday April 10th (Note the change in days of the week) at the Crowne Plaza Hotel & Resort-North Dallas-Addison, 14315 Midway Rd, Addison, Texas 77001. 1-972-980-8877. The convention chair is Bonnie Nichols, 1-214-352-2191 and email bjnhtn@aol.com.

President Morris thanked Ron Killingsworth and the Region 10 members for hosting this board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Boyce

**AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DALLAS, TEXAS
APRIL 15-16, 2013**

FULL MINUTES

President Jim Morris called the Spring Meeting of The American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 1:00 PM on Monday, April 15, 2013, and announced a quorum was present. President Morris asked Board Members, Committee Chairpersons, RVPs, and guests to introduce themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President, Jim Morris; 1st Vice President, Gary White; 2nd Vice President, Jody Nolin; Secretary, Michelle Snyder; Editor, Kelly Norris, and Advertising Editor, Ron Killingsworth. **Administrative Officers:** Registrar/Recorder, John Jones; Recording Secretary/Policy, Susan Boyce; and Publication/Sales, John and Kay Ludi. **Directors:** Susan Boyce, Cheryl Deaton, Paul Gossett, Harold Griffie, Susan Grigg, Ron Killingsworth, John Ludi, Bob Pries, Andi Rivarola, and Debra Strauss. **RVP Representative:** Gordon Carver. **Immediate Past President:** Judy Keisling. **Committee Chairpersons:** Bob Hollingworth, Veronica Johnson, Riley Probst, Lois Rose, Dave Silverberg, Nick Stewart, and Gerry Snyder. **RVPs:** Donna Lowry (2), George Boyce (3), Don Rude (4), Wayne Smith (5), Jim Copeland (6), John Pesek (14), Winona Stevenson (15), and James Bledsoe (22). **Guests:** Glenn Grigg, David Potembski (4), Jill Copeland (6), Dave & Debra Miller (9), Shirley Trio Probst (14), Dell Perry, Bonnie Nichols (17), and Jean Morris (18).

President Morris welcomed all and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may make motions and vote. President Morris also appointed Gary White as the Parliamentarian. White noted the rules of making and modifying motions and speaking at the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Columbus, Ohio - November 2-3, 2012

One correction to the minutes was noted. Under the Budget section, a motion was made that named the Columbia Iris Society, and it should have said Columbus Iris Society.

*Snyder moved and Ludi seconded:

**That we accept the minutes of the November 2012 meeting as corrected.

Motion carried.

In accordance with standard practice, Morris asked for affirmation of interim Board actions taken by email vote since the November 2012 Board meeting.

*Snyder moved and Gossett seconded:

That Bob Hollingworth be approved as the new chair of the Scientific Committee. **Motion carried.

*Snyder moved and Keisling seconded:

That Bob Pries be named as Chairperson for the AIS National Collections, Display and Test Gardens committee. **Motion carried.

*Nolin moved and Carver seconded:

That we accept the Secretary's report on interim board actions. **Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President - Jim Morris noted that he is honored to serve as the President of The American Iris Society.

President Morris appointed John Jones as Motion Secretary.

*Keisling moved and White seconded:

That John Jones be appointed Motion Secretary. **Motion carried.

1st Vice President - Gary White had no report.

2nd Vice President - Jody Nolin had no report.

Secretary - Michelle Snyder thanked those who sent in their reports to her in a timely manner.

Treasurer - Dwayne Booth was absent, but his detailed report presented the financial status of AIS through February 28, 2013 with income exceeding expenses of \$10,747.61 for the period. He cautioned that interim financial statements are a snapshot in time and may not represent trends that continue (profit or loss) for the remainder of the fiscal year through September 30, 2013.

Editor - Kelly Norris was not currently present, but will report later in the meeting.

Advertising Editor - Ron Killingsworth reported on starting in this position. He talked about ways of increasing the number of advertisements in the IRISES in issues other than the April/May issue, which is already full of advertisements. After a discussion:

*Pries moved and Gossett seconded:

That if an advertiser takes out an ad in the AIS bulletin, that advertiser may run another comparable size ad within the current calendar year for 1/2 the cost. **Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley was absent, but provided a detailed report. After an increase in membership last year of 130, his report of 3/31/2013 indicated a decrease of 128 with the membership totaling 4,382. Membership income is lagging our projected budget by about 10%.

Registrar/Recorder - John Jones reported that the 2012 Registration & Introductions books are now available. Jones also noted that he is receiving requests by hybridizers to reinstate the "How to Register an Iris" article in the AIS Bulletin. It was decided that

this issue will be discussed and resolved at the Fall Board meeting.

Recording Secretary/Policy - Susan Boyce reported that the recording tapes that she and the Secretary, Michelle Snyder use are no longer being made and are getting harder to find and when they are found, the cost per tape is much higher than it was a few years ago. Boyce noted that when the supply of tapes are depleted, it will be necessary to convert over to a digital recording system for both her and the Secretary.

Publication/Sales - John Ludi reported that the AIS Storefront shopping cart is now operational. Ludi reported that the Judges Training Handbook covers supply is low and will need to be reordered shortly. Keisling stated that she is in the process of obtaining price quotes to start this process and will present the final price quotes via AIS Discuss. Ludi also reported that the Invitation to Join brochures are running low and we will run out of these next month.

*Ludi moved and Boyce seconded:

That we print 10,000 copies of the "Invitation to Join" brochures at a cost not to exceed \$1,400. **Motion carried by a vote of 11-4.

Also discussed was the number of packets of free ITJs that are being given out to the affiliates. Currently four packs of 25 each are being given out to the affiliates when they request them.

*Boyce moved and White seconded:

That we provide to affiliates one packet of 25 ITJs free and each additional packet of 25 will be \$4.00 per packet. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for a break at 2:50 pm and reconvened at 3:05 pm.

New Business - Michelle Snyder discussed changing the number of days that a motion is discussed on AIS Discuss, before it goes out for vote.

*Snyder moved and Keisling seconded:

That the number of days a motion is on AIS Discuss be reduced from 7 days to 5 days. **Motion carried.

White brought up the topic of amended motions and the time period of discussing a motion that has been amended.

*White moved and Deaton seconded:

When an amendment is offered on an active motion on AIS Discuss, the discussion on the original motion is suspended. The amendment will be discussed for 3 days. The amendment is then voted on for 5 days or until a majority is reached. If the amendment fails, the discussion of the original motion continues to its limit of 5 days and then voted on. If the amendment passes the amended motion is discussed to the time limit of the original motion and then voted on. **Motion carried.

Ad hoc committee reports:

1. Commercial Fundraising - Chairperson Jody Nolin discussed the different kind of programs and levels of fundraising for the AIS.
2. Intellectual Property - Chairperson Bob Pries has no report and stated no meetings or discussions have happened yet. The purpose of the committee needs to be defined

and approved by the AIS Board.

3. Library - Chairperson Ron Cosner was not present, and White noted that this report will be addressed after the Foundation meeting that takes place on Tuesday.

4. Operations Manual Review - Debra Strauss noted that she just started sending out emails to AIS officers and Committee chairs a few weeks ago. Strauss stated that she has only received a few responses back so far.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Affiliations - Chairperson Susan Boyce reported on problems with the affiliation process. Boyce stated that since changing the affiliation time line to a calendar year, the RVPs have had a harder time completing the paperwork on time as several clubs go into hibernation during the winter months. She wants to change the affiliation time line back to what it was in previous years.

*Boyce moved and Deaton seconded:

**That we reinstate the Affiliation timeline back to May 1st through April 30th.

Motion carried.

Boyce stated that the affiliation paperwork will now be sent out to the RVPs the first week of January.

Affiliates Liaison - Chairperson Jody Nolin reported on sending out information to the affiliate presidents via email. Nolin stated that after the board meeting she will email the affiliate presidents and inform them of changes made at this board meeting.

Awards - Chairperson Gerry Snyder reported that the on line voting for the judges is now available and nine have voted so far. The paper ballot went out in the mail just before the convention started.

Calendars - Chairperson Janet Smith was not in attendance, but her report stated that the 2014 calendars have been printed. Ludi noted that the 2014 calendars are available for sale at the storefront.

Electronic Services - Chairperson John Jones reported that there is now a search capability on the AIS Website. Jones questioned where and if we should send electronic copies of the individual scanned bulletins to other libraries and to non AIS members. It was noted that since the AIS Foundation funded the scanning project, part of the agreement was that the scanned bulletins was to be sent out to other libraries. So far no other libraries have requested this. It was suggested that Andi Rivarola be added to the Intellectual Property ad hoc committee.

Meeting recessed for dinner break at 4:30 pm

The meeting reconvened back at 7:37 pm.

Exhibitions - Supply clerk Susan Boyce stated that she has to date received 59 orders and received more than \$5,000 in orders. She expects more orders to come.

Honorary Awards - Chairperson Judy Keisling stated that there is no report at this time.

Insurance - Chairperson Michelle Snyder reported that everything is flowing smoothly.

Image Coordinator - Chairperson Janet Smith was not present, and in her report, she questioned if this position is needed, as when photos are sent in, they are sent in to the Slides & Digital Chair.

Iris Programs Resources (Slides & Digital) - Chairperson Janet Smith was not present, but her report noted a couple of new programs are now being offered. Smith also wants the iris programs to be sold on the AIS Storefront. Ludi noted that this can be done.

Iris Programs Resources (Speakers) - Chairperson Gordon Carver reported that he has received some inquiries about speakers. Carver stated that he needs to update the list and he will be sending out a new questionnaire to update this list.

Judges - Chairperson Judy Keisling noted that 19 judges were dropped due to not renewing their AIS memberships.

Judges Handbook Revision Committee - Chairperson Harold Griffie requested direction of printing a whole new book or just making changes in a few pages of the book. Griffie was directed to take and gather suggestions on possible changes and evaluate each one, reporting any proposed action to the president.

Legal Advisor - Chairperson Veronica Johnson had no report.

Library - Chairperson Dave Silverberg asked direction on disposing of slides of daffodils and a hemerocallis checklist. After a discussion, it was decided to discuss this issue at the AIS Foundation meeting on Tuesday. The AIS Foundation is in charge of funding the AIS Library. Silverberg noted that he sent the 2013 and 2014 list of items of library items to be donated to the silent auctions to Debra Strauss. Strauss only sent the 2014 list to the board, and she was reminded that the 2013 list needs to be printed up and sent to the board for approval before the end of the board meeting.

National Collections, Display, & Test Gardens - Chairperson Bob Pries reported that this committee has put together a draft of a Guide to Garden Etiquette. More work is still needed on this draft.

Photo Contest - Chairperson Janet Smith was absent, but her report stated that the 2013 photo contest has now started.

Public Relations - Co-chairperson Susan Grigg reported that the voucher program has now started. Social Media director Andi Rivarola reported on the increase of the number of people checking out the AIS blog. Pries reported that the wiki is at a

stallmate in moving it to a new site. Pries also noted that News and Notes has also been delayed. Pries further stated that the 100th AIS Anniversary is still accumulating money and this project has not yet started. Nolin stated that the board needs to receive a written status report at the Fall 2013 Board meeting on the progress of the 100th Anniversary project.

Scientific Advisor Committee - Chairperson Bob Hollingworth was not present, but Gary White talked about various requests to fund research projects.

Silent Auction - Co-Chairperson Debra Strauss reported on donations received from regions, hybridizers, and individuals for the silent auction. Strauss was reminded that the board needs the 2013 list. Snyder noted that since we already have the 2014 list we could approve the list a year early.

*Snyder moved and White seconded:

That we approve the list of donation items from the AIS library for the 2014 Silent Auction. **Motion carried.

Symposium - Chairperson Riley Probst reported that the 2013 Symposium list will be ready shortly.

Youth - Chairperson Cheryl Deaton reported that only one youth is attending this years convention. Deaton announced the winners of the Ackerman Essay contest. They are: Chelsea Curlee, Region 17, (12 and under age group) and Rachel Potter, Region 4, (13 and up age group). Jean Morris noted that Megan Pennington, Region 18, the winner of the Clarke Cosgrove Award, was not able to attend the convention and receive her award. It will be awarded at her local Washington Iris Club membership meeting.

The meeting recessed for a break at 9:05 pm and reconvened at 9:17pm.

Convention - Chairperson Paul Gossett reported on his quest to find a site for the 2016 convention. The first group, that he was working with voted and declined to host it. The second group that he contacted did approve to host the 2016 convention in New Jersey.

*Gossett moved and Snyder seconded:

That we accept the Presby Garden and Essex County's offer to host the 2016 AIS Convention. **Motion carried.

Editor - Kelly Norris tendered his resignation as his new employment leaves him inadequate time to tend to his duties as AIS Bulletin Editor. He will continue on through the Oct/Nov issue or until we find a new editor to replace him.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 pm.

Tuesday, April 16, 2013 - The meeting reconvened at 9:15 pm.

Scientific Advisory Committee - Chairperson Bob Hollingworth reported that Carol Wilson has been added to the committee. Hollingworth also noted that the Library

committee is just getting started on researching in what direction the AIS Library should go. White noted that the librarian needs more direction to what kinds of items need to be saved or removed from the library. More communication needs to be ongoing with the AIS librarian, the Foundation, and the AIS library ad hoc committee.

Foundation - Chairperson Gary White reported on the various research projects that have been funded by the foundation.

Unfinished Business - Silent Auction - Co-Chairperson Debra Strauss now has the 2013 list of items donated from the library for board approval.

*Snyder moved and Gossett seconded:

That we approve the list of donation items from the AIS library for the 2013 Silent Auction. **Motion carried.

RVP Counselor - Chairperson Cheryl Deaton reported on the RVP Board of Counselors meeting. Winona Stevenson, Region 15, is the new RVP Board Representative. The Nominating Committee representatives are David Kelly (Region 9) and James Bledsoe (Region 22).

RVP Representative - Gordon Carver reported that he had received a request to ask for the AIS Symposium to be out before June 1st, and he had already been notified that it will be out before that time.

Section and Cooperating Society Liaison - Chairperson Gary White announced that Nancy Price, of the Spuria Iris Society, will be the Section Representative to the AIS Nominating Committee. IRS filing problems, gaining new members, and bylaws problems were some of the items discussed at the meeting.

Meeting recessed for a short break at 9:44 pm and back at 9:50 pm.

Report of the Nominating Committee - Chairperson Winona Stevenson presented the slate of nominees for consideration as candidates for the four director positions on The American Iris Society Board of Directors: George Boyce (3), Susan Grigg (4), Steve Poole (9), John Ludi (13) John Jones (14), Riley Probst (15), Gerry Snyder (15), Pat Byrne (17), Debra Strauss (17), and Barbara Jean Jackson (21). There was one addition nomination from the floor, Gordon Carver (17).

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm for Executive Session.

The Board of Directors went into Executive Session from 10:00 pm until 10:40 pm, with the Regular Session called back to order at 10:45 pm. Director Nominees selected for the three-year terms which will expire in 2016 are: George Boyce, Gordon Carver, Susan Grigg, and Debra Strauss.

Nominating Committee Appointments - President Morris announced the appointment of Susan Grigg and Jody Nolin as Board representatives to the 2014 AIS Nominating

Committee. Grigg and Nolin will join David Kelly (RVP), James Bledsoe (RVP), and Nancy Price (Sections) as members of this committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Fall Board Meeting will be held November 1-2, 2013 at the Doubletree New Orleans Airport Hotel in Kenner, Louisiana. 2013 Fall Meeting Chair, Paul Gossett may be reached at pwgossett@juno.com or (918) 853-6204.

The Spring 2014 meeting and convention will be held again in Dallas, TX, Saturday April 5th thru Thursday April 10th (Note the change in days of the week because of the huge international soccer meet in Dallas).

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Susan Boyce

**AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
COLUMBUS, OHIO
NOVEMBER 2-3, 2012**

FULL MINUTES

President Judy Keisling called the Fall Meeting of The American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 7:08 PM on Friday, November 2, 2012, and announced a quorum was present. President Keisling asked Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVPs, and guests to introduce themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President, Judy Keisling; 1st Vice President, Jim Morris; 2nd Vice President, Gary White; Treasurer, Jill Bonino; Treasurer-elect, Dwayne Booth; and Secretary, Michelle Snyder. **Administrative Officers:** Registrar/Recorder, John Jones; Membership Secretary, Tom Gormley, Recording Secretary/Policy, Susan Boyce, and Publication/Sales, John Ludi. **Directors:** Susan Boyce, Dana Brown, Ron Cosner, Cheryl Deaton, Paul Gossett, Harold Griffie, Susan Grigg, Ron Killingsworth, John Ludi, Bob Pries, Andi Rivarola, and Debbie Strauss. **RVP Representative:** Gordon Carver. **Committee Chairs:** Veronica Johnson, Jody Nolin, and Gerry Snyder. **RVPs:** Carol Jo Shonka (8). **Guests:** Glenn Grigg (4), Ann Booth (13), and Jean Morris (18).

President Keisling welcomed all and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may vote.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

Michelle Snyder announced that she has received no additional nominations; therefore the published candidates for the AIS Board of Directors are duly elected by acclamation. They are Ron Cosner (21), Paul Gossett (22), Ron Killingsworth (10), and Bob Pries (4).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Ontario, California - April 16-17, 2012.

No additions or corrections were made to the full minutes as posted on the AIS Website.

*Deaton moved and Gossett seconded:

That we approve the minutes. **Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President - Judy Keisling thanked the four outgoing AIS directors, Ruth Barker, Jody Nolin, John Jones, and Lynn Williams for their service to the AIS for the last three years.

1. President Keisling reported that after our meeting in Ontario, CA, the Society for Louisiana Irises met and their membership voted to approve a change from being an AIS Cooperating Society to become an AIS Section.

*Morris moved and Bonino seconded:

That we accept SLI as an AIS Section. **Motion carried.

2. President Keisling asked for the appointment of John Jones as Motion Secretary.
*Snyder moved and Brown seconded:
That John Jones be appointed as Motion Secretary. **Motion carried.
3. Bob Plank has resigned as our Legal Advisor and President Elect Jim Morris has found an attorney, Veronica Johnson to be our new Legal Advisor.
*Snyder moved and Deaton seconded:
That we appoint Veronica Johnson as the AIS Legal Advisor. **Motion carried.
4. President Keisling noted that an overseas Awards ballot, postmarked before the deadline date, was received after the winners were announced. This ballot resulted in a change of winners in the Siberian HM's. There was also an oversight in the number of Aril HM's awarded. These will be discussed later in the meeting.
5. President Keisling, as outgoing AIS President, thanked everyone for their service to the AIS during her tenure. She also thanked outgoing Treasurer Jill Bonino for her service to the AIS.

In accordance with standard practice, Keisling asked for affirmation of interim Board actions taken by email vote since the April 2012 Board Meeting.

- *Bonino moved and Rivarola seconded:
That we elect Jim Morris as President Elect effective immediately. **Motion carried.
- *Jones moved and Brown seconded:
That the Electronic Services chair be authorized to spend up to \$1,500.00 to purchase a new laptop system and software as the property of the AIS for the use by the Electronic Services Chair. Said Funds to be allocated from the Electronic Services Restricted fund. **Motion carried.
- *Boyce Moved and Barker seconded:
That the AIS direct Paul Gossett to sign a contract with the Hilton Airport Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah for the 2014 Fall AIS Board meeting. **Motion carried.
- *Bonino moved and Boyce seconded:
That the AIS appoint Dwayne Booth, Region 13, RVP, as Treasurer Elect and until a successor Treasurer is elected at the Fall 2012 AIS Board Meeting effective immediately This will authorize his name to be put on bank and investment accounts currently open. It will allow him access to AIS accounts to learn about the operations but not authorize him to complete any transactions or transfers. And it will authorize Jill Bonino, current AIS Treasurer, to share all financial information with him during training sessions prior to the 2012 AIS Board meeting. **Motion carried.
- *Boyce moved Deaton seconded:
That the motions made and passed electronically be confirmed. **Motion carried.

1st Vice President - Jim Morris introduced Dwayne Booth as the new AIS Treasurer Elect.

2nd Vice President - Gary White deferred his report until later.

Secretary - Michelle Snyder noted that she needs the information about RVP and

Board member changes so she can update AIS Discuss.

Editor - Kelly Norris was not present but his report indicated that he would like board approval to enter one of the 2012 issues of IRISES Bulletin in the Garden Writers Association Awards contest. There is a \$125 entry fee.

*Deaton moved and White seconded:

That we approve reimbursement for Kelly Norris \$125 for submittal to writers contest. **Motion carried.

A board member stated that several AIS members are upset at the lateness of receiving the IRISES Bulletin. It was noted that this bulletin is going to be late as there was a lack of articles sent to the editor on time. It was recommended that Kelly put a notice on AIS Discuss at least two weeks prior to the deadline, so people will have time to get articles to Kelly by the deadline date. Morris also noted that several bulletins that have been received by AIS members have come mutilated and damaged in the mail. A long discussion was held about the cost of sending the Bulletins in poly bags or envelopes.

*Pries moved and Gossett seconded:

That we include a larger statement in the Bulletin that damaged or undelivered Bulletins may be replaced by contacting the AIS Membership Secretary. **Motion carried.

Treasurer - Jill Bonino reported on the cost effectiveness of AIS Life memberships and noted that the AIS loses money on these memberships. The possibility of discontinuing the AIS Life memberships was discussed and it was noted the by-laws would have to be changed. To accomplish this, the cost of the change and the time table to do this was discussed. At this time it was decided to dramatically raise the cost of purchasing an AIS Life membership to discourage people from purchasing a Life membership until the by-laws could be changed.

*Killingsworth moved and Boyce seconded:

That we raise the Single Life Membership rate to \$1,000.00 and the Dual Life Membership rate to \$1,500.00, effective November 2, 2012. **Motion carried.

President Keisling recommended that President Elect Jim Morris create an ad hoc committee to study discontinuing the life memberships.

Bonino noted that the costs of Ememberships will be discussed later.

The meeting recessed for an Executive session and a break at 8:57 pm. The meeting reconvened at 9:23 pm.

Bonino discussed a draft record retention policy.

*Pries moved and White seconded:

That we accept the Draft Record Retention Policy as written dated November 2, 2012. **Motion carried.

Advertising Editor - Bob Keup was not present, but his report suggested that the rates should be raised. The new Advertising Editor will be studying this further and will report back at the Spring Board meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley reported a slight loss of 3 percent membership for this last year. He also noted that 92% of new Ememberships have been for the purpose of subscribing to the AIS Register and do not want or care about the pdf of the Bulletin.

Registrar/Recorder - John Jones reported that things are running more smoothly since he and his wife took over as the Registrars.

Recording Secretary - Susan Boyce had no report.

Publication/Sales - John Ludi reported a great year for sales in the Storefront. Most of this has been because of the sales of the 2009, 10 year checklist. Ludi noted that the inventory of the Basic Iris Culture is running low.

*Rivarola moved and Deaton seconded:

That we purchase 5,000 copies of the Basic Iris Culture for \$3,936.76 plus freight. **Motion carried.

Ludi noted that there are only ten of the 75th Anniversary Silver medals. A discussion was held about saving these for later sales for the 100th AIS anniversary.

*Pries moved and Rivarola seconded:

That we remove from Storefront sales, the ten 75th Anniversary silver medals until the 100th anniversary and auction them off at that time. **Motion carried.

Unfinished Business - none.

Ad hoc committee - Commercial Fundraising

Chair Jody Nolin reported that the Commercial Fundraising discussions are still ongoing.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Affiliations - Chair Susan Boyce reported that the affiliation process is currently underway and she has started to receive some of the affiliation reports.

Affiliations Liaison - Jody Nolin reported that she has fielded a few phone calls from the affiliate presidents, but there has not been much happening with this group.

Convention Liaison - Paul Gossett reported that the hotel contract for the Fall 2014 board meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah has been signed. Gossett stated that he has expanded his committee to assist him. He also reported that Dallas is ready for the 2013 convention and the convention information is now listed on the AIS Website.

Donations - Chair Lynn Williams was not present. It was noted that the AIS Foundation is now in charge of donations. Gary White is the contact person and he reported on the donations that have been received and then forwarded on to the AIS. He also noted the

money raised so far for the AIS' 100th anniversary fund.

Exhibitions - Susan Boyce, the Exhibitions Supply Clerk reported on the slight price increases in some of the supplies.

*Boyce moved and Deaton seconded:

**That we raise the price of the ribbons from \$10.00 to \$11.00 per bundle of 25.

Motion carried.

*Boyce moved and Brown seconded:

That we raise the price of the small rosettes from \$5.00 to \$6.00 each. **Motion carried.

Boyce also noted that since the shipping and handling fee was started three years ago, the United States Postal Service has raised the rates two times and in January the rates will be going up again, and this time the rate increase for packages will be much more substantial than in past years.

*Boyce moved and Brown seconded:

That we raise the Shipping and Handling fee for Exhibition supplies from \$10.00 to \$12.00 effective 1 Jan 2013. **Motion carried.

It was also noted that the medals cost the AIS \$30 for each show and the cost keeps going up.

Insurance - Chair Michelle Snyder reported that everything is running smoothly.

Iris Programs Resources (Speakers) - Chair Dana Brown reported that she usually receives only 3 or 4 requests per year for information on people for speakers and/or judges training.

Judges - Chair Judy Keisling presented the list of judges for approval for 2013.

*Brown moved and Bonino seconded:

That we approve the judges on the recommendation list for 2013. **Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned for the evening at 11:12 pm.

Saturday November 3, 2012 - the meeting was called back to order at 8:06 am.

Judges Handbook Revision Committee - Chair Jim Morris noted the members on this committee and asked that any recommended changes be sent to the new committee chair Harold Griffie.

Library - Dave Silverberg was not present but his report discussed the relocation of the library.

Foundation Liaison - Chair Gary White reported on the AIS Library move which the foundation is funding. The current location may or may not be relocated at the end of the two year lease. White noted that the joint AIS/AIS Foundation working group that was formed in the Spring of 2011 has never held a meeting and it was recommended

that the committee be reformulated as a few outgoing board and committee members will no longer be on this committee.

Awards - Chair Gerry Snyder reported on the late, but correctly postmarked ballot that came from an overseas judge. This resulted in a change in the Siberian HM winners after the initial winners list had been announced.

*Michelle Snyder moved and Bonino seconded:

That we approve the AIS 2012 Awards Revision B reinstating DIRIGO INDIGO and JANE M. SADLER to the Siberian HM winners list. **Motion carried.

It was also noted that only one HM was awarded in 2012 for Arilbreds. The Handbook of Judges listed that only one HM would be awarded. Prior to the Board meeting a research of past minutes found that at the November 1992 meeting, a motion was passed: That a minimum of two HM awards should be awarded to each category of irises. This motion, passed in Nov. 1992 has not been changed since then.

*Deaton moved and Carver seconded:

That because of an error in the Handbook of Judges, any Arilbred iris that would be dropping off the HM Awards list in 2013 be included on that list for the 2013 Awards. **Motion carried.

*Brown moved and Deaton seconded:

That because of an error in the Handbook of Judges, the number of HM allowed votes and awards for Arilbred irises be increased by one for the 2013 Awards ballot. **Motion carried.

In further discussion about receiving ballots after the deadline:

*Pries moved and Boyce seconded:

That if a timely postmarked Awards ballot is received more than ten days after the postmark deadline date the votes will not be counted, however the judge will be credited with voting for that year. **Motion carried.

Tax Exemption Advisor - With the resignation of Bob Plank this position has been vacant for the past few months. Bonino reported that the IRS is checking more tax exempt organizations about procedure and policies, that help to prevent fraud and mismanagement. One of the points is that we need to have a conflict of interest statement. This will be worked on in the upcoming months. Another item that we need to have is a Non-Discrimination Policy, which has been drafted. This draft is now being presented to the Board for approval.

*Morris moved and Deaton seconded:

AIS Non-Discrimination Policy. - The American Iris Society (AIS) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, sex, gender identity, age, marital status, national origin, mental or physical disability, political belief, affiliation, veteran status, sexual orientation, or any other class of individuals in any aspect of the access to its programs, membership, or treatment of individuals in its programs and activities, or in employment. **Motion carried.

Calendars - Chair Terry Aitken was not present and did not send in a report. Morris announced that Janet Smith will take over this responsibility. The 2014 calendar is currently being worked on and should be ready for sale in time for the 2013 AIS

convention. Ludi reported that the calendar size will change slightly. A lengthy discussion followed about how many copies of the 2014 calendar should be ordered and what price should be charged for it.

*Bonino moved and Brown seconded:

That we order 2000 copies of the 2014 calendar and that we sell individual copies for \$5.00 plus shipping and ten calendars for \$40.00 plus shipping. **Motion carried.

It was discussed that we further offer a bigger discount for calendars ordered in larger sized quantities.

*Carver moved and Brown seconded:

That we sell 100-199 copies of the 2014 calendar for \$3.50 each plus shipping and 200 or more copies for \$3.00 each plus shipping. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for a break at 10:00 am and reconvened at 10:18 am.

Electronic Services - Chair John Jones questioned if the Board wanted the AIS Bulletin archives sent to other libraries and what terms of disclosures do they need to agree to. President Keisling referred to the wording in the terms of the grant from the AIS Foundation and as the library requests come in, each request will be evaluated. It was suggest that an ad hoc committee be formed. This committee will be called the Intellectual Property Policy Committee.

Jones reviewed the costs associated with operating the Electronic Services programs. Jones also reported on the slowness problem with the wiki that is affecting the performance of the AIS Website. It was stated that the wiki needs to be put on a new software program that will cost approximately \$2,400 a year. Further research is needed to start this process.

Iris Programs Resources (Slides & Digital) - Chair Janet Smith was not present, but her report requested a price increase in the e-program (powerpoint) programs.

*Snyder moved and White seconded:

That we increase the "e-program" (powerpoint) price from \$8 to \$10 per program that is emailed. **Motion tabled.

Image Coordinator - Chair Janet Smith was not present, but John Jones reported on a concern of requiring photos with the registration. It was noted that at this time we only request but do not require photos. If a photo is sent, the photo should be send to Janet Smith after the iris is introduced.

Photo Contest - Chair Janet Smith was not present, but her report stated that overseas winners will not receive iris rhizomes in the future, but will be given memberships or extended memberships.

Policy - Chair Susan Boyce reported that she has received several phone calls and has researched the information for all. It was noted that there is a book and a compendium of board meeting minutes somewhere out there. Boyce stated that she would like to have a copy of whatever is available.

Publications - Chair Jody Nolin had no report. Morris noted that this job will now be combined with the Public Relations committee.

RVP Representative - Gordon Carver reported on a second time request from the RVP from Region 3 on having the Assistant RVP title changed to Deputy RVP. This request was again denied on the basis that the bylaws in every region and affiliate would have to be changed and the process would create a lot of work and confusion. Dwayne Booth, RVP Region 13, reported on a request from a hybridizer in his Region about having the symposium made available earlier in the year for voting and also the results being announced earlier. It was noted that the Symposium chair does not always receive the results from the Regions in a timely manner, thus delaying the announcement of the results.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 1:00 pm for an Executive Session. The regular meeting reconvened at 1:33 pm and the Emeritus Judges were announced.

President Keisling announced the results of the voting for Emeritus Judges.

New Emeritus Judges are Gordon Green (17), John Ludi (13), and Bob Pries (4).

RVP Counselor - Chair Cheryl Deaton reported on the complaints that she and others have received about the Ememberships receiving more services versus the regular memberships. There was a very long discussion about this.

Deaton presented the 2013 RVP list for approval.

*Boyce moved and White seconded:

That we approve the list of RVPs for 2013. **Motion carried.

First Year RVPs:

Region 6: James Copeland
Region 8: Carol Jo Shonka
Region 9: David Kelly
Region 11: Angelique Violette
Region 12: Helen West
Region 14: John Pesek
Region 18: Ginni Hill
Region 22: James Bledsoe
Region 24: Donnie Douthit

Second Year RVPs:

Region 4: Don Rude
Region 13: Dwayne Booth
Region 15: Winona Stevenson
Region 20: Lowell Baumunk

Third Year RVPs:

Region 1: Norine Veal
Region 2: Donna Lowry
Region 3: George Boyce
Region 5: Wayne Smith
Region 7: Sue Ann Barnes
Region 10: Ron Killingsworth
Region 17: Gordon Carver
Region 21: Ron Cosner
Region 23: Frances Day

Youth - Chair Cheryl Deaton reported that Carol Warner of the AIS Foundation, is now in charge of the Ackerman Essay contest. Deaton noted that she is already receiving entries for the annual youth coloring contest.

Section and Cooperating Society Liaison - Chair Jim Morris reported that Gary White will now be assuming this position. Morris thanked everyone who has helped him keep this column current.

Silent Auction - Co-chair Debra Strauss reported on several glitches that were encountered at the 2012 convention. Strauss also stated that she wants more hybridizer donations for the 2013 convention silent auction.

Scientific Advisory Committee - Chair Kelly Norris was not present and did not send in a report.

The meeting recessed for a break at 2:58 pm and reconvened back at 3:22 pm.

Public Relations - Co-chair Susan Grigg stated that the Voucher program is ready to start. The Social Media chair, Andi Rivarola reported on the number of people that have been visiting the AIS Blog. Pries explained how to find information on the AIS Wiki. Pries praised Betsy Higgins for the huge amount of work she has done for the wiki. He also noted that when the work is done, Betsy will be double checking the wiki to make sure that each and every iris is listed.

*Pries moved and Morris seconded:

**That we provide Betsy Higgins a complete set of Check Lists and latest R&Is.

Motion carried.

Pries stated that he wants to promote the AIS Awards in a new way. A lengthy discussion was held on whether the Dykes medal winner or the #1 iris of the Symposium ballot should be considered as the "Iris of the Year".

*Pries moved and Killingsworth seconded:

That we announce the Dykes Medal winner as "Iris of the Year" for the following year for marketing purposes. **Motion carried.

Pries stated that he wanted to send AIS "Breaking News" out to AIS Emembers via

email sooner than what appears in the IRISES Bulletin. After another lengthy discussion.

*Pries moved and Gossett seconded:

That the AIS authorize News and Notes through Constant Contact for one year at a cost of \$336 per year. **Motion carried.

Pries also wanted the AIS to try another new membership drive to obtain new AIS members.

*Pries moved and Gossett seconded:

That the Public Relations and Marketing Committee begin making a plan for a membership drive to be presented at the Spring 2013 meeting. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for Executive Session and then a dinner break at 4:45 pm and reconvened back at 7:01 pm.

Honorary Awards - President Keisling announced the results of the Honorary Awards.

The Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Jill Bonino (15) and Judy Keisling (18).

The Gold Medal was awarded to Jean Witt (13).

the Bee Warburton Medal was awarded to Akira Horinoka of Japan.

No Hybridizers Medals were awarded this year.

Other Business - John Jones reported on the possibility of video conferencing. During the discussion many possible problems were discussed and more research will need to be done.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

*Snyder moved and Boyce seconded:

Jim Morris be elected as President of The American Iris Society. **Motion carried.

Nominations were opened from the floor, nominations were closed and the following slate of officers were elected by acclamation.

1st VP - Gary White

2nd VP - Jody Nolin

Secretary - Michelle Snyder

Treasurer - Dwayne Booth

Editor - Kelly Norris

President Morris accepted the gavel from outgoing President Keisling.

Since the AIS now has a new president and a new treasurer, a new standard banking resolution to add the new signatures needs to be approved.

*Boyce moved and Ludi seconded:

That we approve a standard banking resolution to add signatures of the incoming AIS President and incoming Treasurer to the bank accounts effective Nov. 3, 2012. **Motion carried.

President Morris requested approval for the following appointments:

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

Registrar/Recorder - John Jones and Joanne Prass Jones

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley

Recording Secretary & Policy - Susan Boyce

Publication/Sales - John and Kay Ludi

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Advertising Editor - Ron Killingsworth

Affiliates Liaison - Jody Nolin

Affiliations - Susan Boyce

Awards - Gerry Snyder

Calendars - Janet Smith

Convention Liaison - Paul Gossett

Electronic Services - John Jones

Exhibitions - Lois Rose, Susan Boyce, Karen & Ray Jones

Foundation Liaison - Gary White

Honorary Awards - Judy Keisling

Insurance - Michelle Snyder

Iris Program Resources (Slides & Digital) - Janet Smith

Iris Program Resources (Speakers) - Gordon Carver

Judges - Judy Keisling

Judges Handbook Revision Committee - Harold Griffie

Legal Advisor - Veronica Johnson

Librarian - Dave Silverberg

Operations Manual - open

Photo Contest - Janet Smith

Public Relations & Marketing - Susan Grigg and Bob Pries

RVP Counselor - Cheryl Deaton

RVP Representative - Gordon Carver

Scientific Advisory Committee - Kelly Norris

Section and Cooperating Society Liaison - Gary White

Silent Auction - Debra Strauss and Nick Stewart

Symposium - Riley Probst

Youth - Cheryl Deaton

*Deaton moved and Snyder seconded:

That we approve the nominations of the Administrative Officers and Standing committee chairs. **Motion carried.

Unfinished Business - President Morris announced the members for the following committees:

Ad hoc Commercial Fund Raising Committee- Jody Nolin (this committee is currently working on this project).

Ad hoc Library Committee - Ron Cosner (chair), Jill Bonino, Dave Silverberg, and

Gary White will work with members of the AIS Foundation on this committee.

Ad hoc Intellectual Property Committee - Bob Pries (chair) with John Jones.

*Snyder moved and Deaton seconded:

That we approve the Intellectual Property, Commercial Fundraising, and Library ad hoc committees as listed. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for a break at 7:51 pm and reconvened at 8:03 pm.

Budget for 2012-2013

Past Treasurer Bonino and newly elected Treasurer Dwayne Booth opened a line-by-line discussion of the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2012-2013, with changes that had been added and subtracted as they came up for discussion throughout the meeting.

*Deaton moved and Brown seconded:

That we adopt the budget as modified. **Motion carried.

Gossett requested that the AIS reimburse the Columbus Iris Society \$500.00 as there were unknown costs that came up as a result of the sudden change of the hotel sites.

*Gossett moved and Deaton seconded:

That we reimburse the Columbia Iris Society \$500.00 for the 2012 Fall Board meeting. **Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Spring 2013 meeting and convention will be held in Dallas, Texas, Monday April 15th thru Saturday April 20, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel & Resort-North Dallas-Addison, 14315 Midway Rd, Addison, Texas 77001. 1-972-980-8877. The convention chair is Bonnie Nichols, 1-214-352-2191 and email bjnhtn@aol.com.

President Morris expressed a big hearty thank you to Jody Nolin and her committee for hosting this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Boyce

**AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA
APRIL 16-17, 2012**

FULL MINUTES

President Judy Keisling called the Spring Meeting of The American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 1:15 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2012, and announced a quorum was present. President Keisling asked Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVPs, and guests to introduce themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President, Judy Keisling; 1st Vice President, Jim Morris; 2nd Vice President, Gary White; Treasurer, Jill Bonino, and Editor, Kelly Norris. **Administrative Officers:** Registrar/Recorder, John Jones; Recording Secretary/Policy, Susan Boyce; Publication Sales, John and Kay Ludi. **Directors:** Susan Boyce, Cheryl Deaton, Susan Grigg, John Jones, John Ludi, Jody Nolin, Andi Rivarola, Debbie Strauss, and Lynn Williams. **RVP Representative:** Hugh Stout. **Immediate Past President:** Jeanne Clay Plank. **Committee Chairs:** Paul Gossett, Bob Keup, Bob Plank, Bob Pries, Lois Rose, Janet Smith, Dave Silverberg, Nick Stewart, and Gerry Snyder. **RVPs:** George Boyce (3), Don Rude (4), Wayne Smith (5), Chuck Bunnell (6), Dwayne Booth (13), Winona Stevenson (15), and Gordon Carver (17). **Guests:** Glenn Grigg (4), Lorena Reid (13), Rudy Ciuca, Joseph Lawrence, John Pesek, Riley Probst (14), Pat Byrne (17), Dave Niswonger (18), and Karen Bergamo (23).

President Keisling welcomed all and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may vote.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Atlanta, Georgia - November 4-5, 2011.

No additions or corrections were made to the full minutes as posted on the AIS Website.

*Jones moved and Grigg seconded:

That the minutes be accepted as presented on the AIS Website. **Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President - Judy Keisling asked the appointment of John Jones as Motion Secretary.

*Deaton moved and Williams seconded:

That John Jones be appointed Motion Secretary. **Motion carried.

President Keisling presented the following in her report:

1. President Keisling noted the resignation of Tracy Plotner with regret and thanks to Tracy for all that she has done to keep the Library in order in a difficult location. David Silverberg has accepted the call to fill this position.

*Morris moved and Plank seconded:

That David Silverberg be appointed AIS Librarian. **Motion carried.

2. President Keisling noted the resignation of Bob Plank as our legal counsel. President

Plank and the Board commended and applauded Bob for his years of service to the AIS.

3. A serious affiliation problem with one of the affiliates in Region 4 has come to the attention of President Keisling. An ad hoc committee will be formed to discuss this problem. President Keisling appointed Jim Morris, Bob Plank, Jody Nolin, Cheryl Deaton, and Susan Boyce to this committee. They will meet tomorrow morning to discuss this issue and report later in the meeting.

In accordance with standard practice, Keisling asked for affirmation of interim Board actions taken by email vote since the November 2011 Board meeting.

*Bonino moved and Jones seconded:

That the AIS transfer \$10,005.49 to the AIS Foundation to close out the AIS Restricted Funds for the AIS Library and for Research & Scientific Grants. **Motion carried.

*Snyder moved and Boyce seconded:

That the AIS direct Paul Gossett to sign a contract with the Doubletree Hotel in New Orleans, LA for the 2013 AIS Fall Board Meeting. **Motion carried.

*Bonino moved and Snyder seconded:

*That the AIS Board of Directors accept the invitation from the Iris Society of Dallas to host the 2014 AIS Convention in Dallas, Texas. **Motion carried.**

*Plank moved and Williams seconded:

That all motions be approved. **Motion carried.

1st Vice President - Jim Morris deferred his report until later.

2nd Vice President - Gary White deferred his report until later.

General Secretary - Michelle Snyder was not present, but her report was already covered in the interim actions.

Treasurer - Jill Bonino reported on the financial six month status of the AIS.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley was not present. His report showed membership at 4,731, but there is a conflict with the lower membership numbers that was sent out in the monthly report to the RVPs. This conflict of numbers was discussed by the board members.

Registrar/Recorder - John Jones reported on the number of registrations so far this year. Jones stated that he is working on the 2011 Registration & Introductions booklet and it should be available shortly.

Recording Secretary/Policy - Susan Boyce reported that she has taken about two dozen phone calls since November 2011 regarding motions passed in prior years.

Publication/Sales - John Ludi reported that having two different set of prices for the Basic Iris Culture is confusing and is causing problems.

*Jones moved and Williams seconded:

That we eliminate the non-AIS price for The Basic Iris Culture. **Motion carried by a vote of 8-6.

After a discussion about what the price of the Basic Iris Culture should be:

*Deaton moved and Morris seconded:

That the single copy price of the Basic Iris Culture be increased to \$4.00 and \$75.00 for a pack of 25. **Motion carried by a vote of 8-6.

After a lengthy discussion:

*Jones moved and Deaton seconded:

**That we create an AIS member discount of 20% for items in the AIS Storefront and that we increase the price for all items in the AIS Storefront by 25%.

Further discussion ensued until a break was announced. **Motion tabled.**

The meeting recessed for a break at 2:54 pm and reconvened at 3:15 pm.

After another lengthy discussion about raising the prices across the board for the Storefront:

*Jones moved and Boyce seconded:

That we table Motion #7 for further research and treatment via AIS Discuss and AIS Vote or until the fall Board meeting. **Motion carried by a vote of 11-3.

Ludi noted that clarification is needed for motion #6 (Increasing the price of the Basic Iris Culture). It was felt that an effective date is needed to implement this motion.

*Ludi moved and Deaton seconded:

That the price change carried in Motion 6 be effective in the July IRISES bulletin. **Motion carried.

Ludi stated the need to set the price for the 2011 Registrations and Introductions book.

*Ludi moved and Williams seconded:

**That we charge \$10.00 per copy for the 2011 Registrations & Introductions.

Motion carried.

Ludi also noted that the calendar sales were down this last year, as they were received in the Storefront late in the year.

New Business - Present Keisling has received a proposal from Kincaid Gardens concerning a fundraising proposal, benefitting the AIS. The proposal is based on sales of plant markers using a code entered when ordering the plant markers. After discussion:

*Bonino moved and Williams seconded:

**That we accept the terms from Kincaid Gardens to President Keisling concerning the "Grow Your Rewards" program in the letter dated March 7, 2012.

Motion carried.

Upon further discussion about proposals that might be received in future, it was recommended that an ad hoc committee needs to be formed to study commercial fundraisers.

*Nolin moved and Bonino seconded:

****That an Ad-Hoc Committee be formed to study commercial fund raising and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors. Motion carried.**
President Keisling appointed Susan Boyce, Cheryl Deaton, Jody Nolin, Andi Rivarola, Hugh Stout, and Gary White, with Nolin to chair this committee.

Ad Hoc Committee - Information policy report.

Jody Nolin, chair of this committee, presented a recommendation on when to release AIS information for public knowledge.

*Williams moved and Morris seconded:

****That after, approval by the AIS President, the AIS social media sites may post information for the public prior to its posting on the AIS website or IRISES (the AIS Bulletin) when such information by AIS is emergent news of which the public should be made aware. Motion carried.**

Nolin presented an Iris Hybridizing Bibliography listing, compiled by Betty Roberts. This was a several year project.

Meeting recessed for dinner break at 4:55 pm.

The meeting reconvened back at 7:00 pm.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Affiliations - Chair Susan Boyce reported the 2012 affiliation process has been completed with some glitches this year. She will start the affiliation process earlier this fall, and hopefully the problems that were encountered this last year will not be repeated.

Affiliation Liaison - Chair Jody Nolin reported a quiet season and no problems were encountered.

Awards - Chair Gerry Snyder reported on the progress of finalizing the Judges' ballot.

Symposium - Chair Gerry Snyder reported that the Symposium is almost ready and should be ready to post on the AIS Website shortly.

Calendars - Chair Terry Aitken was not present and did not send in a report.

Conventions - Chair Paul Gossett reported on the progress of obtaining a site to host the 2016 Convention. Gossett brought up for discussion the possibility of the AIS bearing more of the financial burden of the Regions/Affiliates in hosting a convention. Gossett also presented a request to host the 2014 Fall Board meeting.

*Ludi moved and Williams seconded:

****That we accept the invitation from Susan Boyce to host the Fall 2014 Board meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. Motion carried.**

Donations - Chair Lynn Williams reported that as the result of the change of the

Foundation now being the receiver of all of the AIS donations, she is now receiving fewer donations. Williams stated that by the end of her term as a Director, the changeover should be complete.

Electronic Services - Chair John Jones reported on the progress of the old Bulletins scanning project. Jones noted the possibility of AIS E-members being the only ones able to view the scanned Bulletins.

*Stout moved and Plank seconded:

That the AIS archived Bulletin PDFs be made viewable and optionally downloadable by E-members as an additional benefit to those members. **Motion carried.

Exhibitions - Co-chairs Lois Rose and Susan Boyce were present. Rose reported that 129 show schedules have been approved currently for the 2012 year. Boyce reported on receiving a couple of very large orders and wondered if the large orders should be insured. The board discussed and agreed that if the affiliate wants insurance, they will have the option of sending additional money for the package to be insured. Boyce also reported that she has received advance notice that some of the prices of the ribbons and rosettes will be increasing this year. She will be receiving more information later this summer.

Honorary Awards - Chair Jeanne Clay Plank reported that the awards have arrived and are ready for the Awards Banquet.

Insurance - Chair Michelle Snyder was not present and no further information needs to be presented at this time.

Judges - Chair Judy Keisling reported that 19 judges were dropped as a result of non-renewal of their AIS membership.

Judges Handbook Revision Committee - Chair Jim Morris noted that if there are any requested changes for the handbook, that they need to be submitted to him in writing.

Library - Chair David Silverberg noted that the AIS Library had a small flooding problem and only a few filing cabinets were affected. Most of the affected files have now been replaced or will be replaced shortly. Silverberg thanked Will Plotner for assisting him in cleaning up the mess. Silverberg also stated that some iris registrations paperwork is more than 50 years old. He questioned if all of this paperwork is still needing to be kept and stored. Jones suggested that this paperwork and photos might be scanned before being discarded. More research will be done before any decision is made concerning these documents.

Operations Manual - Chair Jeanne Clay Plank stated that she will supply a copy of the manual to those who request it.

Publications - Chair Jody Nolin noted besides the report she gave earlier in the

meeting about the Iris Hybridizing Bibliography by Betty Roberts, she has nothing else to report.

Youth - Chair Cheryl Deaton announced that Claire Harding, winner of the Clarke Cosgrove Award is present at the convention and will be accepting her award. Deaton also noted that there are eight youth present at this convention. White announced the winners of the Ackerman Essay contest. They are: Glory Winzer, Region 18, (12 and under age group) and Colin Campbell, Region 4 (13 and up age group).

The meeting recessed for a break at 8:48 pm and reconvened at 9:22 pm.

Foundation Liaison - Chair Gary White reported on the various projects that the Foundation has been funding this last year. Dr. John Kaufmann's work on weed sprays that can be used on irises is finished and a report has been sent, and Dr. Kaufmann will be writing an article for the AIS Bulletin. A new request received by Dr. Nina Alexeeva in St. Petersburg, Russia on upgrading the Iris section of the Komarov Botanical Institute website and translation into English was approved by the Foundation Board. White also reported on the donations now being received by the foundation and has now forwarded monies back to the AIS.

Unfinished Business - President Keisling reported that during the break she received the list of items that are being donated by the AIS Library to the AIS Silent Auction. Gossett mentioned that a signed copy of the 1939 Check List by Ethel Pickham is among the items being donated. A discussion was held about whether the book should remain in the AIS Library or should still be auctioned.

*Jones moved and Williams seconded:

**That the Pickham signed copy of the 1939 Check List remain in the AIS Library.

Motion carried.

Photo Contest - Chair Janet Smith reported that this year she will be using three AIS members to judge the contest photos.

Iris Programs Resources (Slides & Digital) - Chair Janet Smith reported on the progress of this position since she became the chair.

Iris Programs Resources (Speakers) - Chair Dana Brown was not present and did not send in a report.

Public Relations - Co-Chair Bob Pries reported that the grant from Google for advertising has been approved, but there are a lot of restrictions and problems with how this is to be done. Co-Chair Grigg stated that the voucher program for new members is not up and running yet.

Meeting adjourned for the day at 9:39 pm.

Tuesday, April 17, 2012 - The meeting reconvened at 8:47 pm.

Ad Hoc Committee - President Keisling reported that this ad hoc committee met this morning to discuss the problem of an affiliate in Region 4, and the complaints about their operating practices. More action will be taken in forthcoming weeks.

Editor - Kelly Norris reported that he wanted to change the Bulletin designations from a monthly standard to a seasonal standard. (January to Winter, April to Spring, July to Summer, and October to Fall). After a lengthy discussion:

*White moved and Morris seconded:

**That AIS change from monthly designations for IRISES to bi-monthly designations (January-February, April-May, July-August, and October-November).

Motion carried by a vote of 8-6.

Norris also wanted the board to reconsider putting the Exhibition report in the Bulletin. After discussion:

*Morris moved and Boyce seconded:

That there be no change in printing Exhibition Reports in IRISES. **Motion carried by a vote of 11-2.

Norris also stated that he has received increasing reports of the Bulletin arriving in damaged condition, so he noted the possibility of having the Bulletin sent out in poly bags. During the discussion, it was noted that by having the Bulletin in a poly bag wrapper, the AIS might also be able to have extra advertising inserts added into the same poly bag.

*Bonino moved and Nolin seconded:

That we add the poly bag wrapper to the quarterly bulletin. **Motion tabled.

After further discussion:

*Jones moved and Williams seconded:

That we table motion #19 until the Fall 2012 meeting. **Motion carried.

Advertising Editor - Bob Keup stated that some of the motions concerning advertising in the Bulletin that were presented and passed at previous board meetings, were presented without the knowledge of the Advertising Editor. Keup stated that this has caused several problems. After a lengthy discussion:

*Rivarola moved and Morris seconded:

That we keep Motion 12 from the Fall 2011 Board Meeting as is. (That the Bulletin advertising be in color effective with the April 2012 issue of IRISES). **Motion failed by a vote of 11-3.

After another discussion:

*Stout moved and Deaton seconded:

That Motion 12 from the Fall 2011 Board Meeting be amended to apply only to the shopping section. **Motion carried.

Unfinished business - Library

President Keisling presented the list for Board approval, of items sent from the AIS Library for the 2012 convention Silent Auction.

*Morris moved and Strauss seconded:

**That the donations from the AIS Library to the Silent Auction be approved.

Motion carried.

RVP Counselor - Chair Cheryl Deaton reported on the RVP Counselor meeting. At the meeting a discussion was held about the possibility of the RVP Representative's one-year term becoming a two-year term. The Board noted for that change to occur, the AIS By-laws would have to be changed and that is not currently possible.

The meeting recessed for a break at 10:22 pm and reconvened at 10:35 pm.

RVP Representative - Hugh Stout announced the results from the Board of Counselors meeting. For 2013: Chair, Sue Ann Barnes (Region 7) and Secretary, Frances Day (Region 23). The new RVP Board Representative is Gordon Carver (Region 17). The Nominating Committee Representatives are Winona Stevenson (Region 15) and Don Rude (Region 4).

Section and Cooperating Society Liaison - Chair Jim Morris reported on the meeting and announced that Will Plotner, President of SIGNA, will be the Section Representative to the AIS Nominating Committee. Morris and Bob Plank reported on the meetings previously held by the Society of Louisiana Irises in the possible change from an AIS Cooperating Society to becoming an AIS Section.

Tax Exemption Advisor - Chair Bob Plank had nothing additional to report.

Report of the Nominating Committee - Chair Gordon Carver presented the slate of nominees for consideration as candidates for the four director positions on The American Iris Society Board of Directors: George Boyce (3), Bob Pries (4), Steve Poole (9), Ron Killingsworth (10), Riley Probst (14), Pat Byrne (17), Alverton Elliott (17), Ron Cosner (21), Barbara J Jackson (21), Paul Gossett (22), and Robert Treadway (22).

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 pm for Executive Session.

The Board of Directors went into Executive Session from 10:56 pm until 11:25 pm, with the Regular Session called back to order at 11:29 pm. Director Nominees selected for the three-year terms which will expire in 2015 are: Ron Cosner, Paul Gossett, Ron Killingsworth, and Bob Pries.

Nominating Committee Appointments - President Keisling announced the appointment of Andi Rivarola and Debbie Strauss as Board representatives to the 2013 AIS Nominating Committee. Rivarola and Strauss will join Winona Stevenson (RVP), Don Rude (RVP), and Will Plotner (Sections) as members of this committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Fall Board Meeting will be held November 2-3 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus-North Hotel in Columbus, Ohio. 2012 Fall Meeting Chair, Jody Nolin may be reached at jody.nolin@gmail.com or (614) 507-0332.

The Spring 2013 AIS Board Meeting and Convention will be held April 15-20, 2013 in Dallas, Texas.

President Keisling expressed appreciation and thanks to Region 15 and to convention co-chairs Jill Bonino and Kathy Chilton for hosting this great convention.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Susan Boyce

**AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 4-5, 2011**

FULL MINUTES

President Judy Keisling called the Fall Meeting of The American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 7:08 PM on Friday November 4, 2011 and announced a quorum was present. President Keisling asked Board members, Committee Chairs, RVPs, and guest to introduce themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President, Judy Keisling; 1st Vice President and Treasurer, Jill Bonino; 2nd Vice President, Jim Morris; Secretary, Michelle Snyder. **Administrative Officers:** Registrar/Recorder, John Jones; Recording Secretary, Susan Boyce; Publication Sales, John Ludi; Membership Secretary, Tom Gormley. **Directors:** Ruth Barker, Susan Boyce, Dana Brown, Cheryl Deaton, Hal Griffie, Susan Grigg, John Jones, John Ludi, Jody Nolin, and Andi Rivarola. **RVP Representative:** Hugh Stout. **Immediate Past President:** Jeanne Clay Plank. **Committee Chairs:** Bob Plank, Bob Pries, Gerry Snyder, and Nick Stewart. **RVPs:** Wayne Smith (5). **Guests:** Glenn Grigg (4), Carolyn Hawkins, Sue Kilgore, and Betty Smith (5), Alan and Elaine Brooks (13), Jean Morris (18).

President Keisling welcomed all and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may vote.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

President Keisling announced that the AIS General Secretary received no additional nominations; therefore the published candidates for the AIS Board of Directors are duly elected by acclamation. They are: Susan Boyce (12), Cheryl Deaton (15), Hal Griffie (3), and Andi Rivarola (15).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING;

Victoria, British Columbia, Canada - May 31-June 1, 2011.

Two corrections to the minutes were noted. Andy Rivarola's name is misspelled and should be Andi Rivarola. the President's report stated that 2,5000 copies of the Basic culture were printed, but should have been 2,500.

*Deaton moved and Bonino seconded:

That we approve the minutes as corrected. **Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President - Judy Keisling asked the appointment of John Jones as Motion Secretary.

*Boyce moved and Deaton seconded:

That John Jones be appointed Motion Secretary. **Motion carried.

1. President Keisling thanked the members of the committee for all of their hard work on drafting the copy of the Proposed Guidelines for Registration Images. The members of the committee were: Cheryl Deaton, John Jones, Janet Smith, Bob Pries, Paul Black, Jim Morris, and Heather Prior. As one of the requirements of this policy passed by the board, is to appoint an Image Coordinator. President Keisling is appointing Janet Smith to this new position.
2. President Keisling thanked the outgoing AIS Board of Directors members Jerry Coates and Gary White for their service to the AIS.
3. President Keisling mentioned that later in this meeting we will be discussing the motion that was passed at the Spring 2011 meeting concerning the AIS Foundation and the AIS Donations.

In accordance with standard practice, Keisling asked for affirmation of interim Board action taken by email vote since the June 2011 Board Meeting.

*Jones moved and Deaton seconded:

That each foreign registrant pay a fee of USD \$15.00 (or its equivalent in the country currency) per iris registration or iris name reservation to the country Associate Registrar. That the country Associate Registrar keep USD \$5.00 (or its equivalent in the country currency) per iris registration or iris name reservation and pay the AIS USD \$10.00 per iris registration or iris name reservation, such payments to the AIS to be made via a PayPal system or such other arrangements as may be enumerated by the AIS Registrar-Recorder for his convenience. All payments to the AIS registrar to be made in USD. The AIS respectfully requests, but does not require, the country Associate Registrars to accept the USD \$5.00 stipend as full payment for their services as Associate Register in managing iris registrations and iris name reservations. That the services of the country Associate Registrar include, but may not be limited to, iris name checking against the irisregister.com database, translation (as appropriate), transliteration (as appropriate), and description review and editing. **Motion carried.

*Deaton moved and Jones seconded:

**That the Committee's recommendations listed below regarding the guidelines for the submission of digital images accompanying iris registrations and the creation of a Registration Image Coordinator be adopted by the AIS

****GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF DIGITAL IMAGES ACCOMPANYING IRIS REGISTRATIONS**

Mission Statement:

To create a reference library of images associated with fully completed registrations

received from the AIS Registrar-Recorder.

The images should function primarily as augmentation of cultivar descriptions and secondarily as a resource for AIS promotion.

Guidelines for Image Submission.

*Registrants are requested to submit images with registration. Highest quality digital images in jpeg format (4x6-300 dpi or medium setting on the camera-Higher Resolution is preferred and not to exceed 600 or 1200 dpi).

*Once the registrant receives approval for their name requested, images should be labeled as follows: YYreg.number, iris name_hybridizer_registration year_type_photographer. (i.e. 11-6789_Golden Panter_Tasco05_TB_JSmith)

*If possible, images of the flower (close up), stalk and clump are desired. It is to the advantage of the hybridizer to submit the best photos possible so they may promote the cultivar in AIS projects. The photographer retains copyright ownership for their own uses but agrees with submission to any AIS uses.

*The photograph of the flower should be taken in the garden with no digital manipulation permitted. Color and form should be true to cultivar in all respects and in sharp focus.

*It is preferred that the images are stored for reference in the AIS library.

Detailed Copyright Disclaimer;

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that by submitting a photograph of an iris cultivar being registered with the Registrar-Recorder of the American Iris Society the undersigned hereby grants the AIS and its agencies (Affiliates, Regions, Sections) the right to reprint or republish such photograph in the Iris Encyclopedia maintained by the AIS; in any of the newsletters or journals published by the AIS or its agencies; to publish such photograph on any website maintained by or on behalf of the AIS or any of its agencies; and to publish such photograph in any other publication published by the AIS or its agencies in the ordinary course of its educational and scientific activities.

The undersigned represents and warrants that he is the owner of all copyright rights with respect to the photograph submitted to the AIS other than those rights otherwise granted to the AIS herein or by law. The undersigned shall retain ownership of all individual copyright rights in the photograph covered by this agreement except for those rights granted to the AIS herein or by law.

Flow Chart:

*Image(s) is (are) accompanied with the Registration Form; received by the AIS Registrar-Recorder, assigned a registration number related to its registration folder and then transferred to Registration Image Coordinator once the registrant receives approval for their name requested.

*Registration Image Coordinator enters a cross-reference list of registration (image) numbers and names to be maintained on a spreadsheet.

*Discs are prepared and copies are sent to the AIS slide chair, AIS library, and Iris Encyclopedia Manager and Web Master.

*Iris Encyclopedia enters reduced images into wiki with accession number and file name so as to be able to act as a card catalog for higher definition images stored in library.

This process should be an ongoing process with batches sent as received by the AIS Registrar-Recorder.

Job description of Registration Image Coordinator.

*The Registration Image Coordinator is appointed by the President of AIS and is responsible to him/her.

*To coordinate all activities of the registration image collection, the archiving and disposition of said received from the AIS Registrar-Recorder.

*To safeguard and store all of the digitized photos by use of the AIS disaster plan.

Guidelines for Archiving Images in Library:

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**Storage: *Images may be stored on disc, thumb drive or external hard drive.

**Retrival: *By searching the Registration image Coordinator's spreadsheet, or the Iris Encyclopedia, one can obtain the file number for a unique image.

REGISTRATION IMAGE COORDINATOR DUTIES

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POSITION TITLE: Registration Image Coordinator

BASIC FUNCTION:

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To coordinate all activities of the registration image collection, the archiving and disposition of said received from the AIS Registrar-Recorder. The photograph of the flower should be taken in the garden with no digital manipulation permitted. Color and form should be true to cultivar in all respects and in sharp focus. (JPEG format preferred (4x6-300 dpi or medium setting on the camera - Higher Resolution is preferred not to exceed 600 or 1200 dpi).

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that by submitting a photograph of an iris cultivar being registered with the Registrar-Recorder of the American iris Society the undersigned hereby grants the AIS and its agencies (Affiliates, Regions, Sections) the right to reprint or republish such photograph in the Iris Encyclopedia maintained by the AIS; in any of the newsletters or journals published by the AIS or its agencies; to publish

such photograph on any website maintained by or on behalf of the AIS or any of its agencies; and to publish such photograph in any other publication published by the AIS or its agencies in the ordinary course of its educational and scientific activities.

The undersigned represents and warrants that he is the owner of all copyright rights with respect to the photograph submitted to the AIS other than those rights otherwise granted to the AIS herein or by law. The undersigned shall retain ownership of all individual copyright rights in the photograph covered by this agreement except for those rights granted to the AIS herein or by law.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS;

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He/she is appointed by the AIS President and responsible to him/her.

MAJOR FUNCTIONS:

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1. To receive from the AIS Registrar-Recorder any digital images the Registrar receives that are associated with a registration.
2. To maintain a spreadsheet with information such that its retrieval could be facilitated by each image having a distinct accession number based on the registration number. YY-nnnn where YY is a two-digit year indicator (e.g., 11 meaning 2011) followed by a (1 to 4 digit) registration sequence number.
3. To distribute copies of the digitized photos to the AIS Library, Iris Encyclopedia, AIS Web master upon request.
4. To safeguard and store all of the digitized photos by use of the AIS disaster plan.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY:

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Registration Image Coordinator enters a cross-reference list of registration (image) number and name to be maintained on a spreadsheet. It should also contain a distinct accession number based on the registration number, for the library. That number would appear on the encyclopedia under the comments for the picture and/or part of the file name as designated above. **Motion carried.**

1st Vice President - Jill Bonino reported on her efforts to obtain updates from the officers and committee members on backup persons and procedures. She also reported on starting research for a records retention policy. Bonino also stated that she will be resigning as the 1st Vice President at the end of this meeting.

2nd Vice President - Jim Morris deferred his report until later.

General Secretary - Michelle Snyder reported that she has the details of the votes of the two motions passed, if anyone would like to see them.

Editor - Kelly Norris was not present, but did send in a report and there were no motions that needed to be acted on. A discussion was held about the lateness of the

bulletins arriving to the membership. Another discussion ensued about whether bulletin information should be published on the Facebook page before the Irises bulletin is even published. It was discussed that a policy needs to be written concerning publishing AIS Information. President Keisling appointed Jody Nolin to chair this committee: Policy Committee for Information Distribution.

Advertising Editor - Bob Keup was not present, but his report stated that he wants the board to consider continuing reciprocal ads with The American Hemerocallis Society.

*Plank moved and Stout seconded:

**That we continue the reciprocal "institutional" ads with the American Hemerocallis Society (The Daylily Journal) twice a year, preferably spring and fall.

Motion carried.

The board also discussed which committee should be responsible for this task.

*Grigg moved and Bonino seconded:

That the Public Relations and Marketing committee be responsible for creating the reciprocal ads for the Daylily Journal. **Motion carried.

Treasurer - Jill Bonino reported a smaller loss in the 2010-2011 budget year than was expected. Bonino also stated that the income received from the Brent & Becky's Bloomin Buck\$ program has been continually and substantially smaller than expected even though they have been given several full page color ads in the AIS bulletins.

*Brown moved and Deaton seconded:

That we reduce the Brent & Becky's ad to 1/4 page and feature that the AIS receives a 25% donation from orders placed thru the Bloomin Buck\$ program and that the ad be designed by the Public Relations Committee effective immediately. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for a break at 8:49 pm and reconvened at 9:12 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley reported that the AIS membership has increased a little bit. This is a welcome, but cautious change.

Registrar/Recorder - John Jones reported on the changeover in this position from the Lowe's to himself. Jones expressed his thanks to Mike Lowe for his outstanding design and implementation of a data base system that is easy to use for the registration process. The new foreign registration fee was discussed. Jones noted that the new voluntary photo registration request is not part of his job. Janet Smith will be the person who will receive the photos. Bob Plank commented on a photo copyright release issue.

Recording Secretary - Susan Boyce had no report.

Publication/Sales - John Ludi reported on the lateness of receiving the calendars at the Storefront, thus the sales of the calendar are behind. He also stated that the Invitation To Join (ITJ) brochures inventory was getting very low and needs to be

reordered.

*Deaton moved and Snyder seconded:

That we reprint 10,000 ITJs at a cost not to exceed \$1,200. **Motion carried.
Ludi and Jones reported on the 10 year checklist and the problems and delays that have been encountered in getting this ready to print.

New Business: Bonino discussed the possibility of have more than two board meetings a year. Nothing was decided at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 pm, and the Board went into Executive session.

Saturday November 5, 2011 - the meeting was called back to order at 8:40 am, and the Honorary Awards were announced.

Honorary Awards - President Keisling announced the results of the Honorary Awards.
The Hybridizers Medals were awarded to Jill Copeland (6) and Jean Witt (13).
The Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Paul Gossett (22).
The Gold Medal was awarded to Mike and Anne Lowe (4).
The Bee Warburton Medal was awarded to Graeme Grosvenor of Australia.
Emeritus Judge is Hooker Nichols (17).

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Youth - Chair Cheryl Deaton reported that the youth membership has increased.

Symposium - Chair Gerry Snyder reported that after a couple of years decline in voting the symposium, voting in 2011 has increased about 50 percent.

Silent Auction - Co-chair Debra Strauss was not present, but Co-chair Nick Stewart reported on ways to get the word out to the AIS regions and affiliates about donating to the Silent Auction. Stewart noted that Jill Bonino's residence will be the receiving point for donation items that are mailed and/or shipped for the 2011 convention.

Section and Cooperating Society Liaison - Chair Jim Morris reported on the Spring 2011 Section and Cooperating Society meeting held at the 2011 convention. There was a consensus of positive feelings on the new initiatives. It was recommended that the color patterns treatment from The Basic Iris Culture booklet be added to the wiki. Another topic discussed was of the conflict of mini conventions being held at the same time that the AIS National conventions are held. The Sections and Cooperating Societies are urged not to schedule a mini convention at the same time as the AIS National convention.

Scientific Advisory Committee - Chair Kelly Norris was not in attendance and did not send in a report.

RVP Representative - Hugh Stout reported on the RVP meeting (Board of Counselors)

that was held at the 2011 AIS convention.

RVP Counselor - Chair Cheryl Deaton received a request from Region 2 that the AIS change the voting deadline for the Louisiana Iris ballot to July 31st. After a lengthy discussion on changing the entire ballot deadline:

*Deaton moved and Ludi seconded:

**That the voting period for LA and SPU irises coincide with the voting for JIs on the AIS ballot.

Upon further discussion and the need for input from an individual who was not present at the meeting:

*Jones moved and Morris seconded:

That motion eight be tabled. **Motion carried.

Another request Deaton received was that Assistant RVP name be changed to Deputy RVP. It was noted that if a name change was to be made, then the by-laws would have to be changed by all regions, affiliates, and the AIS. This would encompass much confusion and work, so this request will not be considered.

Deaton presented the 2012 RVP list for approval.

*Deaton moved and Brown seconded:

**That we accept the RVPs as presented to the Board by the RVP Counselor.

Motion carried.

First Year RVPs:

Region 4: Don Rude
Region 13: Dwayne Booth
Region 15: Winona Stevenson
Region 20: Lowell Baumunk

Second Year RVPs:

Region 1: Norine Veal
Region 2: Donna Lowry
Region 3: George Boyce
Region 5: Wayne Smith
Region 7: Sue Ann Barnes
Region 10: Ron Killingsworth
Region 17: Gordon Carver
Region 21: Ron Cosner
Region 23: Frances Day
Region 24: Robert Hollingsworth

Third Year RVPs:

Region 6: Chuck Bunnell
Region 8: John Baker
Region 9: Margaret Kelly

Region 11: Alverta Symes
Region 12: Lynn Hess
Region 14: Jeanne Clay Plank
Region 18: Judy Eckhoff
Region 22: Hugh Stout

Publications - Chair Jody Nolin has no written report, but noted that Betty Roberts has almost finished a hybridizer compendium. It is articles from prior bulletins, categorized, put in a bibliography form, with a short introductory paragraph in each chapter.

Photo Contest - Chair Janet Smith was not in attendance, but her report noted the difficulty in the entrants understanding the need of high resolution, good quality photos that will be printed in the bulletin.

Tax Exempt Advisor - Chair Bob Plank's report listed the fourteen affiliates and sections that he helped with the 501 (c) (3) this last year.

Judges - Chair Judy Keisling presented a summary of number of judges from year to year. She also presented the list of judges for approval for 2012.

*Snyder moved and Nolin seconded:

That we approve the 2012 list of judges as presented by the AIS Judges Training Chair. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for a break at 10:07 am and reconvened at 10:25 am.

Public Relations - Co-chair Bob Pries talked about the advertising rates and repricing of them. After a very lengthy discussion:

*Grigg moved and Morris seconded,

That all Bulletin advertising be in color effective with the April 2012 issue of IRISES. **Motion carried.

Pries stated that he wants to restart the Adwords campaign (which was discontinued 3 years ago) and have \$2,000 added to his budget to do this. He stated that this campaign should bring in 100 new E-members a month.

Pries presented a plan to create a voucher program to entice more people to join AIS.

After another very lengthy discussion:

*Jones moved and Snyder seconded:

That the AIS create a voucher system for new members, including Youth and E-members, and that it be instituted as soon as the PR Committee can garner 10 or more participating nurseries. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:50 am reconvened at 1:10 pm.

Policy & Operations Manual - Chair Jeanne Clay Plank has no written report, but she recommends that the Policy and Operations Manual jobs be separated. She recommends that Policy be made part of the Recording Secretary job as this is the repository for all of the motions that are made by the Board and the motions are where

the AIS policy comes from. Plank noted that having to compile them a second time is redundant and in her opinion the Recording Secretary would be the best place for the Policy position to be. The Recording Secretary Boyce had no objection to this change as she has already fielded several phone calls in the past few years and assisted the callers with questions about motions that have been passed in years prior. Plank also reported about getting some of the job descriptions rewritten and getting the manual up to date and possibly having it posted on the AIS encyclopedia site.

Library - Chair Tracy Plotner was not present and did not send in a report.

Judges Handbook Revision Committee- Chair Jim Morris reported he has only received one request for a change and at this point no action will be taken until more changes are requested.

Iris Programs Resources (Speakers) - Chair Dana Brown reported that an indexing project on an interactive judges training and speakers list has been stalled.

Iris Programs Resources (Slides & Digital) - Chair Janet Smith was not present, and her report indicated no actions were necessary.

Insurance - Chair Michelle Snyder reported that the insurance premiums decreased slightly, but she added John Jones' residence to the policy as he has AIS equipment at that location, and with this addition the rates will increase a bit, so the yearly premium rates remained the same as last year.

Foundation Liaison - Chair Gary White was not in attendance, but his report noted the projects that are currently being worked on.

Exhibitions - Supply clerk Susan Boyce reported on the new shipping fee that was implemented for the 2011 year. She also announced that starting with the 2012 year, the Entry tags will now be sold in packs of 100 for \$6.00. Previously they were sold in packs of 200 for \$12.00

The meeting recessed for a break at 2:40 pm and reconvened at 3:00 pm.

Electronic Services - Chair John Jones reported on the number of subscribers to irisregister. Jones also reported on the progress of the E-members website and the problems that have been encountered in transferring irisregister members to the E-members website. After a discussion:

*Jones moved and Bonino seconded:

That we leave irisregister as it is for existing subscribers. Add current irisregister subscribers to emembership for the length of term of their irisregister subscription. (determine whether current ID can receive a new PW) and that we make all new emembers irisregister subscribers with identical ID/PW. **Motion carried.

Jones reported on the progress of the bulletin scanning project that will eventually be put on the AIS Website.

Donations - Chair Lynn Williams was not present, but her report showed a decrease in donations. President Keisling noted the motion passed at the 2011 Spring meeting for all monies to be donated to the AIS Foundation and the share for AIS will be then forwarded to the AIS Treasurer.

Convention Liaison - Chair Paul Gossett reported that he is still working on a site for the 2014 AIS Spring convention. He is also working on a possible location in New Orleans for the 2013 Fall Board meeting.

Affiliates Liaison - Chair Jody Nolin reported that the affiliates' forum has slowly died down. Nolin also reported on a new affiliates checklist/booklet/guideline that she will produce with Affiliations Chair Boyce. The publication will be available in the future for groups that want to form a new affiliate and need information in this pursuit.

Affiliations - Chair Susan Boyce reported that the affiliation process for the 2012 calendar year has begun. Boyce also stated the need for a booklet to help new clubs form into an affiliate. She will start working on a booklet after the start of the new 2012.

Calendars - Chair Terry Aitken was not present. Ludi reported on a need to order the 2013 calendars.

*Ludi moved and Snyder seconded:

**That we order 1000 of the 2013 calendars at a cost not to exceed \$3,300.00.

Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: President Keisling readdressed the tabled motion that was discussed under the RVP Counselor's report. The motion was amended to read:

*Deaton moved and Jones seconded:

That the voting deadline for the AIS ballot be moved to August 1st. **Motion carried.

Awards - Chair Ruth Barker has tendered her resignation. She reported on the problems that have been encountered when the judges vote for a High Commendation (HC) iris.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Upon receiving no additional nominations from the floor, nominations were closed and the following slate of officers was elected by acclamation.

President - Judy Keisling

1st Vice President - Jim Morris

2nd Vice President - Gary White

Secretary - Michelle Snyder

Treasurer - Jill Bonino

Editor - Kelly Norris

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

President Keisling requested the appointment of the following officers:
Registrar/Recorder - John Jones and Joanne Prass Jones
Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley
Recording Secretary & Policy - Susan Boyce
Publication/Sales Directors - John and Kay Ludi
*Jones moved and Brown seconded. **Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

President Keisling requested approval for the following Standing Committee appointments:

Affiliates Liaison - Jody Nolin
Affiliations - Susan Boyce
Awards - Gerry Snyder
Calendars - Terry Aitken
Convention Liaison- Paul Gossett
Donations Secretary - Lynn Williams
Electronic Services - John Jones
Exhibitions - Lois Rose, Susan Boyce, Karen & Ray Jones
Foundation Liaison - Gary White
Honorary Awards - Jeanne Clay Plank
Insurance - Michelle Snyder
Iris Program Resources (Slides & Digital) - Janet Smith
Iris Program Resources (Speakers) - Dana Brown
Judges - Judy Keisling
Judges Handbook Revision Committee - Jim Morris
Librarian - Tracy Plotner
Operations Manual - Jeanne Clay Plank
Photo Contest - Janet Smith
Publications - Jody Nolin
Public Relations & Marketing - Susan Grigg and Bob Pries
RVP Counselor - Cheryl Deaton
RVP Representative - Hugh Stout
Scientific Advisory Group - Kelly Norris
Section and Cooperating Society Liaison - Jim Morris
Silent Auction - Debra Strauss and Nick Stewart
Symposium - Gerry Snyder
Tax Exemption Advisor - Bob Plank
Youth - Cheryl Deaton
*Jones moved and Brown seconded. **Motion carried.**

The meeting recessed for dinner break at 5:10 pm and reconvened at 6:39 pm.

Budget for 2011-2012

Treasurer Jill Bonino reminded the Board, that the Board needs to pass a motion that we reviewed the last three years of the IRS forms 990 and 990-T.

*Deaton moved and Boyce seconded:

****That we have reviewed Form 990 and 990-T. Motion carried.**

Bonino also stated that Edward Jones Investment, where we have the AIS investments, is redoing their forms, and the Standard Banking form needs to be resigned and the AIS needs to approve this.

*Jones moved and Stout seconded:

****That we approve a standard banking resolution for Edward Jones Investments.**

Motion carried.

Treasurer Bonino opened a line-by-line discussion of the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2011-2012, with changes that had been added and subtracted as they came up for discussion throughout the meeting.

*Jones moved and Deaton seconded:

****That we approve the Budget as revised. Motion carried.**

Unfinished Business: President Keisling noted that earlier in the meeting the board established a policy committee for Information Distribution. Keisling appointed Jody Nolin as the chair with Hugh Stout, Susan Grigg, Andi Rivarola and Hal Griffie as the members of this new committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Spring 2012 meeting and convention will be held in Ontario, California, Monday April 16th thru Saturday April 21, 2012, at the Doubletree Hotel Ontario, 222 North Vineyard Avenue, Ontario, California 91764. 1-909-937-0900. The convention co-chairs are: Kathy Chilton, 1-520-591-1729 and email ranchiris@aol.com, and also Jill Bonino, 1-818-790-3256 and email jillbon@earthlink.net.

President Keisling expressed a hearty thank you to Carolyn Hawkins for hosting this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Boyce

**AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**

MAY 29-30, 2011

FULL MINUTES

President Judy Keisling called the Spring Meeting of The American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 1:02 PM on Sunday, May 29, 2011, and announced a quorum was present. President Keisling asked Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVPs, and guest to introduce themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President, Judy Keisling; 1st Vice President and Treasurer, Jill Bonino; 2nd Vice President, Jim Morris; General Secretary, Michelle Snyder. **Administrative Officers:** Recording Secretary, Susan Boyce; Publication Sales, John and Kay Ludi; Editor Kelly Norris. **Directors:** Ruth Barker, Susan Boyce, Cheryl Deaton, Susan Grigg, John Jones, John Ludi, Jody Nolin, Gary White, and Lynn Williams. **RVP Representative:** Alan Brooks. **Immediate Past President:** Jeanne Clay Plank. **Committee Chairs:** Paul Gossett, Bob Plank, and Gerry Snyder. **RVPs:** Donna Lowry (2), Ron Killingsworth (10), and Gordon Carver (17). **Guest:** Sandy Ives, Maureen Mark (2), Harold Griffie (3), Glenn Grigg, Frances Thrash (4), Bob Hollingworth, Dorothy Willott (6), Ted Baker, Will Plotner, Lorena Reid, Howard & Val Smith (13), Joseph Bonino, Andy Rivarola, Winona Stevenson (15), Jim Landers (17), Jean Morris (18), and Linda Rader (21).

President Keisling welcomed all and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may vote.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Portland, Oregon-November 5-6, 2010.

No additions or corrections were made to the full minutes as posted on the AIS Website.

*Snyder moved and Deaton seconded:

That the minutes be accepted as presented on the AIS website. **Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President - Judy Keisling asked the appointment of John Jones as Motion Secretary.

*Deaton moved and Williams seconded:

That John Jones be appointed Motion Secretary. **Motion carried.

President Keisling presented the following in her report:

1. The new Basic Iris Culture booklets, 2,5000 copies have been printed.
2. Bob Keup has suggested that The AIS Board of Directors look at changing the advertising rates. Keisling also stated that Keup will not continue in this position after the October 2011 issue.
3. The AIS Foundation President, Bob Hollingworth has requested a joint meeting with the AIS Foundation and The AIS Board of Directors. President Keisling stated that this

meeting will take place on Monday evening.

4. As per the motion, that was passed concerning the formation of a committee to propose guidelines for registration images, President Keisling announced that Cheryl Deaton will be the Committee chair, along with John Jones, Janet Smith, Bob Pries, Paul Black, Jim Morris, and Heather Pryor will be addressing this motion.

In accordance with standard practice, Keisling asked for affirmation of interim Board actions taken by email vote since the November 2010 Board Meeting.

****That the Board approve George Boyce, as the RVP for Region 3. Motion carried.**

****That The AIS Board of Directors confirm the appointment of Cheryl Deaton as RVP Counselor as appointed by President Judy Keisling. Motion carried.**

****That Susan Boyce be elected to the board to fill the vacancy left by the death of Rita Gormley. Motion carried.**

****That the AIS Board accept the RVP Handbook Revision, October, 2010. Motion carried.**

****A).** The AIS Registrar shall begin requesting volunteer image submission with registrations. Images shall be accepted by the Registrar, archived in the AIS Library, and displayed on the Iris Encyclopedia. Submission of images to the AIS constitutes permission for any and all AIS uses.

B). The AIS President shall appoint a registration committee to facilitate implementation of registration image collection, archiving, and disposition. This committee shall propose suggested guidelines for registration images by August 1, 2011. **Motion carried by a vote of 9-7.**

*The following motion to amend the AIS by-laws was sent out in the January 2011 bulletin and a ballot was included requesting their vote be sent to the AIS Secretary by April 1, 2011.

****"(f) Electronic membership shall be the same as other forms of memberships with the exception that an e-member shall not receive the bulletin in a printed form but shall have access to it electronically. This e-membership may also include other electronic services which are unique to it. Members may choose to have both e-membership and another form of membership to receive both printed and electronic services. Holding two types of membership shall not duplicate voting privileges. E-members shall also receive the new member's packet and other information electronically. Electronic-membership shall be renewable annually"**

The total number of votes received was 578. Two-thirds of the total votes received is 385. A total of 498 YES votes were received versus 80 NO votes. As such, amendment to the AIS by-laws was adopted.

*President Judy Keisling has appointed John Jones as the new Registrations Chair. **Motion carried.**

*Jones moved and Morris seconded:

****That we approve the interim board actions. Motion carried.**

1st Vice President - Jill Bonino deferred her report until later.

2nd Vice President - Jim Morris reported on his experience, as the AIS representative

to the International Iris competition in Florence, Italy for 2011. The Primo Firenze (Gold Florin) was awarded to 'Silk Road' by Keith Keppel.

General Secretary - Michelle Snyder reported that Bob Hollingworth, President of the AIS Foundation, wanted to be added to the AIS Discussion group.

*Plank moved and Williams seconded:

That the President of the AIS Foundation be added to AISDiscuss. **Motion carried.

Snyder also reported that an affiliate in Australia wants the AIS to offer a free AIS membership to the winner of the affiliate's iris show. After a discussion:

*Deaton moved and Barker seconded:

That we decline the request by Inland Region Iris Society Inc (Australia) to provide a prize of a year's subscription to the AIS Bulletin. That instead we offer a one year subscription to the AIS e-membership. **Motion carried by a vote of 8-7.

After a very lengthy discussion another motion was proposed:

*Snyder moved and Williams seconded:

That Motion 5 be amended such that it reads "a one year individual subscription for the winner of the designated class be a one-time only offer". **Motion carried.

Treasurer - Jill Bonino reported on the financial, seven month status of the AIS. Bonino also reported on the progress of purchasing online, items from the AIS Storefront using paypal.

Editor - Kelly Norris will give his report later in the meeting.

Advertising Editor - Bob Keup was not in attendance, but his report stated a small drop in ads for the shopping section, but the display ads are running about the same as in the past. Keup has been discussing a reciprocal agreement in regards to trading ads with the American Hemerocallis Society.

*Jones moved and Deaton seconded:

That the AIS enter into a reciprocal agreement with the American Hemerocallis Society to have a half page ad for each society's published bulletin once a year and that the Advertising Editor be authorized to increase the ad to a full page if acceptable to the American Hemerocallis Society. **Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley was not in attendance. Bonino noted that the income from memberships is ahead of budget, but membership decline is still expected.

Registrar/Recorder - Mike and Anne Lowe were not in attendance. President Keisling noted that John Jones will become the new AIS Registrar, and the changeover is expected in July. A discussion followed about all hybridizers, both domestic and foreign pay the same amount when registering irises. Currently the overseas foreign hybridizers pay nothing.

*Jones moved and Snyder seconded:

That foreign registrants pay AIS the same registration fee as US and Canadian Registrants pay. Fee to be paid in USD, effective August 1, 2011. **Motion carried. Also noted was the problem that the Lowe's have encountered each year, of receiving a large amount of iris registrations at the end of the registration year and thus creating a large problem in processing the registrations in a timely manner. This also creates a problem of publishing the yearly checklist in a timely manner.

*Jones moved and Snyder seconded:

That iris registrations must be received by the AIS Registrar prior to November first of each registration year and any registrations received after that date will be held until December first and be registered in the following registration year. **Motion carried.

Recording Secretary - Susan Boyce had no report.

RVP Representative - Alan Brooks gave no report.

The meeting recessed for a break at 2:52 pm and reconvened at 3:15 pm.

Publication/Sales - John Ludi reported on the calendar inventory. For the 2011 year 2,000 calendars were printed and there are still 1,121 left. It was recommended to place a smaller order for the 2012 calendars.

*Jones moved and Plank seconded:

That we print no more than 1,000 copies of the 2012 AIS Calendar. **Motion carried.

Ludi stated that three customers purchase large quantities of the BIC's, and then resell them out of their gardens. When notified of the new increased price of \$5.00 for each booklet these customers stated that they could not purchase them at this new higher price. After a lengthy discussion:

*Ludi Moved and Williams seconded:

** That the single copy price of the color version of the Basic Iris Culture be \$5.00 plus \$2.00 shipping (Canada shipping \$3.00, international \$5.00) and the price for a packet of twenty five copies be \$75.00 plus \$5.00 US shipping (Canada shipping \$29.00, international \$48.00). AIS member discount price: single copy \$3.00, packet of twenty five copies \$60.00 (standard shipping as above applies). **Motion carried.** Ludi noted that the price of charging for the ITJ's after the first 100 free ones, have caused alot of confusion.

*Jones moved and Snyder seconded:

That for AIS Affiliates the first 100 ITJs per year are free and that packets of 25 are \$4.00 plus \$2.00 shipping and handling and packets of 100 at \$15.00 plus shipping and handling. **Motion carried.

Ludi noted that the RVP Handbook and the Convention Handbook are available on the AIS Website for downloading.

*Jones moved and Morris seconded:

**That we produce the 2009 ten-year Check List using Print on Demand and that the price of the soft-cover be \$18.00 plus shipping and handling and the hard cover be

\$27.00 plus shipping and handling. **Motion carried.**

Another lengthy discussion followed about the shipping costs, involving the two motions passed concerning the Basic Iris Culture's and the ITJ's.

*Ludi moved and

That the AIS Storefront be authorized to set the shipping at cost plus \$2.00 handling fee, total to be rounded up to the next dollar on all items ordered from the storefront. **Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for dinner break at 5:00 pm.

The meeting reconvened back at 7:02 pm.

Unfinished Business - none

Reports of Special Committees - none

New Business - Bonino reported that in talks with Hugh Stout, President of the Tall Bearded Iris Society, the Tall Bearded Iris Society would like to become a Cooperating Society of the AIS.

*Bonino moved and Deaton seconded:

That the Tall Bearded Iris Society be allowed to become a Cooperating Society of the AIS. **Motion carried by a vote of 12-2.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Affiliations - Chair Susan Boyce reported that there are currently 170 affiliates. Also reported that there have been several people who have expressed a concern over the affiliations process. Several thoughts were discussed about this.

*Morris moved and Deaton seconded:

That we charge all clubs \$25.00 per year for Affiliation beginning with the 2012 Affiliation year excepting first year affiliations. **Motion carried.

Boyce also noted that several RVP's have expressed concern about the affiliation year starting on May 1st, and many of the affiliates starting to have elections and change of officers in June, thus the information becomes quickly outdated.

*Boyce moved and Snyder seconded:

**That the Affiliation year run from January first thru December thirty-first.

Motion carried.

Affiliation Liaison - Chair Jody Nolin reported that things have slowed down on the Affiliates email group list. Nolin noted that this email group is just a way to voice information from the board to the affiliates and vice a versa. This by no ways undercuts the RVP's responsibilities.

Awards - Chair Ruth Barker reported that the ballot is online for voting.

Calendars - Chair Terry aitken was not in attendance and did not send in a report.

Convention Liaison - Chair Paul Gossett reported that he has received an invitation to host the 2012 Fall Board meeting.

*Ludi moved and Morris seconded:

That Columbus Iris Society in Columbus, Ohio host the 2012 Fall Board meeting. **Motion carried.

Gossett also reported he is also working on a site to host the 2014 convention.

Donations - Chair Lynn Williams reported that donations are down from last year.

Electronic Services - Chair John Jones reported on the progress of starting the e-membership on the AIS website. Also reported was the progress of scanning the older AIS Bulletins to be put in the website.

*Jones moved and Williams seconded:

That we approve online publishing as part of e-memberships the most recent four Bulletins and the next for issues using Brown publishing at the cost of \$3.00 per page. **Motion carried.

Jones also noted the technology needed to do this conversion to post the AIS bulletin archives online.

*Jones moved and Plank seconded:

That we authorize the Electronic Services Chair to draft a grant proposal to the AIS Foundation for President Keisling's signature to fund the use of the Blue Toad technology to place the AIS bulletin archive pdfs online as part of the AIS e-membership and for scholarly and/or academic research. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for a break at 9:08 pm and reconvened at 9:21 pm.

Exhibitions - Supply clerk Susan Boyce reported on the problem of receiving a large amount of exhibition supply orders that are needed for iris shows in a very short amount of time, usually less than two weeks, most of them in less than a one week time span before a show. After a board discussion:

*Boyce moved and Morris seconded:

If an Affiliate request a rush order of exhibition supplies within two weeks or less of the date, a \$25.00 "rush order" fee will be charged. **Motion carried.

Morris stated that he would like to see the Best of Show winners reinstated in the AIS Bulletin.

*Morris moved and Jones seconded:

That we print a listing of Best of Show winners (iris, affiliate, and exhibitor) of the AIS shows in the IRISES - The Bulletin of the American Iris Society. **Motion carried.

Immediate Past President - Chair Jeanne Clay Plank reported on the operations handbook and it will be sent out to the board members who do not have one yet.

Insurance - Chair Michelle Snyder reported on the easier, new methods of obtaining certificates of insurance via the internet.

Iris Programs Resources (Speakers) - Chair Dana Brown was not in attendance.

Iris Programs Resources (Slides & Digital) - Chair Janet Smith was not in attendance.

Judges - Chair Judy Keisling reported a loss of fifty four judges over this last year.

Judges Handbook Revision Committee - Chair Jim Morris reported that the judges handbook has now been OCR scanned. Morris noted that if anyone has suggestions on changes that should be made to the Judges Handbook, to please send them in writing to him.

Library - Chair Tracy Plotner was not in attendance, but her report indicated that the library is running out of storage space.

Tax Exemption Advisor - Chair Bob Plank had no report.

Photo Contest - Chair Janet Smith was not in attendance.

Publications - Chair Jody Nolin reported exploring putting the AIS checklist onto CD's, so people would have better access to iris information at the iris shows. Nolin also reported on a possible book to celebrate the AIS' 100th anniversary in 2020. President Keisling suggested an article in the bulletin to find volunteers to assist with the AIS' 100th anniversary.

Scientific Advisory Committee- Chair Kelly Norris had no report.

Silent Auction - Co-chairs Strauss and Stewart were not in attendance and did not send in a report.

Symposium - Chair Gerry Snyder reported that the data for the 2011 symposium ballot had been put on the AIS Website early this spring.

Youth - Chair Cheryl Deaton reported that the youth numbers are staying fairly steady at just under 200. Also concerning posting youth information on the internet, there was a continued discussion from the 2010 Fall Board meeting about the Youth Protection Policy. Deaton announced the winner of the Clarke Cosgrove Memorial Award, Alex Harding, will not be in attendance to accept his award. Deaton also announced the winners of the Ackerman Essay contest. They are: Chelsea Curlee, Region 17 (12 and under age group) and Jarrett Raulerson, Region 5 (13 and up age group).

Foundation Liaison - Chair Gary White reported on the five projects that are currently being funded. More will be discussed on Monday evening concerning the tax status of the AIS Foundation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 pm, and the Board went into Executive session.

Monday, May 30, 2011 - The meeting reconvened at 8:38 pm.

Editor - Kelly Norris reported on damage that some of the bulletins arrived with, due to not being covered with the plastic covers.

*Boyce moved and Nolin seconded:

That we authorize the use of plastic covers to mail the AIS Bulletin. **Motion failed.

Public Relations - Co-chair Susan Grigg introduced Andy Rivarola. Andy is in charge of the AIS Facebook page and he talked about reaching out to potential members via facebook and twitter.

Foundation - Bob Hollingworth reported on the possibility of the foundation receiving all of the AIS Donations and then sending the money back to the AIS which would benefit the foundation in meeting the tax requirements. A lengthy discussion followed.

*Nolin moved and Plank seconded:

That the AIS promote the AIS Foundation as the recipient of all donations intended for the AIS. That the implementation is to be refined with the appropriate input from legal and tax authorities and with consideration of the internal processes of both the AIS and the AIS Foundation. **Motion carried.

Another discussion followed about the AIS Foundation becoming the only group responsible for iris scientific research.

*Snyder moved and Boyce seconded:

That the AIS Foundation shall be the sole supporting group for iris research activities, and that the AIS Scientific Advisory Committee shall handle scientific reviews. **Motion carried.

Another discussion followed about the AIS and the AIS Foundation working together in pursuit of finding a new AIS Library site.

*Snyder moved and Jones seconded:

That the AIS Foundation and the AIS shall form a joint advisory committee for the support and development of AIS Library activities and the development of sources for AIS Library funding. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for a break at 10:11 pm and reconvened at 10:25 pm.

Report of the Nominating Committee - Chair Hal Griffie presented the slate of nominees for consideration as candidates for the four director positions on The American Iris Society Board of Directors: Hal Griffie (3), Anita Moran (4), Bob Pries (4), Steve Poole (9), Susan Boyce (12), Cheryl Deaton (15), Andy Rivarola (15), and Ron Cosner (21).

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 pm for Executive session.

The Board of Directors went into executive session from 10:28 pm until 11:00 pm, with the regular session called back to order at 11:07 pm. Director nominees selected for

the three year terms which will expire in 2014 are: Susan Boyce, Cheryl Deaton, Hal Griffie, and Andy Rivarola.

RVP Counselor - Chair Cheryl Deaton reported on the RVP meeting. There were a lot of new RVP's in attendance. Deaton announced the results from the Board of Counselors meeting. The new RVP Board Representative for 2011-2012 is Hugh Stout (Region 22). The Nominating Committee Representatives are Donna Lowry (Region 2) and Gordon Carver (Region 17).

Section and Cooperating Society Liaison - Chair Jim Morris reported that at the meeting, the nomenclature standards, the AIS website, and the wiki were all discussed. Morris announced that Jean Morris, President of the Median Iris Society, will be the section representative to the AIS Nominating committee.

Nominating Committee Appointments - President Keisling announced the appointment of Ruth Barker and Gary White as Board representatives to the 2012 AIS Nominating Committee. Barker and White will join Gordon Carver (RVP), Donna Lowry (RVP), and Jean Morris (Sections) as members of this committee.

Public Relations addendum - Co-chair Susan Grigg reported that the Public Relations committee needs permission to draft a letter to be able to have irises planted at the White House in the flower garden area.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Fall Board Meeting will be held November 4-5, 2011 at the Embassy Suites-Airport in Atlanta, Georgia. 2011 Fall Meeting Chair, Carolyn Hawkins may be reached at carolyn9999@comcast.net or (770) 855-4248.

The Spring 2012 AIS Board Meeting and Convention will be held Monday, April 16-21, 2012 in Ontario, California.

President Keisling expressed thanks to Ted Baker and the British Columbia Iris Society for hosting this wonderful convention.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Susan Boyce

**AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
PORTLAND, OREGON
NOVEMBER 5-6, 2010**

FULL MINUTES

President Judy Keisling called the Fall Meeting of The American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 6:52 PM on Friday, November 5, 2010, and announced a quorum was present. President Keisling asked Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVPs, and guests to introduce themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President, Judy Keisling; 1st Vice President and Treasurer, Jill Bonino; General Secretary, Michelle Snyder; Editor, Kelly Norris. **Administrative Officers:** Recording Secretary, Susan Boyce; Publication Sales, John and Kay Ludi. **Directors:** Ruth Barker, Dana Brown, Cheryl Deaton, Rita Gormley, Susan Grigg, John Jones, John Ludi, Jody Nolin, Gary White, and Lynn Williams. **RVP Representative:** Alan Brooks. **Immediate Past President:** Jeanne Clay Plank. **Committee Chairs:** Paul Gossett, Bob Plank, Janet Smith, and Gerry Snyder. **RVPs:** Gordon Carver (17) **Guests:** Glenn Grigg (4), Keith Keppel and Dave Silverberg (13).

President Keisling welcomed all and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may vote.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

President Keisling announced that the AIS General Secretary received no additional nominations, and therefore, the published candidates for the AIS Board of Directors are duly elected by acclamation. They are: Dana Brown (17), Susan Grigg (4), John Ludi (13), and Debbie Strauss (17).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Madison, Wisconsin - May 31-June 1, 2010.

One correction to the minutes published on the AIS Website as follows: On the treasurers report, it was stated Bonino reported on the financial, six month status. It should have been listed as the seven month status.

*Snyder moved and Deaton seconded:

That we approve the minutes as corrected. **Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President - Judy Keisling asked the appointment of John Jones as Motion Secretary.

* Ludi moved and Deaton seconded.

** That Jones be appointed Motion Secretary. **Motion carried.**

1. Keisling thanked the four out going directors: Paul Gossett, Bob Keup, Jim Morris, and Bob Pries.

2. Keisling reported that the Sautners have resigned. She has appointed Debbie Strauss and Nick Stewart as the co-chairs of the AIS Silent auction.

3. Keisling noted that R Gormley has updated the RVP Handbook. The draft revision is done and printed for review by the members of the board for accuracy over the next couple of weeks.

*Gormley moved and Snyder seconded:

**That we accept the 2008 revision of the RVP Handbook. The vote to approve this new handbook will be held later on AIS discuss after the corrections are made.

4. Keisling reported on the letter from Paul Black on suggestions and thoughts on iris registrations. It was suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed to consider his suggestions, and President Keisling will address this later.

5. Keisling reported that other items: the Symposium, the plain paper business edition, and the reprint of the Basic Iris Culture will be discussed later in the meeting.

In accordance with standard practice, Keisling asked for affirmation of interim Board action taken by email vote since the June 2010 Board Meeting.

*Bonino moved and Coates seconded:

That the AIS Board authorize the Membership Secretary to purchase a new laptop and necessary software for the Memsec operations with a budget no larger than \$1,000.00. **Motion carried.

*Gossett moved and Gormley seconded:

That the AIS Board of Directors accept the invitation from the Iris Society of Dallas to host the 2013 AIS Convention in Dallas. **Motion carried.

1st Vice President - Jill Bonino deferred her report until later.

2nd Vice President - vacant

General Secretary - Michelle Snyder thanked Susan Boyce and Jill Bonino for assisting when Gerry and her were out of the country.

Treasurer - Jill Bonino reported on the current end of year financial statement. Noted that the year end loss was actually lower than estimated in November 2009. Also noted, that membership dues income is again down and that it is imperative that we lower the cost of producing the AIS bulletin. Bonino reported that the 2011 convention raffle fundraiser is going well.

Bonino also discussed a draft of a disaster plan in case of sudden death or incapacitating disability of AIS Board members or Committee chairs who are responsible for key operations within the AIS.

Bonino also noted that a shopping cart for the AIS Storefront is in the early planning stages.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley was not present, but his report indicated a continuing decline in membership numbers.

Recording Secretary - Susan Boyce had no report.

The meeting recessed for a break at 8:12 pm and reconvened at 8:26 pm.

Editor - Kelly Norris presented price comparisons regarding the printing of the AIS bulletin. After a long discussion it was decided to change printers.

*Ludi moved and Gormley seconded:

That we switch from Bridgetown to Sundance for the printing of our bulletin effective with the January 2011 edition. **Motion carried.

Norris also presented a list of several items that are regularly published in the bulletin and questioned whether if these specific reoccurring topics in the bulletin are necessary for publication. After much discussion each of the items on his list were voted on, one by one. The board voted on the following:

*Williams moved and Gormley second:

That we discontinue the black and white wrapper for the bulletin. **Motion carried.

*Jones moved and Deaton seconded:

That we discontinue printing the Advertising Rate Card (direct to website) in the bulletin. **Motion carried by a vote of 13-1.

*Jones moved and Nolin seconded:

That we discontinue printing the Insurance notice in the bulletin. **Motion failed by a vote of 8-6.

*Jones moved and Snyder seconded:

That we discontinue printing the AIS Show Reports in the bulletin. **Motion carried by a vote of 13-1.

*Jones moved and White seconded:

That we discontinue printing the Approved Judges in the bulletin. **Motion carried by a vote of 13-1.

*Jones moved and Plank seconded:

That we discontinue printing the TB Symposium results in the bulletin. **Motion failed by a vote of 13-1.

*Jones moved and Deaton seconded:

That we discontinue printing the Treasurer's Report in the bulletin. **Motion carried by a vote of 8-6.

*Jones moved and Snyder seconded:

That we discontinue printing the Board of Directors Minutes Digest in the bulletin. **Motion carried.

*Jones moved and Snyder seconded:

That we discontinue printing the Donations to AIS in the bulletin. **Motion failed.

*Jones moved and Deaton seconded:

That we discontinue printing the Donations to AIS Foundation in the bulletin. **Motion failed.

*Williams moved and Snyder seconded:

That we revoke the Nov 2009 Board motion that we produce an annual plain paper business edition (Motion #9, Fall 2009 Board Meeting). **Motion carried by a vote of 13-1.

Norris also stated a desire for addition color signature pages for the bulletin.

*Jones moved and Brown seconded:

That we authorize an additional color signature for the Bulletin to enable additional advertising or pictorial emphasis at editor's discretion. **Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm, and the Board went into Executive session.

Saturday, November 6, 2010 - the meeting was called back to order at 8:38 am, and the Honorary Awards were announced.

Honorary Awards - President Keisling announced the results of the Honorary Awards.

The Bee Warburton Medal was awarded to Lech Komarnicki of Poland.

The Hybridizers Medal was awarded to Rick Tasco (14).

The AIS Gold Medals were awarded to Clarence Mahan (4) and Terry Aitken (13).

The Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Rita Gormley (5).

Emeritus Judges are: Jim Hedgecock (18), Jeanne Clay Plank (14), and Marky Smith (13).

Registrar/Recorder: Mike and Anne Lowe were not present. A discussion ensued on how many of the 2009 - 10 year checklist should be printed. A number was not set at this time. Another discussion of the number of the 2010 yearly Registrations and Introductions followed.

*Jones moved and Williams seconded:

That we print 500 copies of the 2010 R&I. **Motion carried.

Another discussion was held about shipping and handling prices on items to be sent from the AIS Storefront.

*Williams moved and Brown seconded:

That the price for the 2010 R&I be set at \$10.00 and we add shipping and handling (currently \$2.00 US, \$2.50 Canada, and \$5.50 International). **Motion carried. Jones discussed the current year's R&I being published on the AIS Irisregister.

*Jones moved and Deaton seconded:

That we allow the full description from the current year R&I be published in Irisregister. **Motion carried.

Publication/Sales - John Ludi reported on the pricing of producing new RVP pins.

*Bonino moved and Brown seconded:

**That we order sterling RVP pins, quantity, and cost to be determined with a maxium cost no greater than \$60 per pin, sales price to equal cost plus shipping.

Motion carried.

Ludi reported on the remaining stock of the 1999 and earlier R&I's, which has not been selling at all.

*Brown moved and Snyder seconded:

That we recycle the remaining 1999 and earlier R&I's after keeping one copy of each for the Registrar. **Motion carried.

Also discussed was the remaining stock of the 10 year checklists.

*Gormley moved and Nolin seconded:

That we lower the price of the 1999 and prior 10 year checklist to \$10.00 plus S&H. **Motion carried.

*Deaton moved and Brown seconded:

That we sell a set of 7 Check lists for \$50.00 plus S&H. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for a break at 10:28 am, and reconvened at 10:45 am.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Affiliations - Chair Brad Kasperek was not in attendance, and did not send in a report. President Keisling announced that Kasperek has resigned and she is appointing Susan Boyce to fill this position.

Affiliates Liaison - Chair Jody Nolin reported on the progress of this standing committee since it was formed last fall.

Awards - Chair Ruth Barker reported on the preliminary changeover of the ballot system from paper to electronic. Since the voting systems was initiated near the deadline for submitting the 2010 ballot, the 2011 ballots will still be mailed to all of the judges and the judges will have the option of voting electronically or by voting the paper ballot by mail.

Calendars - Chair Terry Aitken was not present, and his report recommended 1,000 calendars be printed for 2012. It was pointed out, that since the AIS is changing publishers for the AIS Bulletin, new pricing bids will need to be obtained for the calendar.

Convention Liaison - Chair Paul Gossett reported that he is need of a site to host the 2014 convention. He also reported that he has received an invitation from the Portland Iris Society to host the 2015 convention.

*Snyder moved and Gormley seconded:

That we approve the invitation from the Portland Iris Society to host the 2015 Spring convention. **Motion carried.

Gossett also stated that is working on possible sites to host the fall board meetings for 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Gossett reported on different travel options on traveling to Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, for the 2011 AIS convention. Gossett noted that because of the complex tax laws in Canada, a Silent Auction might cause problems.

*Plank moved and Gormley seconded:

That we do not have a silent auction at the Spring 2011 convention in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12 noon, and was reconvened at 1:02 pm.

Donations - Chair Lynn Williams presented a proposal to start a Special Donation

Program to reward donors who reach different \$\$\$ levels of giving to the AIS. White, who is the AIS Foundation Secretary and Treasurer stated he is concerned that people will only donate to the AIS and not to the AIS Foundation. A very lengthy discussion followed about donations being directed to the AIS versus the AIS Foundation.

*Jones moved and Bonino seconded:

That the AIS President appoint an ad hoc committee to consider the issue of coordinated donations to both the AIS and the AIS Foundation, and that we continue AIS donations in the interim as we are currently. **Motion carried by a vote of 13-1.

Exhibitions - Supply clerk Susan Boyce was present and President Keisling remarked on the consolidated exhibitions report and stated that everything went smoothly for the 2010 exhibitions year.

Foundation Liaison - Chair Gary White reported on the four grants that the foundation has funded. Two are ongoing and two are done.

Insurance - Chair Michelle Snyder reported that there are now two ways to obtain the certificate of insurance. The new second option can be completed electronically by emailing the insurance broker. Snyder stated that she readjusted the insurance policy and obtained an decrease in the insurance policy premium and will be receiving a \$300 plus refund on the premium.

Iris Program Resources (Slides & Digital) - Chair Janet Smith reported on the decreased usage of the slides program.

Photo Contest - Chair Janet Smith reported that she had received just over 300 photos for the 2010 contest year. Three persons from the Photo Society of America judged the photos. The results will be presented in the January 2011 AIS Bulletin.

Iris Program Resources (Speakers) - Chair Dana Brown reported that there has not been alot of changes or activity. She does have a master list of judges who are willing to serve as judges training instructors or speakers. Brown stated that Gerry Snyder is working on a software program that will allow use of the list interactively and searchable for all of the variables of what kind of training the different regions want and need for their judges training and also what kind of training and distance the judges will travel for and do.

Judges Handbook Revision - Chair Jim Morris was not in attendance, but his report stated that has begun to assemble a team to do a complete review of the AIS Judges' Training Handbook.

Judges - Chair Judy Keisling reported on the summary of judges from year to year. It was noted that all there has been no growth in the number of judges and there was a loss of judges in every category.

*Williams moved and White seconded:

**That we accept the recommendation of the Judges Chair for 2011 nominated

judges. **Motion carried.**

The meeting recessed for a break at 2:37 pm, and reconvened at 2:55 pm.

Public Relations - Chair Bob Pries was in attendance via speaker phone. President Keisling presented the new look for the Basic Iris Culture, in color. The Board discussed the prices for printing and the price needed to be charged for selling these. It was also stated that two people are needed to proofread this before printing.

*Jones moved and Snyder seconded:

That we print 2,500 copies of the revised Basic Iris Culture in color at a cost of \$3,418.13. **Motion carried.

*Jones moved and Snyder seconded:

That the sales price for the new color Basic Iris Culture at \$5.00, and the price for a bundle of 25 at \$75.00. **Motion carried.

*Jones moved and Williams seconded:

That we amend Motion 28 to include shipping to the storefront of approximately \$350.00. **Motion carried.

Publications - Chair Jody Nolin reported on Terry Aitken's work on the hybridizers manual. Also stated was the need for volunteers to help with this committee. President Keisling also mentioned that the AIS' 100th anniversary will be in ten years. Keisling also stated that she asked Nolin to begin coordinating, planning, gathering ideas, and finding members for a committee to commemorate the AIS' 100th birthday.

RVP Counselor - Chair Rita Gormley presented the 2011 RVP list for approval.

*Gormley moved and Nolin seconded:

That we accept the RVP 2011 nominees, excepting Region 3, as presented by the RVP Counselor. **Motion carried.

First Year RVPs:

Region 1: Norine Veal
Region 2: Donna Lowry
Region 5: Wayne Smith
Region 7: Sue Ann Barnes
Region 10: Ron Killingsworth
Region 17: Gordon Carver
Region 21: Ron Cosner
Region 23: Frances Day
Region 24: Robert Hollingsworth

Second Year RVPs:

Region 6: Chuck Bunnell
Region 8: John Baker
Region 9: Margaret Kelly

Region 11: Alverta Symes
Region 12: Lynn Hess
Region 14: Jeanne Clay Plank
Region 18: Judy Eckhoff
Region 22: Hugh Stout

Third Year RVPs:

Region 4: Carrie Winter
Region 13: Alan Brooks
Region 15: Cheryl Deaton
Region 20: Betty Roberts

It was noted that Region 3 will be holding their RVP election on Sunday, November 7th, so the approval of that Region's new RVP will be approved by the board after the new RVP is named.

RVP Representative - Alan Brooks reported on the RVP Representative's responsibilities. Also stated, the realignment and dissolution of Region 16 is now complete and the combination of Regions 3 and 19 will be effective January 1, 2011. Also stated was the confusion of the RVP's with the way the symposium was to be acquired and voted on by the members.

Scientific Advisory Committee - Chair Kelly Norris was not in attendance for this part of the meeting and did not send in a report.

Section and Cooperating Society Liaison - Chair Jim Morris was not in attendance and did not send in a report.

Silent Auction - Chairs Barbara and John Sautner were not present. President Keisling stated again, that they have resigned and noted their replacements and also noted that the Silent Auction will not be held in 2011.

Tax Exemption Advisor - Chair Bob Plank was present, but had no report.

Electronic Services - Chair John Jones reported that the new AIS website redesign is almost done. Jones stated that he has a working model for assigning ID's and passwords for an e-membership section on the website. Jones also reported that he has found a company that can scan, OCR, and index the old AIS bulletins.

*Jones moved and Brown seconded:

**That we submit a proposal to the AIS Foundation requesting that they fund a \$10,000.00 project for the AIS to scan past AIS bulletins over a two year period.

Motion carried.

A very lengthy discussion ensued about the wording of the proposed change to the bylaws regarding adding electronic memberships.

*Jones moved and Deaton seconded:

****That we amend the bylaws to include: (f) Electronic membership shall be the same as other forms of memberships with the exception that an e-member shall not receive the bulletin in a printed form but shall have access to it electronically. This e-membership may also include other electronic services which are unique to it. Members may choose to have both e-membership and another form of membership to receive both printed and electronic services. Holding two types of membership shall not duplicate voting privileges. E-members shall also receive the new member's packet and other information electronically. Electronic-membership shall be renewable annually.**

Motion carried.

President Keisling noted that this will need to now be voted on by the general AIS membership. It will be mailed out and of the ballots that are returned, there must be a favorable vote of at least 66.66% of the respondents for the bylaws to be changed. This will be mailed out with the January AIS Bulletin and the voted ballot needs to be sent to the General Secretary, Michelle Snyder and due on April 1, 2011.

Another discussion followed on what an e-membership would offer to those who subscribe.

*Brown moved and Deaton seconded:

****That e-memberships at this time include access to irisregister, electronic bulletins, and an electronic version of the The Basic Iris Culture. Motion carried.**

Another discussion followed about setting a price for the annual electronic membership.

*Jones moved and Brown seconded:

****That we set the annual fee for the AIS Electronic membership at \$15.00.**

Motion carried.

It was noted that these last three motions effective date will depend on the election results.

*Ludi moved and Snyder seconded:

****That we order 10,000 copies of the ITJ modified to include a line about electronic memberships. Motion carried.**

Another discussion followed about some of the Affiliates ordering very large quantities of the ITJ's.

*Bonino moved and Williams seconded:

****That we give up to 100 ITJ's free per Affiliate per year and that we charge \$15.00/100 ITJs plus S&H for additional quantities. Motion carried.**

The meeting recessed for dinner break at 5:43 pm and reconvened at 7:06 pm.

Youth - Chair Cheryl Deaton reported on a question a youth advisor had about facebook and the Youth Protection Policy concerning posting information about youth on facebook. After a long discussion, clarification was needed on the existing Youth Protection Policy. Regarding photos of youth on the internet, it was decided that no photos of youth, can be on any Region or Affiliate website. Further research will be

conducted by the Youth chair, AIS legal advisor, and the Insurance chair.

Symposium - Chair Gerry Snyder reported on the confusion on publishing the 2010 AIS Symposium ballot. Another discussion was held on whether the ballot could be voted on by the general public, but nothing was decided. Another discussion was held on moving the deadline date for voting the symposium ballot. It was decided to put a notice in the April AIS Bulletin that the symposium ballot will be available online to download for voting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Upon receiving no additional nominations from the floor, nominations were closed and the following slate of officers was elected by acclamation.

President - Judy Keisling

1st Vice President - Jill Bonino

2nd Vice President - Jim Morris

Secretary - Michelle Snyder

Treasurer - Jill Bonino

Editor - Kelly Norris

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

President Keisling requested the appointment of the following officers:

Registrar/Recorder - Mike and Anne Lowe

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley

Recording Secretary - Susan Boyce

Publication/Sales Directors - John and Kay Ludi

*Williams moved and Gormley seconded. **Motion carried.**

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

President Keisling requested approval for the following Standing Committee appointments:

Affiliates Liaison - Jody Nolin

Affiliations - Susan Boyce

Awards - Ruth Barker

Calendars - Terry Aitken

Convention Liaison - Paul Gossett

Donations Secretary - Lynn Williams

Electronic Services - John Jones

Exhibitions - Lois Rose, Susan Boyce, Karen & Ray Jones

Foundation Liaison - Gary White

Honorary Awards - Jeanne Clay Plank

Insurance - Michelle Snyder

Iris Program Resources (Speakers) - Dana Brown

Iris Program Resources (Slides & Digital) - Janet Smith

Judges - Judy Keisling

Judges Handbook Revision Committee - Jim Morris

Librarian - Tracy Plotner

Photo Contest - Janet Smith
Policy & Operations Manual - Jeanne Clay Plank
Public Relations & Marketing - Susan Grigg and Bob Pries
Publications - Jody Nolin
RVP Counselor - Rita Gormley
RVP Representative - Alan Brooks
Scientific Advisory Group - Kelly Norris
Section and Cooperating Society Liaison - Jim Morris
Silent Auction - Debra Strauss and Nick Stewart
Symposium - Gerry Snyder
Tax Exemption Advisor - Bob Plank
Youth - Cheryl Deaton

*White moved and Williams seconded:

That we approve the list of committee chairs for 2011. **Motion carried.

New Business - Jill Bonino discussed the proposed Draft Disaster Plan. In cases of earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, floods or a sudden death of a key member or members of AIS, a plan needs to be in effect to keep the operations of AIS going with minimal interruption. This plan has now been reviewed by members of the Board for errors. Nolin noted a correction that needs to be made to Article II #A. Bonino noted that the 1st Vice President will be the monitor and administrator of this plan.

*Bonino moved and Deaton seconded:

**That we accept the Draft Disaster Plan with the correction as noted by Nolin.

Motion carried.

Budget for 2010-2011

Treasurer Bonino opened a line-by-line discussion of the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2010-2011, with changes that had been added and subtracted as they came up for discussion throughout the meeting.

*Jones moved and Snyder seconded:

That we approve the budget as modified. (<19,342.00>). **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for a break at 8:30 pm and reconvened at 8:41 pm.

Unfinished Business:

Library - Chair Tracy Plotner was not present and did not send in a report. Friday morning, members of the Board visited the current library site and also a possible new site. President Keisling noted that more studies need to be done before a decision on a move to a different AIS Library site can be made. President Keisling asked Bonino to chair a committee to further study this proposal.

Ad hoc committees - President Keisling will form two committees in the next few weeks. The first one will address Paul Black's suggestions in his letter to the board regarding iris registrations. The second ad hoc committee will address the donations to AIS and also to the AIS Foundation. Bob Plank will assist with this committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Spring 2011 meeting and convention will be held in Victoria, British Columbia, Sunday May 29th thru Friday June 3, 2011 (Note the change in days of the week), at the Fairmont Empress Hotel, 721 Government St., Victoria, British Columbia, Canada V8V 1W5. 1-800-441-1414. The convention chair is Ted Baker. His email is tedebaker@shaw.ca.

President Keisling expressed her appreciation to Barbara Aitken and the Greater Portland Iris Society for hosting this Fall 2010 Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.
Respectfully submitted
Susan Boyce

**AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MADISON, WISCONSIN
MAY 31-JUNE 1, 2010**

FULL MINUTES

President Judy Keisling called the Spring Meeting of The American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 1:06 PM on Monday May 31, 2010, and announced a quorum was present. President Keisling asked Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVPs, and guest to introduce themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President, Judy Keisling; 1st Vice President and Treasurer, Jill Bonino; General Secretary, Michelle Snyder. **Administrative Officers:** Registrar/Recorder, Mike and Anne Lowe; Membership Secretary, Tom Gormley; Recording Secretary, Susan Boyce; Publication Sales, John and Kay Ludi; Editor, Kelly Norris. **Directors:** Ruth Barker, Jerry Coates, Cheryl Deaton, Rita Gormley, Paul Gossett, John Jones, Bob Keup, Jim Morris, Jody Nolin, Bob Pries, Gary White, and Lynn Williams. **RVP Representative:** Debra Strauss. **Immediate Past President:** Jeanne Clay Plank. **Committee Chairs:** Terry Aitken, Karen and Ray Jones, Bob Plank, Lois Rose, and Gerry Snyder. **RVPs:** Hal Griffie (3), Carrie Winter (4), Darnell Hester (7), John Baker (8), Alan Brooks (13), Kate Brewitt (16), Judy Eckhoff (18), and Hugh Stout (22). **Guests:** Gayle Griffie (3), Glenn & Susan Grigg, Tricia Taylor (4), Sue Kilgore (5), Steve Poole (9), Barbara Aitken, Keith Keppel, Dave Silverberg, Will Plotner (13), Mary Ann Horton, Riley Probst, Shirley Trio, Phyllis Wilburn (14), Linda Smith (15), Ted Baker, Sandy Ives, Terry Laurin, Maureen Mark (16), Gordon Carver (17), Jerry Hoke, Jean Morris, John Niswonger, O D Niswonger (18), Bill Goldsberry (22), and Karen Bergamo, Alverton Elliott (23).

President Keisling welcomed all and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may vote.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Tulsa, Oklahoma-November 6-7, 2009.

Two corrections were made to the Full Meeting Minutes. On page 9 under Budget the words carried and budget were printed twice.

*Deaton moved and Plank seconded.

That we move to accept the electronic minutes as corrected. **Motion carried.

*Williams moved and Snyder seconded:

That we approve the Digest Minutes as corrected, as printed in the AIS Bulletin #356 (January 2010, page 50). **Motion carried. (Note: these corrections were not needed as the Digest Minutes did not have the errors in them.)

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President - Judy Keisling asked the appointment of John Jones as Motion Secretary.

*Deaton moved and White seconded:

That John Jones be appointed Motion Secretary. **Motion carried.

President Keisling presented the following in her report:

1. Kitty Loberg has resigned as the Photo Contest Chair. President Keisling has appointed Janet Smith as the new Photo Contest Chair.

*Plank moved and Williams seconded:

**That Janet Smith be approved as chair of the Photo Contest committee.

Motion carried.

President Keisling received a request from Janet Smith that the Photo Committee be allowed to receive digital photos for the contest.

*Williams moved and Gormley seconded:

That the rules for the Photo contest be defined by the Chair of the Photo contest and announced. **Motion carried.

2. President Keisling noted that the Judges Revision Handbook Chair position has been vacant and announced that she has appointed Jim Morris to fill that position.

*Plank moved and Gossett seconded:

That Jim Morris be approved as Chair of the Judges Handbook Revision committee. **Motion carried.

3. President Keisling noted that after President Epperson's passing, Ruth Barker was asked, and assisted in the sorting of AIS items that were in Roy's possession. It was discovered that neither the Judges Training Handbook, nor the Basic Iris Culture publication exist in an electronic format. Both of these publications will have to be OCR scanned into a usable electronic format before changes can be made to either.

4. President Keisling reported that Carolyn Hawkins is working with the National Garden Clubs, in preparing a book on irises and has requested permission to use images from the Judges Training Handbook to be used in their book.

*Gormley moved and Gossett seconded:

**That the National Garden Clubs, Inc. be allowed to use the outline graphics found in the Judges Training Handbook as long as proper attribution is included.

Motion carried.

5. President Keisling noted that the Tall Bearded Iris Society met last November, and has declined the AIS' offer to become a Section of The American Iris Society.

6. President Keisling noted that Linda Sercus of the Presby Memorial Gardens, extended an invitation to move the AIS Library to their facility. Prior to the invitation, President Epperson had appointed an ad hoc committee to research various sites for a new library. About that same time, the Planks traveled to Silverton, Oregon and located a possible new site for the AIS Library. No decision on a possible move will be made at this meeting.

7. Since the passing of President Epperson, new paperwork needs to be completed for the authorization of Judy Keisling to be a signer on all AIS banking and investment accounts.

*Bonino moved and Deaton seconded:

That Judy Keisling be an authorized signator on all AIS banking and investment accounts as AIS President. **Motion carried.

In accordance with standard practice, Keisling asked for affirmation of interim Board action taken by email vote since the November 2009 Board Meeting.

*Pries moved and Plank seconded:

I move that an ad hoc committee be established to evaluate the possibility of traveling exhibits, with a report to be made to the AIS board by the end of February 2010. **Motion carried.

*Pries moved and Plank seconded:

That AIS print no more than 10,000 copies of the "Invitation to Join" brochures. Should the initial supply be exhausted prior to the next update, AIS (storefront) would go to a "Print on Demand" basis. The Ludi's would provide this service. **Motion carried.

*Pries moved and Gormley seconded:

That the AIS create the Iris Encyclopedia; an information resource in a wiki format which allows registered users to upload comments and photos. These pages are verified by knowledgeable docents who create and or monitor pages for accuracy. The rock on which this data is built is the registrations created by the International Registrar. And that the Wiki always be viewable freely and universally. **Motion carried.

*Jones moved and Barker seconded:

I move that any business that by virtue of their advertising in the AIS Bulletin, qualifies for listing on the Commercial Directory on the AIS website be allowed to submit one (1) iris picture to be included in the rotating library on the AIS Home page. Said pictures to be included in the library, from February through May for Bearded irises and June through September for beardless irises, and that said time frames be at the discretion of the Electronic Services Committee Chair. **Motion carried.

*Pries moved and Gormley seconded:

That AIS accept the bid for Rogers Looseleaf for 200 binders including boxes and dye cast for \$1410 plus \$150 shipping to Oregon, and that these be offered through the storefront at \$20 each plus shipping. But that AIS members receive a 30% discount, in other words they would pay \$14 plus shipping. Also that AIS have a special pre-printing price of \$12 each plus shipping for those orders received before April 30. **Motion failed.

*Jones moved and Barker seconded:

That the AIS immediately stop offering multiple year Irisregister subscriptions. **Motion carried.

1st Vice President - Jill Bonino deferred her report until later.

2nd Vice President - vacant

General Secretary - Michelle Snyder reported that she needs to be notified of any changes that need to be forwarded to John Jones and the bulletin editor.

Treasurer - Jill Bonino reported on the financial, six month status of the AIS. Even though donations are up for this year, the AIS will either barely break even, or still be at a slight loss. She also reported on the raffle fundraiser. The tickets for sale, will be 1 ticket for \$5, 3 tickets for \$10, and 7 tickets for \$20. The tickets will need to be postmarked by January 25, 2011. The drawing will take place on February 1, 2011.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley reported on the continued drop in membership.

Registrar/Recorder - Mike and Anne Lowe reported on the status of the 2010, ten year checklist, and the proofing involved. M Lowe reported on the status of foreign iris registrations in their own countries, and the fees that the foreign iris hybridizers have to pay to their own countries. M Lowe requested that a clarification on the wording of the motion passed at the 2009 fall Board meeting, on the registration fee rate hike.

*Williams moved and Snyder seconded:

That we amend Motion #34 from the Fall Board meeting to read "raise the registration fees to \$15.00 effective July 1, 2010. **Motion carried.

Keisling noted that the AIS is in need of a new Registrar/Registration, and encouraged all board members of AIS to search for a new Registrar/Registration team.

Meeting recessed at 3:20 pm

The meeting reconvened at 3:42 pm.

Editor - Managing Editor, Terry Aitken reported on the bulletin since the changeover in size. A discussion ensued about how the wording of the title should appear on the cover of the American Iris Society bulletin.

Editor - Kelly Norris stated that a name change is needed to attract new members.

*Williams moved and Gormley seconded:

**That the cover of the AIS Bulletin have the word "IRISES" in large letters with the phrase "The Bulletin of the American Iris Society" in smaller letters underneath.

Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for dinner break at 4:55 pm.

The meeting reconvened back at 6:27 pm.

President Keisling stated that she received a letter from an AIS board member, who pondered whether a managing editor is still needed. After discussion:

*Jones moved and Williams second:

That we terminate the position of Managing Editor and create the Bulletin Committee that is responsible for producing the Bulletin and chaired by the Bulletin Editor who is responsible to the Board. **Motion carried by a vote of 15-1.

Morris stated that there is no consistency in the formats that are submitted for the obituaries for the bulletin. Morris also recommended that we eliminate the obituaries that are paid for.

*Morris moved and Gormley seconded:

**That the May 2006 motion as amended Fall of 2006 be amended to read "Move that: Obituaries may be published in the Bulletin of The American Iris Society for persons whose leadership and dedication to the ideals of the Society are of genuine and obvious distinction. Among such persons are: Hybridizers who have received at least three Awards of Merit (AM) or one higher award; Directors and Officers of AIS. The Editor of the Bulletin or Obituary Editor has discretion to edit all obituaries for length and may publish an obituary for a prominent irisarian who does not meet the criteria

stated above. **Motion carried.**

Advertising Editor- Bob Keup reported on the change over of ads from the smaller size bulletin to the larger size bulletin had resulted in a lot of confusion. Due to the sudden changeover, Keup reported that all advertisers had to be contacted and informed of the size change.

*Keup moved and Bonino seconded:

That we eliminate the one inch \$44.00 per year Shopping Section advertisement from the Bulletin. **Motion carried.

Bonino reported on the cost per issue for the new bulletin size, and that the new size redesign was intended to drop the cost and that was the understanding between AIS and Bridgetown. Upon reviewing the cost after the two new larger issues were printed, it was noted that the cost per issue went from \$2.90 for the Oct 2009 issue to \$3.41 for the April 2010 issue. An increase of 51 cents per issue. It was suggested that Terry Aitken revisit the costs of producing the new bulletin format thru Bridgetown for a possible refund.

*Bonino moved and Williams seconded:

That Terry Aitken revisit the costs of producing the new format Bulletin thru Bridgetown for possible refunds. **Motion carried.

It was suggested that we obtain several bids for comparisons.

*Bonino moved and Gossett seconded:

That the editor evaluate the bid from Sundance Press, and solicit additional bids comparable to the existing color format and for full color publication, such bids to include printing, binding, mailing preparation and postage, and if appropriate change printers. **Motion carried.

Recording Secretary - Susan Boyce had no report.

Publication/Sales Directors - John and Kay Ludi reported that the Basic Iris Culture pamphlets and the Invitation To Join's are in short supply and will be need to be printed shortly. It was decided to wait until the 2010 Fall Board meeting to reprint. The 10 year checklist and the number of how many to print was discussed. Ludi noted, that as of last fall there was 2 RVP pins available, and a motion was made and approved to obtain more. Upon receiving the bid, the cost was extremely high, and the decision was made to not to reorder the RVP pins at this current time. Ludi also reported that the 1999 and older annual Registration and Introductions are not selling.

*Keup moved and Snyder seconded:

That the AIS Storefront dispose of the 1999 and older R & I's. **Motion carried. Ludi wants to offer iris note cards for sale from the storefront.

*Snyder moved and Morris seconded:

That a packet of 8 note cards be sold for \$5.00 (including shipping). **Motion carried.

RVP Representative - Debra Strauss reported on working with R Gormley on updating of the RVP Handbook. Strauss questioned why the RVP meeting is on the second day of the convention and not scheduled later in the convention. Gossett noted that business done and information gathered from the RVP meeting needs to be presented

to the AIS board before the end of the AIS Board meeting, at the end of the second day.

New Business - Snyder presented the possibility of calling a question on an existing motion via email. Jones stated that it would conflict with the existing protocol of the rules. Snyder also talked about allowing more than one motion at a time to be presented via email. After a discussion.

*Snyder moved and Jones seconded:

That once a motion goes to AISVote, another motion can be presented to AISDiscuss. **Motion carried.

Another discussion followed about changing the standing rules about voting on motions on AISVote.

*White moved and Williams seconded:

That we amend the standing rule on electronic voting to require only a simple majority of eligible voters to pass the motion. **Motion carried.

Reports of Special Committees - Regional Realignment committee Chair Jerry Coates reported on the problems in Region 16. It was suggested that Region 16 be split up into three different sections and merged into other regions. Action was postponed until further in the meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Affiliations - Chair Brad Kasperek was not present, but his report stated that there are currently 170 affiliates.

Meeting recessed for a break at 8:35 pm.

The meeting reconvened back at 8:51 pm.

Affiliates Liaison - Jody Nolin reported on the creation of this new position. A new affiliates email group was started and a survey was sent out and she shared the information from this survey.

Calendars - Chair Terry Aitken reported that the 2011 calendars are ready and available for sale at this convention.

Donations - Chair Lynn Williams reported on the income from the donations received so far this year.

Exhibitions - Supply clerk Susan Boyce reported on two motions that were passed at the Fall 2005 Board meeting that were never implemented. The first motion was "that the price of the Exhibition entry tags be raised from \$11 to \$12." The second motion passed was "That a shipping and handling fee of \$5 be uniformly required of all exhibition supply orders regardless of \$\$ amount of the order." Boyce noted that since that meeting in Nov 2005, the postal rates have increased four different times. It was noted that the \$5 rate is very low, and should be raised up.

*Jones moved and Keup seconded:

****That we raise the shipping and handling fee per shipment for Exhibition supplies to \$10.00 effective October 1, 2010. Motion carried.**
Boyce also stated that she has received information that the price for the large rosettes are going up.

*Jones moved and Gossett seconded:

****That we raise the price for the large rosettes from \$6.00 to \$7.00. Motion carried.**

Boyce stated that all three of these price increases will be updated on the supply order form for implementation.

Insurance - Chair Michelle Snyder reported on easier ways for affiliates to receive proof of insurance certificates for their iris shows.

Iris Program Resources (Speakers) - Chair Dana Brown was not attendance, and did not send in a report.

Iris Program Resources (Slides & Digital) - Chair Janet Smith was not in attendance, but her report stated that she is working on several new ideas.

Judges - Chair Judy Keisling reported a loss of 17 judges due to non payment of membership dues.

Awards - Chair Ruth Barker, with Gerry Snyder's assistance did an online, judges ballot voting presentation.

*Gormley moved and Gossett seconded:

****That the AIS online awards voting go on line June 7, 2010. Motion carried.**

Electronic Services - Chair John Jones reported that there are currently 285 subscribers on the AIS Irisregister electronic database. Work is still continuing on the new AIS Website, and is getting closer to being done. The Wiki is continuing to grow. A judges lookup was discussed, which will be added to the AIS Website. Jones also discussed a motion that was passed last year about rotating pictures on the AIS Website. Jones stated that the amount of funding to be used for the creation of the new AIS Website needs to be increased.

*Jones moved and Keup seconded:

****That the amount of money available to the webmaster and the Electronic Services Chair be increased by \$2000.00. Said funds to come from the Electronic Services Restricted fund. Motion carried.**

Convention Liaison - Chair Paul Gossett reported that he is still in search of a site to host the 2013 convention.

Foundation Liaison - Chair Gary White reported a lack of activity for the foundation since the fall board meeting. White reported that work is continuing on the three studies that are currently being done. White also noted that donations to the foundation are substantially down. It was also noted that the foundation had purchased a new scanner

for the AIS Library.

Photo Contest - Chair Janet Smith was not in attendance. Keisling noted that the discussion about the photo contest was held earlier in this meeting.

Publications - Chair Jody Nolin reported that the publications committee needs more volunteers to assist with projects currently under way. Nolin also feels that a new Basic Iris Culture booklet can be redone by the fall board meeting.

Scientific Committee - Chair Kelly Norris had no report.

Symposium - Chair Gerry Snyder had no report.

Youth - Chair Cheryl Deaton reported that the winner of the Cosgrove award will not be in attendance. Deaton also announced the winners of the Ackerman Essay contest. They are: Claire Harding, Region 17 (12 and under age group) and Devon Foster, Region 1 (13 and up age group).

Tax Exemption Advisor - Chair Bob Plank had no report.

Silent Auction - Chairs John and Barbara Sautner are not in attendance and did not send in a report.

Meeting adjourned for the day at 10:57 pm.

Tuesday, June 1, 2010 - The meeting reconvened at 8:30 pm.

Honorary Awards - Chair Jeanne Clay Plank noted that the Gold Medal is basically the Distinguished Service Medal (DSM), just gilded with a different color. Plank also stated the need for more DMS medals to be cast.

*Keup moved and Snyder seconded:

That we order 15 Distinguished Service Medals. **Motion carried.

RVP Counselor - Chair Rita Gormley reported on the duties of the RVP Counselor. Strauss announced the following election results from the Board of Counselors meeting. The new RVP Board Representative for 2010-2011 is Alan Brooks (Region 13). The Nominating Committee Representatives are Margaret Kelly (Region 9) and Hugh Stout (Region 22).

Library - Tracy Plotner was not in attendance. Keisling reported that the Planks have located a new site in Silverton, Oregon for the AIS Library to be possibly moved to. The Planks gave a slide presentation of the current site and also the possible new location. A formal request for a move, will be presented at the fall board meeting.

Section Liaison - Chair Jim Morris reported on the Section and Cooperating Society meeting. Ways were discussed on how to increase memberships. Morris reported that

TBIS has asked to bring forward their request to be a Cooperating Society of the AIS. Morris announced that Hal Griffie will be the section representative to the AIS Nominating Committee.

Public Relations - Chair Bob Pries reported on the AIS Facebook and the progress of the AIS Wiki. Pries stated that he would like to be involved with The American Public Gardens Association. Pries also wants us to include Iris display and test gardens into this committee, so the AIS will have input on what the display gardens are and are not doing.

*Pries moved and Gossett seconded:

That the AIS create a committee of National Collections, Display and Test Gardens. **Motion carried by a vote of 9-6.

Foundation addendum - Chair White reported that the foundation approved a final payment for Carol Wilson's grant. White reported that the foundation received a grant proposal from Bob Pries to do a test project on digitizing about 1,000 slides from various hybridizers to be stored in the AIS Library. The \$500 grant was approved. A long discussion about the tax status of the foundation was held. The foundation no longer qualifies as a public foundation, and is now considered a private foundation and must pay taxes on interest income. The foundation also held a long discussion on the possibilities of the AIS Library move.

Unfinished Business:

President Keisling brought up the need to reprint the ITJ's, but before that is done, the possibility of a dues increase needs to be discussed and decided as any new dues increase information will need to be updated on the ITJ's before printing. After a very lengthy discussion.

*Bonino moved and Keup seconded:

That we raise the membership rates effective October 1, 2010 as follows: Single Annual \$30, Single Triennial \$75, Dual Annual \$35, Dual Triennial \$90, Overseas Annual \$35, Overseas Triennial \$80, Overseas Dual Annual \$40, and Overseas Dual Triennial \$ 95. **Motion failed by a vote of 5-9.

Another discussion followed about an electronic information service.

*White moved and Jones seconded:

That we offer an electronic information service at an annual fee of \$15.00 effective October 1, 2010. **Motion carried by a vote of 14-1.

President Keisling came back to the unfinished business of the Regional Realignment Committee. Chair Jerry Coates' report stated that because of the size and vast areas of Region 16, that Region 16 was not a functioning Region. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that it would be in the best interest of the AIS members in Region 16 to divide it up and dissolve Region 16.

*Plank moved and Snyder seconded:

**That Region 16 be dissolved and we divide the Canadian territory to join the AIS Region as specified below: Yukon and BC to Region 13. NWT, Nunavut Territories, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba to Region 21. Newfoundland, Nova

Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island to Region 1. **Motion carried.**

After further discussion it was decided to amend the previous motion.

*Plank moved and Williams seconded:

That we amend Motion 27 above to read that Region 16 be dissolved effective November 6, 2010 and AIS members and Affiliates in Canada be assigned as members of AIS Regions as specified below: Yukon and BC to Region 13. NWT, Nunavut Territories, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba to Region 21. Ontario and Quebec to Region 2. Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island to Region 1. **Motion carried.

President Keisling appointed Jody Nolin and Rita Gormley to a committee to assist with the changeover.

Jones commented about Gerry Snyder's hard work in assisting Ruth Barker in setting up the electronic voting ballot.

*Jones moved and Barker seconded:

That in recognition of his work on electronic voting, the AIS make a one time payment of \$500.00 to Gerry Snyder. Said funds to come from the Electronic Services Restricted fund. **Motion carried.

Report of the Nominating Committee - Chair Hal Griffie presented the slate of nominees for consideration as candidates for the four director positions on The American Iris Society Board of Directors: Susan Grigg (4), Anita Moran (4), Susan Boyce (12), John Ludi (13), Jan Lauritzen (15), Joyce Poling (15), Dana Brown (17), and Debra Strauss (17).

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm for Executive session.

The Board of Directors went into executive session from 10:35 pm until 10:55 pm, with the regular session called back to order at 11:00 pm. Director nominees selected for the three year terms which will expire in 2013 are: Dana Brown, Susan Grigg, John Ludi, and Debra Strauss.

Nominating Committee Appointments - President Keisling announced the appointment of Jody Nolin and Lynn Williams as Board representatives to the 2011 AIS Nominating Committee. Nolin and Williams will join Margaret Kelly (RVP), Hugh Stout (RVP), and Hal Griffie (Sections) as members of this committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Fall Board Meeting will be held November 5-7, 2010 at the Ramada Inn & Suites in Portland, Oregon. 2010 Fall Meeting Chair, Terry Aitken may be reached at aitken@flowerfantasy.net or (360) 573-4472.

The Spring 2011 AIS Board Meeting and Convention will be held Sunday May 29th through Friday June 3rd, 2011 in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. (Note the change in days of the week).

President Keisling expressed sincere appreciation on behalf of the Board to John Baker

and his committees for hosting this 2010 AIS Convention.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Susan Boyce

Meeting Separator

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING TULSA, OKLAHOMA NOVEMBER 6-7, 2009

FULL MINUTES

President Dr. E. Roy Epperson called the Fall Meeting of The American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 6:48 PM on Friday, November 6, 2009, and announced a quorum was present. President Epperson asked Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVPs, and guests to introduce themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President, Dr. E. Roy Epperson; 1st Vice President, Judy Keisling; 2nd Vice President and Treasurer, Jill Bonino; General Secretary, Michelle Snyder. **Administrative Officers:** Recording Secretary, Susan Boyce; Publication and Sales, John and Kay Ludi. **Directors:** Jerry Coates, Cheryl Deaton, Rita Gormley, Paul Gossett, John Jones, Jim Morris, Jody Nolin, Gary White, Lynn Williams, and Bob Pries (by speaker phone). **RVP Representative:** Debbie Strauss. **Immediate Past President:** Jeanne Clay Plank. **Committee Chairs:** Terry Aitken, Maureen Mark, Bob Plank, Janet Smith, and Gerry Snyder. **RVPs:** Darnell Hester (7), John Baker (8), Alan Brooks (13), Judy Eckhoff (18), LeRoy Meininger (21), and Hugh Stout (22). **Guests:** Jean Morris (18), Linda Rader (21), Louise Carson, and Betty Lou McMartin (22).

President Epperson welcomed all and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may vote.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

President Epperson announced that the AIS General Secretary received no additional nominations, and therefore, the published candidates for the AIS Board of Directors are duly elected by acclamation. They are: Ruth Barker (4), John Jones (14), Jody Nolin (6) and Lynn Williams (14).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Kansas City, Kansas - May 11-12, 2009.

One correction to both the Digest Minutes as printed in the AIS Bulletin #354 (July 2009), and the Full Minutes as posted on the AIS Website. The correction is as follows: Morris reported that he received a letter from SLI representative Jim Leonard concerning SLI's earlier request to explore changing their status from a Cooperating Society to a Section of AIS. The SLI Board has withdrawn their request and has tabled the matter until further notice.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President - Dr. E. Roy Epperson asked that the appointment of John Jones as Motion

Monitor be approved. J Plank moved and Gossett seconded. **Motion carried.**

President Epperson noted that three board members, Ruth Barker, Bob Keup, and Bob Pries are not in attendance at this meeting, but Bob Pries is participating in the meeting by speaker phone.

President Epperson presented the following in his report:

1. The American Iris Society's Silver medal which the British Iris Society awards to one of their exhibitors, who exhibits a best stalk of an American hybridized iris, has been engraved and sent to Clive Russell, to be awarded to Zara Evans.

2. The Australian Iris Society is compiling the Australian Judges' Manual and are requesting permission to utilize some of the line drawings and diagrams from the AIS *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials*.

*Plank moved and Keisling seconded:

That the AIS grant the Australian Iris Society request that they be allowed to use illustrations from the AIS *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials*, on condition that they attribute the source. **Motion carried.

3. John Baker has issued an invitation to TBIS for them to hold their 2010 Spring board meeting as part of the 2010 AIS Convention. The TBIS Board voted to accept this invitation and ask the AIS for formal acceptance of their attending this meeting. After discussion:

*Gormley moved and Morris seconded:

That the AIS invite the TBIS as a participant in the AIS convention in Madison, WI in 2010. **Motion carried.

Also mentioned in the discussion: In the spirit of reunifying the TBIS with the AIS:

*Plank moved and Gossett seconded:

That AIS invite the TBIS to become a Section of the AIS. **Motion carried.

4. The *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials*, (page 28) needs to be modified to clearly state the AIS policies on eligibility of iris for the American Dykes Medal.

*Jones moved and Morris seconded:

That the eligibility of irises for the American Dykes Medal be reaffirmed as: "The American Dykes Medal is awarded annually by the British Iris Society through The American Iris Society and is restricted to irises first originated and introduced in the United States or Canada. Irises originated elsewhere, although not eligible for the American Dykes Medal, are eligible for other AIS awards provided that the iris was first introduced in the United States or Canada." **Reaffirmed by a vote of 12-2.

5. The *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials* (page 24) under THE HONORABLE MENTION AWARD, 2nd line is incorrect.

*Williams moved and Deaton seconded:

That the *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials* (page 24), under the modified HONORABLE MENTION AWARD, in keeping with the original intent of SIGNA the words "...and bearded SPEC and SPEC-X" be deleted. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for a break at 8:33 pm and was called back at 8:45 pm.

In accordance with standard practice, Epperson asked for affirmation of interim Board action taken by email vote since the May 2009 Board Meeting.

*Pries moved and Plank seconded:

That the Managing Editor direct the editor to reinstate the Bulletin position of Photo Coordinator. **Motion carried.

1st Vice President - Judy Keisling deferred her report until later.

2nd Vice President - Jill Bonino deferred her report until later.

General Secretary - Michelle Snyder thanked Susan Boyce for her assistance while Gerry and she were traveling.

Treasurer - Jill Bonino reported on the current end of year financial statement. Noted was the lower interest rates being gained on the CDs, due to the slower economy. Bonino also reported that the Richard Sparling estate donated \$10,000 to the Scientific Research fund and the Jimmy Jones estate donated \$3,433 to the Clark Cosgrove fund for the winners prize awards.

*Bonino moved and Snyder seconded:

That we raise the prizes for the Cosgrove winners by \$50 per year each for the winner, 1st runner up, and 2nd runner up and that those awards be paid from the Jimmy Jones bequest. **Motion carried.

Managing Editor - Terry Aitken requested that Kelly Norris be elected as the full time editor of the AIS Bulletin.

* Gossett moved and White seconded:

That Kelly Norris be elected as full time editor of the AIS Bulletin. **Motion carried.

Aitken also reported on the price options of possibly changing the size of the AIS Bulletin. Also mentioned was the possibility of printing an annual yearbook with the AIS business listings being listed in it.

*Keisling moved and Williams seconded:

That we go to an 8 1/2" X 11" page size for the bulletin saddle stitched. **Motion carried by a vote of 13-1

*Pries moved and Gossett seconded:

That we publish an annual plain paper business edition of the Bulletin and that it be sent out with the Bulletin in January. **Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm, and the Board went into Executive Session.

Saturday, November 7, 2009 - the meeting was called back to order at 8:00 am and the Honorary Awards were announced.

Honorary Awards - President Epperson announced the results of the Honorary Awards.

The Bee Warburton Medal was awarded to Hiroshi Shimizu of Japan.

Hybridizer's Medals were awarded to Jim & Vickie Craig (13) and Charles Jenkins (15).

The Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Perry Dyer (22).

The AIS Gold Medal was awarded to Ron Mullin (22).

Emeritus Judges are: Paul Black (13), Perry Dyer (22), Kitty Loberg (14), and Mike and Anne Lowe (4).

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley was not present, but his report indicated a slight decline in membership this last year. A discussion was held about the possible discontinuation of life memberships.

*Plank moved and Deaton seconded:

That we discontinue offering life memberships for sale and that we offer a longer term membership than triennial, published in the January 2010 Bulletin and effective June 30, 2010. **Motion failed by a vote of 8-6.

Registrar/Recorder - Mike and Anne Lowe were not present, but their report requested that the 2009 Registration and Introductions (R&I) be ordered.

* Jones moved and Bonino seconded:

That the AIS publish 400 copies of the 2009 R&I. **Motion carried.

Recording Secretary - Susan Boyce had no report.

Publication/Sales Directors - John Ludi stated that the RVP pin inventory is down to five. More need to be ordered.

*Gormley moved and Gossett seconded:

That we order additional RVP pins. **Motion carried.

Ludi also stated that the inventory of Invitations to Join is very low and needs to be reprinted. Also mentioned is a possible change from a 4 fold paper to a 3 fold paper that will save money.

*Plank moved and Williams seconded:

That the ITJ's be redesigned from a 4 fold format to a 3 fold format on 8 1/2" X 11" paper. **Motion carried.

*Gossett moved and Williams seconded:

That we print 25,000 Invitations to Join at a cost to be determined. **Motion carried.

On one last note, Ludi noted that the AIS Post cards are not selling. Ways were discussed on how to distribute these for free.

The meeting recessed for a break at 9:55 am, and was called back at 10:09 am.

Unfinished Business - none.

New Business -

Awards Chair Ruth Barker was to have given a demonstration on the new Awards Ballot voting via the internet, but was unable to attend this meeting. Gerry Snyder who has been helping her with this, gave the demonstration on how this will work. For the 2010 year the Awards Ballot will still be printed for all judges, but judges will be able to

choose whether they want to vote the paper ballot, or whether they want to vote via the internet. Special thanks goes out to Gerry Snyder who has developed this program free of charge to the AIS.

Realignment Committee Chair Jerry Coates reported on the committee recommendation. It was recommended that Regions 3 and 19 be combined. Both Regions have agreed it would be in their best interest to be combined.

*Coates moved and Snyder seconded:

That Region 3 and Region 19 be combined into a new Region 3 on the termination of their respective RVP and ARVP terms on 1 Jan 2011. The new region would be comprised of PA, DE, and NJ. **Motion carried.

Coates reported on the possibility of another region being dissolved, but more information is needed before any decisions can be made.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Affiliation - Chair Brad Kasperek was not present, but his report showed an increase of three new affiliates, which brings the total to 170 affiliates. It was stated that there is a need for a contact person to assist the affiliates when problems arise.

*Jones moved and Gossett seconded:

That we create an Affiliates Liaison as a standing committee chair, and that we create an Affiliates email serve. Each Affiliate to be contacted to provide a contact person for the email serve. **Motion carried.

Awards - Chair Ruth Barker was not present, but her report lists the High Commendation Awards for 2009. Her report further also notes the request, by the hybridizer to have her iris be removed from the TB AM competition ballot.

*Williams moved and Deaton seconded:

That 'Hallowe'en Treat' (Otterness '05) be removed from the TB AM eligibility list on the ballot at the request of the hybridizer. **Motion carried.

Calendars - Chair Terry Aitken reported on the prices and delivery time of the calendars. In the past by using the printer in Hong Kong, even though the delivery time was very long, the price was cheaper. Now, Bridgetown printers in Portland has fairly comparable prices and the delivery time is much shorter. With the shorter delivery time, the 2011 calendars will be available for sale at the convention.

*Williams moved and Nolin seconded:

That we use Bridgetown printing for 2000 copies of the 2011 calendar. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:56 am and called back to order at 1:24 pm.

Convention Liaison - Chair Paul Gossett reported on the results of the 2009 convention questionnaire. Gossett noted starting with the 2010 convention a new meeting will be in the convention schedule. On Wednesday morning there will be an Editors Panel session for all editors: for regions, sections, local, and bulletins. Gossett also stated that he is still in need of a site for the 2013 convention.

Donations - Chair Donna James was not present, but her report indicated a downturn in donations.

Electronic Services - Chair John Jones reported that iris register continues to be successful. The AIS Website redesign is still ongoing, but has been slowed down due to a piece of software incapability. A lengthy discussion followed on creating an e-membership category and the great amount of work that it will take to do this.

*Pries moved and Gossett seconded:

That we create three types of memberships: a Virtual membership, Print membership, and a Full membership comprising both. **Motion carried.

Exhibitions - Chair Jayme Adams was not present and did not send in a report. President Epperson reported on the multiple problems that have happened with the exhibitions program this last year. He announced that the Exhibitions responsibilities will be split into three different sections. Lois Rose will receive the draft show schedules, approve them, send out the certificates, the show supply order form, and the show report form. Susan Boyce will receive the supply order forms and checks, and ship out the orders. Karen and Ray Jones will receive the show reports, verify the results, mail out the medals and exhibition certificates, and prepare the annual exhibitions show report. President Epperson will direct Jayme Adams to ship all of the inventory, show reports, and all other miscellaneous exhibitions supplies and paperwork to Susan Boyce for her to sort out and forward to the other exhibitions committee members and AIS secretary. Due to the unknown quantity of leftover ribbons and other exhibition supplies, President Epperson request of the board to order a full supply for the upcoming year.

*Gossett moved and Jones seconded:

That the AIS President be authorized to order, if necessary, all exhibition supplies needed to replace the stock of the Exhibitions Committee. **Motion carried. President Epperson will mail a letter to all affiliates informing all of the new changes.

Foundation Liaison - Chair Gary White reported on the low rate of interest being earned on CDs, and also the low number of donations being received. A study of the impact of various insecticides and pesticides when sprayed on irises will begin in 2010.

Immediate Past President - Chair Jeanne Clay Plank reported on the additional job descriptions being added into the the operations manual.

The meeting recessed for a break at 3:27 pm and was called back at 3:40 pm.

Insurance - Chair Michelle Snyder reported that all the insurance policies are in full effect.

Iris Program Resources (Speakers) - Chair Dana Brown was not present and did not send in a report.

Iris Program Resources (Slides & Digital) - Chair Janet Smith reported on the activity of the slide and digital rental programs.

Judges - Chair Judy Keisling reported that there are 572 fully accredited judges and 62 apprentice judges recommended for appointment for 2010.

*Keisling moved and Snyder seconded:

That the roster of judges for appointment or reappointment for 2010 be approved. **Motion carried.

Judges Handbook Revision Committee- no report.

Library - Chair Tracy Plotner was not present, and did not send in a report.

Photo Contest - Chair Kitty Loberg was not present but her report noted the long time difference between when the judging is finished and when the winners are announced and posted.

*Gormley moved and Morris seconded:

That placement of the AIS photo contest winning photos and honorable mention photos be allowed on websites as soon as the winners and honorable mentions are announced. **Motion carried.

Policy - Chair Jeanne Clay Plank had nothing additional to report.

Publications - Chair Maureen Mark reported that George Edmonds is ready to ship another box of the book, *The Dream Gardener*. Ludi reports an adequate supply of the book already in the storefront, and that sales of the book have been non-existent for awhile.

*Jones moved and Plank seconded:

That the board not order a third box of *The Dream Gardener*. **Motion carried.

Mark reported on the ongoing books in progress. Mark also tendered her resignation as Publications Chair, but noted that she will still continue to work for this committee.

President Epperson noted that Jody Nolin will be the new Publications Chair.

RVP Counselor - Chair Rita Gormley reported that a RVP newsletter will be mailed in December. Gormley stated a need to review and revise the RVP Handbook. President Epperson appointed R Gormley (RVP Counselor) as the chair, T Gormley (AIS Membership Secretary), Judy Keisling (JT Chair), Paul Gossett (Convention Liaison), Brad Kasperek (Affiliations Chair), Jody Nolin (Affiliates Liaison), Jeanne Clay Plank (Policy), and Debbie Strauss (RVP Representative) to review and revise the RVP Handbook.

*Williams moved and Deaton seconded:

The appointment of a Chair and committee members for a revised RVP Handbook committee. **Motion carried.

Gormley presented the to be approved list, of RVPs for 2010 for approval.

*Gormley moved and Williams seconded:

Approval of new RVPs per RVP Counselor's list. **Motion carried.

First Year RVPs:

Region 6: Chuck Bunnell
Region 8: John Baker
Region 9: Margaret Kelly
Region 11: Alverta Symes
Region 12: Lynn Hess
Region 14: Jeanne Clay Plank
Region 18: Judy Eckhoff
Region 22: Hugh Stout

Second Year RVPs:

Region 4: Carrie Winter
Region 13: Alan Brooks
Region 15: Cheryl Deaton
Region 20: Betty Roberts

Third Year RVPs:

Region 1: Michael J Zuraw
Region 2: Vaughn Sayles
Region 3: Hal Griffie
Region 5: Earnest Yearwood
Region 7: Darnell Hester
Region 10: Ron Betzer
Region 16: Kate Brewitt
Region 17: Debbie Strauss
Region 19: Gary Slagle
Region 21: LeRoy Meininger
Region 23: James Reilly
Region 24: Jim Chappell

RVP Representative - Debbie Strauss reported that she is working closely with the past RVP Representative, RVP Counselor and the email group for RVPs to address communications from the AIS to the RVPs.

Scientific Advisory Committee - Chair Gary White reported on the two ongoing studies. Dr. Alan Meerow was paid the last installment and also requested a one year, no cost extension, which was granted. White noted no report or response on the study status has been received. White stated his relinquishment of the Chair position of the Scientific Advisory Committee. President Epperson announced that he will appoint Kelly Norris to be White's replacement.

Section Liaison - Chair Jim Morris requested his Chair title be renamed to Section and

Cooperating Society Liaison.

Silent Auction - Chairs Barbara and John Sautner were not present, but their report stated that the final result of the 2009 Silent Auction netted \$4,025. The report also noted that solicitations for the 2010 Silent Auction will be done via the Jan 2010 AIS Bulletin, letters, and emails.

Symposium - Chair Gerry Snyder reported on the results of the 2009 AIS Symposium. A discussion followed on whether to keep the symposium in the bulletin or post it on the AIS Website or both.

*Williams moved and Snyder seconded:

**That we continue printing the TB Iris Symposium ballot in the July bulletin.

Motion failed by a vote of 11-3.

After more discussion the value of the symposium was questioned.

*Nolin moved and Bonino seconded:

That we make the TB iris symposium ballot available on the AIS Website for voting. **Motion carried.

After further discussion, it was decided that a clarification was needed for this last motion (#27).

*Bonino moved and Jones seconded:

That we rescind Motion #27 (That we make the TB iris symposium ballot available on the AIS Website for voting.) **Motion carried.

After further discussion, it was decided that all persons, not just AIS members can vote the symposium.

*Jones moved and Williams seconded:

That we make the TB iris symposium ballot available on the AIS Website for downloading and printing. **Motion carried.

Tax Exemption Advisor - Chair Bob Plank had no report.

Youth - Cheryl Deaton reported that like the general AIS membership, the AIS Youth memberships are also declining. Deaton also noted that the new youth packets are going out on a timely basis.

The meeting recessed for dinner at 5:20 pm and called back to order at 6:45 pm.

Public Relations - Chair Bob Pries reported on a way for AIS to raise some funds. Brent and Becky's Bulbs has a fundraiser that will donate 25% of their earnings of an order, when it is placed. A box will pop up and will direct you to choose which of the non-profits you want to support, and you will indicate which non-profit to support. After a discussion,

*Gormley moved and White seconded:

That AIS register with Brent and Becky's Bulbs Bloomin' Bucks fund raising project. **Motion carried.

Pries stated that he wants to start negotiations with the Royal Dutch Bulb Growers to allow us to include the Bulbous Iris registrations in the AIS checklist. The board gave its

consensus for him to do so.

Pries stated a need to have quarterly board meetings to facilitate faster motion passages. After a very lengthy discussion,

*Pries moved and Bonino seconded:

That starting January 2010 we have electronic meetings quarterly via internet meeting facilities if we do not have a face to face meeting in that quarter. **Motion failed by a vote of 9-6.

Another lengthy discussion was held on the length of time needed to discuss and vote on motions via email.

*White moved and Morris seconded:

That we make the Standing Rule relative to electronic discussion period of a motion on AISDiscuss be 7 days, and the voting period on AISVote be a maximum of 5 days or until a majority is obtained, whichever is shorter. **Motion carried.

Another very lengthy discussion was held on various ideas for Public Relations, but no other motions were voted on.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Upon receiving no additional nominations from the floor, nominations were closed and the following slate of officers was elected by acclamation:

President - Dr. E. Roy Epperson

1st VP - Judy Keisling

2nd VP - Jill Bonino

Secretary - Michelle Snyder

Treasurer - Jill Bonino

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

President Epperson requested the appointment of the following officers:

Registrar/Recorder - Mike and Anne Lowe

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley

Recording Secretary - Susan Boyce

Publications/Sales Directors - John and Kay Ludi

*Deaton moved and Morris seconded.

Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

President Epperson requested approval for the following Standing Committee appointments:

Affiliates Liaison - Jody Nolin

Affiliations - Brad Kasperek

Awards - Ruth Barker

Calendars - Terry Aitken

Convention Liaison - Paul Gossett

Donations Secretary - Lynn Williams

Electronic Services - John Jones

Exhibitions - Lois Rose, Susan Boyce, Karen & Ray Jones

Foundation Liaison - Gary White

Honorary Awards - Jeanne Clay Plank
Insurance - Michelle Snyder
Iris Program Resources (Speakers) - Dana Brown
Iris Program Resources (Slides & Digital) - Janet Smith
Judges - Judy Keisling
Judges Handbook Revision Committee - vacant
Librarian - Tracy Plotner
Photo Contest - Kitty Loberg
Policy & Operations Manual - Jeanne Clay Plank
Public Relations & Marketing - Bob Pries
Publications - Jody Nolin
RVP Counselor - Rita Gormley
Scientific Advisory Group - Kelly Norris
Section and Cooperating Society Liaison - Jim Morris
Silent Auction - Barbara and John Sautner
Symposium - Gerry Snyder
Tax Exemption Advisor - Bob Plank
Youth - Cheryl Deaton

*Plank moved and Deaton seconded:

That we approve the list of committee chairs for 2010. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for a break at 8:15 pm and was called back at 8:23 pm.

Budget for 2009-2010

Treasurer Bonino opened a line-by-line discussion of the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010, with changes that had been added and subtracted as they came up for discussion throughout the meeting. During the discussion the fees for iris registration was discussed.

*Williams moved and Jones seconded:

That we raise the registration fee to \$15.00 effective June 30, 2010. **Motion carried carried with a vote of 12-2.

A balanced budget budget could not be reached.

*Keisling moved and Plank seconded:

That we adopt the revised proposed deficit (\$14,824) budget leaving an unrestricted operating reserves of \$78,502. **Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Spring 2010 meeting and convention will be held in Madison, Wisconsin, May 31-June 5, 2010 at the Marriott Madison West Hotel, 1313 John Q Hammons Dr., Middleton, Wisconsin 53562. 1-608-831-2000 or toll free 1-866-745-2032. The convention chair is John Baker. His email is johnwbaker1@verizon.net.

President Epperson expressed his sincere appreciation to Paul Gossett and members of the Tulsa Iris Society for providing the excellent meeting arrangements and food.

ADJOURNED:

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

ADDENDUM:

A Strategic Planning Meeting was held on Sunday, November 8th. During the discussion an idea was formulated. President Epperson noted that a quorum was present and by his authority he is entitled to call to order a business meeting. At 10:38 am President Epperson called to order a short business meeting. A motion was presented:

*Williams moved and Morris seconded:

**That we have a fundraiser raffle for registration and lodging at the convention hotel for two people for the 2011 convention for five nights during the convention.

Motion carried.

President Epperson declared the business meeting adjourned at 10:54 am.

Respectfully Submitted
Susan Boyce

**AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS
MAY 11-12, 2009**

**Meeting
Separator**

FULL MINUTES

President Dr. E. Roy Epperson called the Spring Meeting of The American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 1:00 PM on Monday, May 11, 2009, and announced a quorum was present. President Epperson asked Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVPs, and guest to introduce themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President, Dr. E. Roy Epperson; 1st Vice President, Judy Keisling; 2nd Vice President and Treasurer, Jill Bonino; General Secretary, Michelle Snyder. **Administrative Officers:** Registrar/Recorder, Mike and Anne Lowe; Membership Secretary, Tom Gormley; Recording Secretary, Susan Boyce; Publication Sales, John and Kay Ludi. **Directors:** Cheryl Deaton, Rita Gormley, Paul Gossett, John Jones, Brad Kasperek, Bob Keup, Jim Morris, Bob Pries, and Gary White. **RVP Representative:** Jody Nolin. **Immediate Past President:** Jeanne Clay Plank. **Committee Chairs:** Terry Aitken, Ruth Barker, Kitty Loberg, Bob Plank, and Gerry Snyder. **RVPs:** Lynn Williams (14), Debra Strauss (17), and Jim Reilly (23). **Guests:** Kathie Kasperek (12), Barbara Aitken, Dave Silverberg (13), Shirley Trio (14), Linda Smith (15), Ted Baker, Chuck Chapman (16), Jean Morris (18), and Wang Rui (China).

President Epperson welcomed all and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may vote.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Las Vegas, Nevada - October 31-November 1, 2008.

No additions or corrections were made to the Digest Minutes as printed in the AIS Bulletin #352 (January 2009, page 98). No additions or corrections were made to the full minutes as posted on the AIS website.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President - Dr. E. Roy Epperson asked the appointment of John Jones as Motion Monitor.

*Deaton moved and M Snyder seconded. **Motion carried.**

President Epperson stated that since our last meeting, Betty Roberts has been elected RVP of Region 20. President Epperson stated that this will be retroactive to February 28, 2009, the date that she was elected.

*R Gormley moved and Gossett seconded.

That Betty Roberts be appointed, RVP of Region 20. **Motion carried.

President Epperson stated that Board Members: Joyce Poling, Donna James, and Jerry Coates are not in attendance for this meeting.

Epperson also stated that Wil Benson has presented to The American Iris

Registrar/Records - Mike Arnold reported that the American Iris Society. Registration was given dropped secretary and the other also copy of the status of the up to this year a copy of the official copy of The American Iris Society, which will be sent to the AIS Library.

President Epperson also stated that the AIS will be receiving a sum of money from the estate of Jimmy Jones.

In one last piece of business, Epperson stated that the AIS Distinguished Service Medal that was presented to Keith McNames was found for sale on Ebay. The Medal was purchased and will be sent to the AIS Library.

In accordance with standard practice, Epperson asked for affirmation of interim Board action taken by email vote since the November 2008 Board Meeting.

*Gossett moved and Gormley seconded:

That the Scientific Advisory Committee be asked to formulate a written policy on the collection of wild iris plants with good collection data and should include any fees be waived by AIS if they are registered. This policy would then be presented to the AIS Board of Directors for approval. **Motion carried.

*J Plank moved and Jones seconded:

That the AIS President appoint an ad hoc committee to formulate a strategic plan for The American Iris Society. This committee would be: Gary White, Chair; Jeanne Clay Plank, (Policy and historical perspective); Jill Bonino, (Finances); Bob Pries, (Publicity and Marketing); and Debra Strauss, (RVP 17). **Motion carried.

1st Vice President - Judy Keisling deferred her report until later.

2nd Vice President - Jill Bonino deferred her report until later.

General Secretary - Michelle Snyder reported that she has received a copy of the AIS charter and it is now in her possession. She also stated that the Dykes Medal has arrived.

Treasurer - Jill Bonino reported on the financial, six month status of the AIS. The AIS is currently on track compared to other years at this time. Because of the down economy, investment income is down because interest rates are extremely low at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley reported on the still ever declining membership in the AIS. It was noted that all the different garden societies are experiencing the same membership decline. A lengthy discussion followed on how to gain and retain new members.

Recording Secretary - Susan Boyce had no report.

Publication/Sales Directors - John and Kay Ludi reported that the Invitation to Join leaflets will need to be reprinted in the fall. A discussion followed about making ITJ's available on the internet for downloading.

*Jones moved and Kasperek seconded:

That we design an Invitation to Join, in color, in an 8.5 x 11 inch format, that can be made available on websites for downloading. **Motion carried.

Also it was decided by consensus that the storefront be authorized to sell the 2009 calendars at the convention at a price of \$1.00 each.

Unfinished Business - None.

New Business - None.

Reports of Special Committees - Epperson reported that Jerry Coates, Chair of the Regional Realignment committee is unable to attend, and R Gormley reported on the status of the committee.

Gary White reported on the Strategic Planning Committee. The first meeting was just held and the work in this committee has just started.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Awards - Chair Ruth Barker reported on the success of putting the ballot online to find errors before the ballot was printed and sent out. Barker presented a new idea of the judges being able to vote online (e-ballot). After a long discussion on the advantages, disadvantages, and costs involved, a motion was formulated.

*Kasperek moved and Gossett seconded:

That the Awards chair get the specific costs of going to the electronic voting system and present the results before or at the Fall Board meeting. **Motion carried.

Affiliation - Chair Brad Kasperek reported on the finished, affiliation process. Region 16 added one new affiliate, but other regions lost a total of seven affiliates.

Calendar - Chair Terry Aitken reported that the 2010 calendars are in production and is expected in August.

*Kasperek moved and Bonino seconded:

That we re-price the 2010 calendar to \$7.00 for one and \$50.00 for ten, and that the international price be set at \$10.00 for one and \$60.00 for ten. **Motion carried.

Iris Program Resources (Slides & Digital) - Chair Janet Smith was not in attendance. R Gormley stated that a lot has been done to improve this program.
Convention - Chair Paul Gossett reported that a convention site for the 2013 convention is needed. Gossett also reported that the Flint Ridge Iris Society and the Georgia Iris Society have issued an invitation to host the 2011 AIS Fall Board meeting.

*Plank moved and Deaton seconded:

That we accept the invitation of the Flint River Iris Society and the Georgia Iris Society to host the Fall 2011 AIS Fall Board meeting. **Motion carried.

*Gossett moved and Plank seconded:

** That Paul Gossett as Convention Liaison be authorized to sign the hotel contract for the Fall 2011 Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Donations - Chair Donna James was not in attendance, but her report stated that donations are on the downside.

Electronic Services - Chair John Jones reported that the AIS Irisregister is making great progress in normalizing the electronic database, that has been experiencing problems. The AIS Irisregister has generated \$13,571 in revenue. Jones stated that the website redesign process is going well. Jones also stated that the AIS Wiki establishment process has encountered problems and is going slowly.

*Jones moved and Deaton seconded:

**That the Electronic Services Chair be authorized to spend up to \$500.00 from the restricted ESC fund for website related software using the AIS Credit card.

Motion carried.

*Jones moved and Keisling seconded:

That the Electronic Services Chair be authorized to compensate himself, on the same basis as compensating Chris Hollinshead (AIS Webmaster), for work done in the implementation (not design) of the new AIS website. Said compensation of both parties not to exceed the amount approved previously by the AIS Board of Directors. **Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 5:00 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 pm.

Exhibitions - Chair Jayme Adams was not present, and did not send in a report. Epperson thanked Jayme Adams for this undertaking.

Insurance - Chair Michelle Snyder reported on the additional insurance coverages, that were implemented since the 2008 Fall Board meeting.

Iris Program Resources (Speakers) - Chair Dana Brown was not in attendance. Epperson reported on the questionnaire that was sent out to obtain speakers for this list.

Judges - Chair Judy Keisling reported a loss of 20 judges, most of whom were retired judges. Keisling reported that copies of an e-learning JT program on Ethics were sent out to a few regions for testing. Keisling also stated a need to assemble a manual on regional judges training for each regions judges chair.

Library - Chair Tracy Plotner was not in attendance. Her report listed for Board approval, items that were sent from the AIS Library for the 2009 convention Silent Auction.

*Gormley moved and Snyder seconded:

That the AIS accept the items from the AIS Library for the 2009 Silent Auction. **Motion carried.

Tax Exemption Advisor - Chair Bob Plank reported that the need for his assistance in helping Regions, Affiliates, and AIS sections in obtaining 501(c)(3) tax exempt status, has slowed down to a trickle.

Photo Contest - Chair Kitty Loberg reported that one new category was added to the photo contest. A discussion was held about the prescreening of the photos due to the large number of entries that have been received. Loberg also noted about possible changes that are to be implemented for the 2010 photo contest.

Policy - Chair Jeanne Clay Plank reported on the search for old AIS policy papers.

Publications - Chair Maureen Mark was not in attendance, but her report noted the projects in progress.

Public Relations - Chair Bob Pries reported on his accomplishments over the last four years. Pries stated that he wants the AIS Wiki to be available to all, not just only the AIS membership.

*Jones moved and Snyder seconded:

That the access to AIS Wiki be made available to the general public and that all entries be reviewed prior to being entered in the wiki. **Motion carried. Pries reported on working with the American Public Gardens Association.

*Pries moved and J Plank seconded:

That the Public Relations Chair be given authority to collaborate with the American Public Gardens Association to create national collections of iris within AIS members' gardens and botanical gardens. **Motion carried.

Scientific Advisory Committee - Chair Gary White reported on the two ongoing studies of Dr. Alan Meerow and Andrew Wheeler. White reported on the AIS board's request that the committee develop/reinstate a policy on registration of wild iris plants.

*White moved and and Jones seconded:

That clones of an iris species collected in the wild may be registered and the registration fee will be waived. The only requirements will be: The registrant will provide: the name of the collector, location of where the specimen was collected and the date when the specimen was collected, which information will be noted on the registration form. Note: the location should include at a minimum at the State and County in the U.S.A., and distance from a populated place, or regional location in other countries. GPS data would be most desirable. The exact location data will be made available only to bona fide researchers upon written request and with the approval of the scientific committee. **Motion carried.

Silent Auction - Chairs Barbara and John Sautner were not present at this meeting, but their report noted the continued success of the AIS Silent auction.

Youth - Chair Cheryl Deaton announced that the Cosgrove winner and the first runner-up are present at the convention. White announced the winners of the Ackerman Essay contest. They are: Karinna Copeland, Region 6 (12 and under age group) and Kyle Pedersen, Region 21 (13 and up age group).

Report of the Nominating Committee - Chair Hal Griffie presented the slate of nominees for consideration as candidates for the four director positions on The American Iris Society Board of Directors: Ruth Barker (4), Jody Nolin (6), Barbara Sautner (8), Susan Boyce (12), John Jones (14), Lynn Williams (14), Dana Brown (17), Debra Strauss (17), and Hugh Stout (22).

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

The Board of Directors went into executive session from 9:10 pm until 10:00 pm.

Tuesday, May 12, 2009 - the meeting reconvened at 8:06 pm.

President Epperson announced the Director nominees selected for the three year terms which will expire in 2012. They are: Ruth Barker, John Jones, Jody Nolin, and Lynn Williams.

Advertising Editor - Bob Keup reported that some of the advertisements are still being sent to the Suttons instead of him.

RVP Counselor - Chair Rita Gormley reported on the extremely successful meeting held earlier in the day. Gormley announced the following election results from the Board of Counselors meeting. For 2010: Chair, Carrie Winters (Region 4) and Secretary, Debra Strauss (Region 17). The Nominating Committee Representatives are Hal Griffie (Region 3) and Jim Reilly (Region 23). The RVP Board Representative for 2009-2010 is Debra Strauss (Region 17).

Ad Hoc Committee Report: Jill Bonino reported on the proposal from the ad hoc committee that was held earlier in the day.

*Jones moved and Bonino seconded:

That effective October 1, 2009 thru September 30, 2010, if a person/couple join AIS for a triennial single or dual membership, either a new membership or a renewing membership from a single or dual one year membership, AND join at least one AIS Section or Cooperating Society for a triennial membership, THEN all memberships will run for FOUR years for the price of THREE years. This special member discount plan will not apply to any AIS Section or Cooperating society that does not agree to accept the four years-for-three cost discount. This plan is to be announced in the July 2009 AIS Bulletin. **Motion carried.

Section Liaison - Jim Morris reported on the Section meeting that was held earlier in the day, and the status of the request of the Canadian Iris Society. Morris announced that Ken Roberts will be the section representative to the AIS Nominating Committee. Morris reported that the Society for Louisiana Irises are withdrawing their request to change from a Cooperating Society to becoming an AIS Section. Morris also reported that the Median Iris Society will host a mini convention April 14-16, 2011 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with Perry Dyer as the chairman.

Foundation - Liaison Gary White reported on two requests for funding. The first one is the Presby Memorial gardens for \$17,000, which will not be funded. The second request is for John Kaufmann for \$5,000 to fund the study on Iris Herbicide Evaluation proposal. This study will be to evaluate several different herbicides on the market to see their effects on irises when applied directly onto the irises. The Foundation will be funding this proposal. White noted that Roger Mazur will totally retire from the Foundation board after serving for a very long time.

Symposium - Chair Gerry Snyder reported on the upcoming symposium ballot.

Nominating Committee Appointments - President Epperson announced the appointment of Paul Gossett and Cheryl Deaton as Board representatives to the 2010 AIS Nominating Committee. Gossett and Deaton will join Hal Griffie (RVP), Jim Reilly (RVP), and Ken Roberts (Sections) as members of this Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Fall Board Meeting will be held November 6-8, 2009 at the Radisson Inn Airport Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma. 2009 Fall Meeting Chair, Paul Gossett may be reached at pwgossett@juno.com or (918) 742-1204.

The Spring 2010 AIS Board Meeting and Convention will be held May 31-June 5, 2010 in Madison, Wisconsin.

President Epperson expressed sincere appreciation on behalf of the Board to Debora Hughes and Carolyn Ash, co-chairs and their committees. Special thanks go out to Judy Keisling and Paul Gossett for their assistance in making this convention a smooth one, and also commended them in the way the meetings were set up as to the meetings not overlapping one another.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Boyce

Meeting Separator

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
OCT 31-NOV 1, 2008

FULL MINUTES

President Dr. E. Roy Epperson called the Fall Meeting of The American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 6:35 PM on Friday October 31, 2008, and announced a quorum was present. President Epperson asked Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVPs, and guests to introduce themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President, Dr. E. Roy Epperson; 1st Vice President, Judy Keisling; 2nd Vice President and Treasurer, Jill Bonino; General Secretary, Michelle Snyder. **Administrative Officers:** Recording Secretary, Susan Boyce; Publication Sales, John and Kay Ludi. **Directors:** Cheryl Deaton, Rita Gormley, Paul Gossett, Donna James, Bob Keup, Jim Morris, Joyce Poling, Gary White. **RVP Representative:** Jody Nolin. **Immediate Past President:** Jeanne Clay Plank. **Committee Chairs:** Terry Aitken, Ruth Barker, Maureen Mark, Bob Plank, Janet Smith, and Gerry Snyder. **RVPs:** Lynn Williams (14), Kate Brewitt (16). **Guests:** Ron James (2), David & Anna Cadd, Paul & Mary Lee Fortner, Michael & Christine Meagher, Fred Parvin, Hiromi Uyeda, and Dorlene Waite (14), Avery Poling (15), Terry Lauren (16), Jean Morris (18), Linda Rader (21).

President Epperson welcomed all and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may vote.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

President Epperson announced that the AIS General Secretary received no additional nominations, and therefore, the published candidates for the AIS Board of Directors are duly elected by acclamation. They are: Jerry Coates (4), Cheryl Deaton (15), Rita Gormley (21), and Gary White (21).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Austin, Texas - April 14-15, 2008.

No additions or corrections were made to the Digest Minutes as printed in the AIS Bulletin #350 (July 2008). No additions or corrections were made to the Full Minutes as posted on the AIS website.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President - Dr. E. Roy Epperson asked that the appointment of Gary White as Motion Monitor be approved. J Plank moved and Gossett seconded. **Motion carried.** President Epperson noted that four board members are not in attendance at this meeting.

President Epperson presented the following in his report:

1. The American Iris Society has received a bequest of \$10,000 from the estate of Richard C. Sparling for its Scientific Research Fund.
2. The Arnold Arboretum Horticultural Library of Jamaica Plain, MA has donated a set of Bulletins (Vol. 1, No. 1 through Vol 84. No. 331) to the AIS. This set currently is housed in President Epperson's home library for archival purposes and usage, and will be passed on to the next AIS President for their use.
3. George Edmonds book: *Dream Gardner: Pioneer Nurseryman Bertrand H. Farr* has been published and is now available for purchase.
4. President Epperson received a letter from Bob Van Liere, (President of The Tall Bearded Iris Society), and the TBIS Board of Directors, proposing that TBIS fund the cost of the Wister Medals for three years. After discussion:

*Gossett moved and Snyder seconded:

That the Board of Directors of The American Iris Society accept the offer of the TBIS to fund the cost of the Wister Medals for three years. **Motion carried.

5. President Epperson and Robert Van Liere, President of The Tall Bearded Iris Society, received a communication concerning the opportunity for mediation services in an effort to bring these two groups together. Epperson and Van Liere mutually agreed to present this proposal to their respective Board of Directors for consideration. The AIS Board discussed at length the difference of being an AIS Section versus being an AIS Cooperating Society.

*Gossett moved and Snyder seconded:

That the Board of Directors of The American Iris Society authorize the President and chosen representatives of AIS to enter into discussions and/or mediation with the President and chosen representatives of The Tall Bearded Iris Society to explore bringing the two groups together. **Motion carried.

6. The AIS Foundation has established a Library committee to study how to efficiently utilize the income from the DuBose trust fund. The Foundation President, Bob Hollingworth, requested that Epperson appoint two members of the AIS Board of Directors to serve on this joint Library Committee. The persons approved below will join Nancy Price, Will Plotner, and Bob Hollingworth (as ex officio member) on this joint committee.

*Gossett moved and Deaton seconded:

President Epperson appointed Jeanne Clay Plank, Jill Bonino, and Roy Epperson, as ex-officio to the joint Library Committee of the AIS Foundation and AIS. **Motion carried.

In accordance with standard practice, Epperson asked for affirmation of interim Board action taken by email vote since the April 2008 Board Meeting.

*Kasperek moved and Bonino seconded:

**Each year, upon notification to the Secretary of The American Iris Society by the British Iris Society (BIS), The American Iris Society will award an Adult Silver Medal (Exhibition) to the exhibitor at the Spring BIS show exhibiting the best-of-show collection of one-to-many bloom stalks made up only of North American Irises. The BIS will specify the conditions of the award (i.e., the number of bloom stalks to be exhibited in the collection). The medal will be engraved by AIS with the name of the exhibitor and

the year of the award. **Motion carried.**

* Bonino moved and Pries seconded:

Once a motion has been made and seconded electronically, email motion discussion will be allowed for a minimum of 7 days and a maximum of 14 days. In the interest of prompt action on AIS business, if after 7 days there have been no more than 3 emails discussing the motion, the General Secretary will place the motion on AISVote. The voting period will be 14 days unless otherwise specified by the AIS President. Once the voting period has been completed, the AIS General Secretary will post the official results of the voting on AISDiscuss. **Motion carried.

*White moved and Snyder seconded:

I move that the American Iris Society fund Dr. Allan Meerow's grant proposal request of \$4840 for the first year of his study: "Heterogeneity, ecological specialization and introgression in a large population of *Iris savannarum*", and that \$4597 (or current Scientific and Scholarship fund balance) be paid from the AIS Scientific and Scholarship Fund, and the remaining amount be paid from the AIS general funds." **Motion carried by a vote of 13-1.

*Snyder moved and Plank seconded:

"Jayme Adams, RVP, Region 11 be appointed as Chair of the Exhibitions Committee. Robert Keup, be appointed as Advertising Editor of the Bulletin. An ad hoc committee be appointed to study and make recommendation(s) to the Fall meeting of the Board of Directors relative to offering a membership discount when someone joins both AIS and a Section or Cooperating Society concurrently. The committee members would be Jill Bonino-Chair; Jim Morris, Tom Gormley, Anita Moran, Paul Gossett, Will Plotner, and Dennis Hager." **Motion carried by a vote of 14-1.

1st Vice President - Judy Keisling deferred her report until later.

2nd Vice President - Jill Bonino deferred her report until later.

General Secretary - Michelle Snyder thanked John Jones and Susan Boyce for helping with her duties while she was out of the country.

Treasurer - Jill Bonino reported that there was an overall net income in the general fund of \$12,576, but this did not include several expenses that were budgeted for and anticipated spending, but the invoices for these expenditures were not received before the end of the fiscal year. Bonino also reported that with the shake-ups in the banking industry, accounts with Washington Mutual are being transferred to other stable banking institutions.

*Bonino moved and Morris seconded:

That the treasurer's report be accepted as corrected and entered into the record. **Motion carried.

Bulletin - Managing Editor Terry Aitken discussed the Symposium Ballot change in the July bulletin. It was stated that the new format saved \$1,500, but some members commented that they did not like the new change. Jerry Snyder also reported about how the new changes affected the Symposium Ballot voting. After a lengthy

discussion:

*Plank moved and Deaton seconded:

** That the AIS continue with the present printing of the AIS Tall Bearded Iris Symposium ballot in the pages of the bulletin for at least one more year, rather than as a separate insert. **Motion carried.**

Aitken also mentioned the possibility of adding more color pages to the bulletin, at a cost of \$2,500 per issue, but the board decided against that, as the cost was too much.

The meeting recessed at 8:18 pm and was called back to order at 8:30 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley was not in attendance. His report indicated a slow steady decrease in membership.

Registrar/Recorder - Mike and Anne Lowe were not in attendance. Ludi requested that 500 copies of the 2008 R&I be published.

*Plank moved and Deaton seconded:

That we print 500 - 2008 R&I's. **Motion carried.

Recording Secretary - Susan Boyce had no report.

Publication/Sales Directors - John Ludi reported that as of May 2007 packages for overseas mailings must be sent by First Class mail. A discussion followed about increasing rates, but it was decided to wait until the Spring 2009 Board meeting to make a recommendation on new rates. Ludi also discussed selling past AIS bulletins that are stored in the Storefront.

*Plank moved and Snyder seconded:

** That the AIS sell past AIS Bulletins-individual copies (not to include current past year) at a quantity of 25 or more per copy for \$.50 domestic/\$1.00 international.

Motion carried with a vote of 10-1

Ludi also stated a need to reprint the Basic Iris Culture booklet.

*Gossett moved and Snyder seconded:

That the AIS reprint 2000 copies of the Basic Iris Culture. **Motion carried.

Unfinished Business - none.

New Business - Snyder suggested that the time period on which discussions are held on AIS Discuss and time period for voting on AISVote be shortened. The Board discussed this and kept the same time periods intact.

Reports of Special Committees - Jim Morris reported on Canadian Iris Society's request to become a Cooperating Society. Morris stated that information is still being gathered and the progress is still in the early stages.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm, and the Board went into Executive Session.

Saturday, November 1, 2008 - the meeting was called back to order at 8:03 am and the Honorary Awards were announced.

Honorary Awards - President Epperson announced the results of the Honorary Awards.

The Bee Warburton Medal was awarded to Richard Cayeux of France.
Emeritus Judges are: Riley Probst and George & Margaret Sutton.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Affiliation - Chair Brad Kasperek was not in attendance, but his report stated that there are currently 173 approved affiliates.

Awards - Chair Ruth Barker reported on the possibility of posting the 2009 Awards Ballot on the AIS Website for informational purposes only.

Calendars - Chair Terry Aitken reported that the cost of printing the 2009 calendar has risen. The board discussed raising the price of the 2010 calendar. The Board also discussed ways to promote additional sales of the calendars.

*Gossett moved and Snyder seconded:

** Effective for the 2010 calendars, that we raise the price for a single calendar (domestic) to \$10 each or \$75 for a pack of 10. International prices to \$15 each or \$100 for a pack of 10. **Motion carried.**

*Snyder moved and Gossett seconded:

** That the AIS order 2000 copies of the 2010 calendars at a projected cost of \$6800. **Motion carried.**

Convention Liaison - Chair Paul Gossett reported that he is searching for a site to host the 2013 Convention and also the 2011 Fall Board meeting. Gossett also reported on the 2008 convention questionnaire survey results.

Donations - Chair Donna James reported that donations have been half this year compared to last years donations. It was noted that a request for donations could be made on the AIS Website and in the AIS Bulletin.

Electronic Services - Chair John Jones was not in attendance, and did not send in a report.

Exhibitions - Chairs Jim and Janet Giles were not in attendance, and did not send in a report. Jayme Adams will now be responsible for this committee.

Foundation Liaison - Chair Gary White reported on the history of the Foundation, and noted that it operates off of the interest of the Certificates of Deposits.

Honorary Awards - Chair Jeanne Clay Plank reported on The Board of Directors Award (that has not been awarded for several years). It is an award that is given to an iris that has not won a Dykes Medal, but which shows clearly in its progeny that it is among the greats of irisdom. A discussion ensued on whether to keep this award or discontinue it.

*Keup moved and Snyder seconded:

That the AIS discontinue the Board of Directors Award. **Motion carried with a vote of 10-1.

Iris Program Resources (Speakers) - Dana Brown was not in attendance, but her report stated that she is creating databases on both the Judges Training programs and also Speakers for iris programs.

The meeting recessed at 9:52 am and was called back to order at 10:06 am.

Iris Program Resources (Slides & Digital) - Janet Smith reported that the iris slide sets were corrected and updated, and copies of these programs have been sent to the AIS Library. Smith stated that a new iris program "Irises in the Garden", compiled by Jill and Joe Bonino, has been added to the programs list. It was noted that an article for the AIS Bulletin is needed to inform the public of the new and updated programs.

Insurance - Chair Michelle Snyder reported that both insurance policies were renewed at a savings of \$66. Snyder recommended an additional insurance coverage of "Volunteer Accident Policy" with an additional premium of \$235, with a limit of \$100,000 per occurrence. This coverage is EXCESS over the injured parties own medical insurance. If their personal health plan were 80/20, then the volunteer accident policy would step in and pay the 20% co-pay, that they would otherwise be responsible for. If no personal health plan existed, then this coverage would be primary.

*Morris moved and Poling seconded:

That the AIS purchase additional accidental insurance "Volunteer Policy" with a limit of \$100,000 per occurrence. **Motion carried.

Snyder also recommended the AIS purchase "Hired and Non-owned Auto Liability" coverage with an additional premium of \$211. It has a \$1,000,000 limit and will provide coverage for anyone using their own vehicle while performing duties on behalf of the AIS. All expenses, including attorney fees, if needed, would be the responsibility of the driver of the vehicle. Hopefully, the individual's own automobile insurance policy would step in on their behalf, but it would not protect AIS if it was named in a lawsuit. This additional coverage would protect the AIS in such an event.

*Snyder moved and Morris seconded:

That the AIS purchase additional insurance coverage "Hired and Non-owned Auto Liability" coverage with a \$1,000,000 limit. **Motion carried.

Judges - Chair Judy Keisling reported that there are currently 634 judges and apprentices, 30 of which are new apprentices, an encouraging amount. Keisling presented the corrected, recommended Judges list for 2009.

*Keisling moved and James seconded:

** That the AIS approve the recommendations of the judges report as corrected.

Motion carried.

Keisling presented a proposal for Distance Education (e-learning). President Epperson appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Judy Keisling-chair, John Jones, Ruth Barker, and Jim Morris, to research the resources required to make courses available on the internet, the cost, and development of the criteria on the number of hours the judge could earn via e-learning. Keisling also stated that she has developed a one hour, self study course for judges to obtain one hour credit on Ethics, that comes with a test.

*Keisling moved and Plank seconded:

That the one-hour CD program on Ethics be pilot tested for Judges Training for G/E and Master judges. **Motion carried.

Library - Chair Tracy Plotner was not in attendance, but her report stated that the library has received several large donations of books and old catalogs from several sources this year.

Photo Contest - Chair Kitty Loberg was not in attendance. President Epperson noted the results of the 2008 Photo Contest will appear in the January 2009 Bulletin,

Policy - Chair Jeanne Clay Plank reported that she is working diligently on archiving early board meeting motions.

Publications - Chair Maureen Mark reported on the Bertrand Farr book. Mark proposes that the AIS purchase some of his books to be sold in the AIS Storefront.

*White moved and Gossett seconded:

That the AIS purchase three boxes of *Dream Gardener* books for sale through the storefront at the price of \$25 domestic, and \$35 international. **Motion carried.

Public Relations - Chair Bob Pries was not in attendance, but his report stated that he has terminated the adwords campaign

RVP Counselor - Chair Louise Carson was not in attendance, but her report included the list of 2009 RVPs.

*Plank moved and Snyder seconded:

That the list of proposed RVP's for 2009 be accepted. **Motion carried with a vote of 10-1.

First Year RVPs:

Region 4: Carrie Winter
Region 13: Alan Brooks
Region 15: Cheryl Deaton
Region 18: Judy Eckhoff
Region 20: Steve Blecher

Second Year RVPs:

Region 1: Michael J Zuraw
Region 2: Vaughn Sayles
Region 3: Hal Griffie
Region 5: Earnest Yearwood
Region 7: Darnell Hester
Region 10: Ron Betzer
Region 16: Kate Brewitt
Region 17: Debbie Strauss
Region 19: Gary Slagle
Region 21: LeRoy Meininger
Region 23: James Reilly
Region 24: Jim Chappell

Third Year RVPS:

Region 6: Judy Nolin
Region 8: William C. Dougherty
Region 9: Nancy Pocklington
Region 11: Jayme Adams
Region 12: Thomas Miller
Region 14: Lynn Williams
Region 22: Robert Treadway

RVP Representative - Representative Jody Nolin had no report.

Scientific Advisory Committee - Chair Gary White reported on Dr Alan Meerows grant request for the first year.

*White moved and Gormley seconded:

That the AIS fund the second year of Dr. Alan Meerow's proposed study of Iris Savannarum in the amount of \$4125. **Motion carried.

Silent Auction - Chairs Barbara and John Sautner were not present. Their report stated the income from the 2008 AIS Silent Auction.

Symposium - Chair Gerry Snyder had nothing more to add to his report, which was given in conjunction with the Bulletin report.

Tax Exemption Advisor - Chair Bob Plank's report noted the number of AIS supporting organizations that have been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as qualifying organizations exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.

Youth - Chair Cheryl Deaton reported that there are currently 250 youth members. Two

new Classroom Iris Projects have just started. Morris stated that the Clark Cosgrove judges should have access to the ages of the nominees. A discussion followed on the pros on cons about how the knowledge of the nominees ages might affect the judges decision in choosing the winner. It was decided by concensus that the date of birth for the Clark Cosgrove Award nominations would be reinstated for one year.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:08 pm and called back to order at 1:30 pm.

Section Liaison - Chair Jim Morris reported on the discussions that have been held on the Canadian Iris Society's proposal. After a very lengthy discussion it was decided to further study the Canadian Iris Society's proposal to becoming a Cooperating Iris Society. Morris also reported on the Society for Louisiana Iris for Section consideration review status. Bonino reported that the Section study to reduce membership dues when joining the AIS and a Section is still ongoing.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Upon receiving no additional nominations from the floor, nominations were closed and the following slate of officers was elected by acclamation:

President - Dr E. Roy Epperson

1st VP - Judy Keisling

2nd VP - Jill Bonino

Secretary - Michelle Snyder

Treasurer - Jill Bonino

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

President Epperson requested the appointment of the following officers:

Registrar/Recorder - Mike and Anne Lowe

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley

Recording Secretary - Susan Boyce

Publications/Sales Directors - John and Kay Ludi

*Gossett moved and Plank seconded:

Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

President Epperson requested approval for the following Standing Committee appointments:

Affiliation - Brad Kasperek

Awards - Ruth Barker

Calendars - Terry Aitken

Convention Liaison - Paul Gossett

Donations Secretary - Donna James

Electronic Services - John Jones

Exhibitions - Jayme Adams

Foundation Liaison - Gary White

Honorary Awards - Jeanne Clay Plank

Insurance - Michelle Snyder

Iris Program Resources (Speakers) - Dana Brown
Iris Program Resources (Slides & Digital) - Janet Smith
Judges - Judy Keisling
Judges Handbook Revision Committee - vacant
Librarian - Tracey Plotner
Photo Contest - Kitty Loberg
Policy & Operations Manual - Jeanne Clay Plank
Public Relations & Marketing - Bob Pries
Publications - Maureen Mark
RVP Counselor - Rita Gormley
Scientific Advisory Group - Gary White
Section Liaison - Jim Morris
Silent Auction - Barbara and John Sautner
Symposium - Gerry Snyder
Tax Exemption Advisor - Bob Plank
Youth - Cheryl Deaton

*Gossett moved and Plank seconded:

Motion carried.

Budget for 2008-2009

Treasurer Bonino opened a line-by-line discussion of the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009, with changes that had been added and subtracted as they came up for discussion throughout the meeting. A balance budget could not be reached.

*Snyder moved and Gossett seconded:

That we accept the estimated general fund budget and operate at an estimated deficit of \$20,658.50 for fiscal year 2008-2009, leaving a positive general fund balance of \$89,694.49. **Motion carried.

Additional New Business: President Epperson stated a need for a committee to study the possible realignment of the AIS Regions.

*Snyder Moved and Gossett seconded:

Approved an ad hoc committee for realignment of AIS Regions. The committee will consist of Jerry Coates-chair, Jody Nolin, Rita Gormley, Bob & Jeanne Clay Plank, Terry Aitken, and the possibility of 1-2 RVPs to be selected later. **Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Spring 2009 meeting and convention will be held in Kansas City, Kansas, May 11-16, 2009 at the Doubletree Hotel-Overland Park, 10100 College Blvd, Overland Park, Kansas 66219. 1-913-451-6100. The convention chair is Debora Hughes, 1-785-883-4737. Her email is: dhughes936@earthlink.net.

President Epperson expressed his sincere appreciation to Mary Lee Fortner and members of the Las Vegas Iris Society for the arrangements that have been made to make this Fall 2008 Board meeting possible.

ADJOURNED:

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Susan Boyce

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUSTIN, TEXAS
APR 14-15, 2008

Meeting Separator

FULL MINUTES

President Dr. E. Roy Epperson called the Spring Meeting of The American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 1:00 PM on Monday, April 14, 2008, and announced a quorum was present. President Epperson asked Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVPs, and guests to introduce themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President, Dr. E. Roy Epperson; 1st Vice President, Judy Keisling; 2nd Vice President and Treasurer, Jill Bonino; General Secretary, Michelle Snyder. **Administrative Officers:** Registrar/Recorder, Mike and Anne Lowe, Recording Secretary, Susan Boyce; Publication Sales, John and Kay Ludi. **Directors:** Louise Carson, Paul Gossett, John Jones, Brad Kasperek, John Ludi, Jim Morris, George Sutton, Gary White. **RVP Representative:** Jerry Coates. **Immediate Past President:** Jeanne Clay Plank. **Committee Chairs:** Terry Aitken, Ruth Barker, Cheryl Deaton, Rita Gormley, Kitty Loberg, Maureen Mark, Bob Plank, Gerry Snyder, Margaret Sutton. **RVPs:** Jody Nolin (6), Lynn Williams (14), Kate Brewitt (16), Debra Strauss (17), Carolyn Ash (18), Jim Reilly (23). **Guests:** Glenn and Susan Grigg (4), Dorothy Willott (6), Darnell Hester (7), Barbara Aitken, Dave Silverberg (13), Jill McGraw, Shirley Trio (14), Linda Smith (15), Sandy Ives, Terry Laurin (16), Jean Morris (18), Marjorie Jansen, Carolyn Lingefelter, Linda Rader (21), Linda Bell, Carol Goldsberry, James Russell (22), Steve Kelly (23).

President Epperson welcomed all and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may vote.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Durham, North Carolina - November 2-3, 2007.

No additions or corrections were made to the Digest Minutes as printed in the AIS Bulletin #348 (January 2008). No additions or corrections were made to the full minutes as posted on the AIS website.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President - Dr. E. Roy Epperson asked that the appointment of John Jones as Motion Secretary be approved. Gossett moved and Keisling seconded. Motion carried.

President Epperson noted that four board members are not in attendance at this meeting. He also stated that a few Standing Committee Chairs have sent in their resignations:

Joyce Poling has resigned her position as Iris Program Resources (Speakers).

*Jones moved, and Bonino seconded:

**That President Epperson's recommendation of Dana Brown be approved

****That the AIS obtain an AIS corporate credit card and issue a card for use by the Electronic Services Chair for payment of fees in performance of the Electronic Services Chair's functions for the AIS. The AIS credit card account to have a monthly limit not to exceed \$1500.00. All expenses to be approved by the normal AIS voucher approval process prior to payment of the credit card charge. Motion carried by a vote of 10-4.**

****That President Epperson's recommendation of John and Barbara Sautner be approved as co-chairs of the Silent auction. Motion carried.** Rita Garmley has resigned her position as Silent Auction Chair.
Jim and Janet Giles are resigning as the Exhibitions co-chairs at the end of the season. President Epperson will make an appointment later.
George and Margaret Sutton are resigning as Advertising Editors later on this year. President Epperson will make an appointment later.

President Epperson noted in his report that the Chicago Botanical Garden is working to establish a Siberian Iris Garden collection. He also noted that George Edmonds has undertaken the project of recognizing the 100th anniversary of the publication of the Bertrand Farr sale list of Irises.

In accordance with standard practice, Epperson asked for affirmation of interim Board action taken by email vote since the November 2007 Board Meeting.

*Michelle Snyder moved and Gossett second.

****That the AIS approve the appointment of Kate Brewitt as RVP for Region 16. Motion carried.**

1st Vice President - Judy Keisling deferred her report until later.

2nd Vice President - Jill Bonino deferred her report until later.

General Secretary - Michelle Snyder noted that the Dykes Medal has arrived. She also stated that Susan Boyce will be the General Secretary backup in case of extended trips or in case of emergency.

Treasurer - Jill Bonino reported that because of lower interest rates the rate of return on investments will be down this year. Bonino also stated the need of two people to sign the investment papers. She proposed:

*That all future investment transactions require at least the President and the Treasurer (or the Treasurer's backup signer) sign the transaction for it to be completed.

****Jones moved and Gossett seconded. Motion carried.**

Bonino stated that Cheryl Deaton had been added as a backup signer on all of the bank accounts.

Bonino reported on her research of the possibility of the AIS obtaining a corporate credit card. A lengthy discussion followed on the merits of having an AIS corporate credit card.

*Jones moved and Sutton seconded:

Advertising Editors - Margaret and George Sutton reported that there is still some decline in display ads. The shopping sections are still holding their own.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Registrar/Recorder - Mike Lowe stated that The American Iris Society has been approved again as the international cultivar registration authority for the genus iris for another four years. Lowe reported that the current R&I format needs to be changed shortly. The current saddle format versus the perfect binding format was discussed. Another discussion followed about possibly changing the size of the R&I booklet, starting in 2010. Lowe also mentioned that the official iris introductions need to be reported back to the registrar. One last note Lowe reported on a problem with some questioning Registrar Lowe's acceptance of certain iris names. A discussion followed and the Board wanted the record to show: **That this discussion was brought before the Board and the consensus was that the Board endorse fully, the current position of the Registrar/Recorder in regards to acceptable iris names.

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley was not present but his report stated that membership is still declining. It also stated that PayPal still works well in new memberships and renewals.

Meeting recessed at 2:50 pm.
The meeting reconvened at 3:07 pm.

Recording Secretary - Susan Boyce reported the problems she encountered with the recording machine at the Fall Board meeting have now been corrected and it is now working fine.

Publication/Sales Directors - John and Kay Ludi reported that the Eric Nies Chronicles and the Clarence Mahan books are now sold out and will not be sold any more. Ludi reported that the Invitation to Join pamphlets will not need to be reprinted this year. One last item Ludi reported on was the need to print the new AIS seals.

*Ludi moved and Kasperek seconded:

That we print 10,000 AIS seals. **Motion carried.

Bulletin Editor - Terry Aitken reported that the AIS Bulletin appears to be on budget. The July guest editor is Terry Aitken.

Unfinished Business - None.

New Business - President Epperson stated that the New Business will be discussed later on in the meeting.

Exhibitions - Chairs Jim and Janet Giles were not present. They did not have a report, but they submitted their resignations effective at the end of this iris show season.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Affiliates - Chair Brad Kasperek reported that the RVPs are getting the affiliate renewals done on a timely basis. A suggestion was made that a kit be made to help groups who might want to start up an affiliate club.

Awards - Chair Ruth Barker reported that 638 Official AIS 2008 ballots were mailed out to eligible voting judges. Morris presented a petition to the board signed by at least ten judges, that an iris 'PERFORMER' be placed back on the AIS HM eligibility ballot. President Epperson quoted from the Judges Training Handbook that it is possible that an iris be placed back on the ballot after it had rotated off. A discussion followed about this policy.

*Morris moved and Lowe seconded:

A proper petition having been submitted to the AIS Board, it is requested that the Miniature Tall Bearded Iris 'PERFORMER' be placed back on the AIS HM eligibility ballot. **Motion carried by a vote of 10-4.

After more discussion, President Epperson recommended that the Handbook Revision committee consider this policy and report back to the board at the fall board meeting.

Calendar - Chair Terry Aitken reported that the cost of the calendars have gone up slightly, but it will still be under budget for this year.

Convention Liaison - Chair Paul Gossett reported that The British Columbia Iris Society had extended an invitation to the AIS to host the 2011 convention.

*Gossett moved and Bonino seconded:

That the AIS accept the offer of the British Columbia Iris Society to host the 2011 AIS Convention in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. **Motion carried.

Donations - Chair Donna James was not present and her report showed the monthly amounts of donations received so far this fiscal year.

Electronic Services - Chair John Jones reported a summary of current iris register online subscriptions. Jones noted that the digital projector continues to be used throughout the year. Jones also stated that the process of changing to a new website host for the AIS Website has gone well. In addition, in the process of scanning the AIS Bulletin articles and converting them to a computer text, a new piece of computer software is needed.

*Jones moved and Plank seconded:

That the Electronic Services Chair be authorized to spend up to \$400 on OCR software to come from the Electronic Services Restricted fund. **Motion carried.

Iris Program Resources (Slides & Digital) - Chair Janet Smith was not present, but Rita Gormley presented her report. Many of the slide programs need to be updated. The AIS Board reports stated that with the slide program committee needs discussed, it was deemed necessary to use the time but more money is needed for the AIS slide program. The following appointed are: Clay Plank, Jill Bonino, and himself to represent the AIS Board on this ad hoc committee.

Information Resource - Chair Anne Lowe recommended that this committee be discontinued.

Honorary Awards - Chair Jeanne Clay Plank reported that she had contacted all past presidents and all will serve on this committee again. Following normal procedure, the report from this committee will be presented at the 2008 Fall Board Meeting to the Board of Directors for action.

Iris Resource - Speakers - Chair Joyce Poling has resigned and as approved earlier in this board meeting, Dana Brown will assume this position.

Insurance - Chair Michelle Snyder reported that the AIS has received a rebate of \$1732 for the last insurance premium.

Judges - Chair Judy Keisling reported that several retired judges were dropped due to non payment of dues. Keisling also reviewed the number of judges, region by region, who have not yet met the in-garden training requirement that needs to be completed by June 30, 2008. It was noted that several in-garden judges training sessions are scheduled to be held in the next several weeks.

Report of the Nominating Committee - Chair Barbara Aitken presented the slate of nominees for consideration as candidates for the four director positions on The American Iris Society Board of Directors: Jerry Coates (4), Barbara Sautner (8), Cheryl Deaton (15), Keith Smith (17), Nyla Hughes (18), Rita Gormley (21), Gary White (21), and Hugh Stout (22).

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

The Board of Directors went into executive session from 4:25 pm until 5:00 pm, with the regular session called back to order at 8:01 pm. Director nominees selected for the three year terms which will expire in 2011 are: Jerry Coates, Cheryl Deaton, Rita Gormley, and Gary White.

*White moved and Keisling seconded:

That the price of the program CD's from the Slides and Digital Programs be raised from \$10 to \$15. **Motion carried.

*Jones moved and Gossett seconded:

That the price of program slide sets used for multiple presentations on a set schedule be \$5 per additional presentation. **Motion carried.

Photo Contest - Chair Kitty Loberg reported that the 2008 AIS Photo contest is underway.

Policy - Chair Jeanne Clay Plank reported on her quest in going back thru old board meeting minutes in search of all of the motions from past board meetings to be compiled in one book.

Library - Chair Tracy Plotner was not present. Her report listed for Board approval, items that were sent from the AIS Library to the 2008 convention Silent Auction.

*M Snyder moved and Gossett seconded:

That the AIS Library items for the 2008 convention Silent Auction be accepted. **Motion carried.

Scientific Advisory Committee - Chair Gary White reported that last year a grant was awarded to Andrew Wheeler, and he will be possibly requesting more in the future. Dr. Meerow's research was finished last year and his report was published in a scientific magazine. Dr Meerow stated that one or two more papers will be forthcoming from him. White stated that Dr. Martin and Sunny Taylor will be present for the Scientific Board meeting on Tuesday evening.

Symposium - Chair Gerry Snyder reported that he has an Excel spreadsheet available for the symposium tabulation for the RVP's use.

Tax Exempt Advisor - Chair Bob Plank has nothing to report.

Public Relations - Chair Bob Pries was not present. President Epperson noted the following activities of this committee: The Tool Box is up and running on the AIS website. The posters are available and are great. Work has not yet begun on the AIS Wiki or the Landing Pads. Work on the coffee table book has started off slowly.

Silent Auction - Chair Rita Gormley's report noted the Silent Auction successes over the years.

The meeting was adjourned for the day at 9:30 pm.

Tuesday, April 15, 2008 - the meeting reconvened at 8:07 pm.

Publications - Chair Maureen Mark reported on the following works in progress. Work on the floral arrangement book by Carolyn Hawkins has been suspended. Betty Roberts is reviewing past bulletin articles on hybridizing for a possible publication for 2009. The hybridizers manual that Terry Aitken is working on is slated for completion in 2010. The AIS centennial publication has two volunteers and is in need of a leader to head this committee.

RVP Counselor - Chair Louise Carson announced the following election results from the Board of Counselors meeting. For 2009 - Chair, Lynn Williams (Region 14), Secretary Jody Nolin (Region 6). The Nominating Committee Representatives are Harold Griffie (Region 3) and LeRoy Meininger (Region 21). The RVP Board Representative for 2008-2009 is Jody Nolin (Region 6).

RVP Representative - Representative Jerry Coates reported that most of the attendees at the RVP meeting were first year RVPs and that the meeting was very productive.

Youth - Chair Cheryl Deaton announced the results of the Ackerman Essay contest. They are: Joanna Huggins, Region 17 (12 and under age group) and Gabriel Lockhart, Region 18 (13 and up age group).

Section Liaison - Chair Jim Morris reported on the Section meeting that was held earlier in the day. An idea was proposed that there be a membership discount if a member joins the AIS and a section. No consensus was reached at the meeting, so the proposal was tabled. Also discussed at the meeting was the need for the section editors and cooperating society editors to follow the nomenclature standards that were established by the International Committee on Horticulture when listing iris names in publications.

Morris also stated that Judy Hollingworth will be the section representative to the AIS Nominating Committee.

President Epperson discussed the continuing process of the Society for Louisiana Irises in their possible quest of becoming an AIS Section. Gossett stated a need of clarification of the motion made at the 2007 AIS Fall Board meeting.

*Gossett moved and M Snyder seconded:

That there be a clarification of the motion 'That AIS accept the request of SLI to move from Cooperating Society to Section' from the November 2nd and 3rd, 2007 AIS Fall Board meeting minutes. The intent of the motion was to indicate the AIS' willingness to consider a request of the Society for Louisiana Irises to transition from Cooperating Society to AIS Section. **Motion carried.

President Epperson announced that he had received a request from the Canadian Iris Society to consider their becoming a Cooperating Society of The American Iris Society. Maureen Mark and Sandy Ives presented the request of the Canadian Iris Society. A lengthy discussion followed. President Epperson appointed a committee consisting of Jim Morris, Jeanne Clay Plank, Jerry Coates, Bob Plank, and Kate Brewitt to study how to proceed with this. Sandy

Ives will be the contact person representing the Canadian Iris Society. Susan

Nominating Committee Appointments - President Epperson announced the appointment of Judy Keisling and John Jones as Board representatives to the 2009 AIS Nominating Committee. Keisling and Jones will join Harold Griffie (RVP), LeRoy Meininger (RVP), and Judy Hollingworth (Sections) as members of this Committee.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS -

The Fall Board Meeting will be held October 31-November 2, 2008 at the Santa Fe Station Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. 2008 Fall Meeting Chair, Mary Lee Fortner may be reached at mybasket@cox.net or (702) 228-0827.

The Spring 2009 AIS Board Meeting and Convention will be held May 11-16, 2009 in Kansas City, Missouri.

President Epperson expressed sincere appreciation of the Board of Directors of the AIS, and the AIS membership to Pat Byrne, Jim Landers, and all of their committees for this wonderful, 2008 Austin, Texas National Convention.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meeting Separator

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
NOV 2-3, 2007

FULL MINUTES

President Jeanne Clay Plank called the Fall Meeting of The American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 7:07 PM on Friday, November 2, 2007, and announced a quorum was present. President Plank welcomed all attendees. Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVP's and guest in attendance introduced themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President, Jeanne Clay Plank; 1st Vice President, Dr. E. Roy Epperson; 2nd Vice President, Judy Keisling; General Secretary, Michelle Snyder; Treasurer, Jill Bonino. **Administrative Officers:** Recording Secretary, Susan Boyce; Publication Sales, John Ludi. **Directors:** Louise Carson, Paul Gossett, Donna James, John Jones, Bob Keup, John Ludi, Jim Morris, Joyce Poling, Bob Pries, George Sutton, Gary White. **RVP Representative:** Jerry Coates. **Immediate Past President:** Terry Aitken. **Committee Chairs:** Cheryl Deaton, Maureen Mark, Bob Plank, Avery Poling, Gerry Snyder, Margaret Sutton. **Guests:** Ron James (2), Ruth Barker (4), Maryann Coates (4), Glenn & Susan Grigg (4), Donna Shields (4), Pat Byrne (17), Jean Morris (18), Linda Rader (21), Mary Ann Holman (22), Betty Lou Martin (22),

ELECTION OF SECRETARY:

President Plank announced that AIS Secretary, Patricia Randall was unable to attend this meeting. Secretary Randall had tendered her resignation as of the adjournment of this meeting and Michelle Snyder had been designated Secretary-elect at the Spring Board meeting. In order to facilitate the change in office, in the interest of clarity and simplicity, Plank requested that the Board affirm the action taken at the Spring meeting and elect Michelle Snyder to the position of General Secretary at the beginning rather than the end of the meeting as customary with other officer elections.

*Gossett moved and Keisling seconded:

That Michelle Snyder be elected as the AIS Secretary. **Motion carried.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

President Plank announced that the AIS General Secretary received no additional nominations, and, therefore, the published candidates for the AIS Board of Directors are duly elected by acclamation. They are: Paul Gossett (22), Bob Keup (2), Jim Morris (18), and Bob Pries (18). New Board members were seated with full voting privileges.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - April 30-May 1, 2007.

The corrections were as follows:

AIS Website:

1. Presidents report, "Madision" is misspelled, should have been "Madison".
2. Attendees, Bulletin, Insurance, and Report of the Nominating Committee, "Synder" is misspelled, should have been "Snyder".
3. Bulletin motion that was worded incorrectly and passed. "Salary" should have been "compensation".
4. Youth, "Cameron" is misspelled, should have been "Kameron".

Digest Minutes as printed in the AIS Bulletin #347, starting on page 68:

1. 2nd paragraph under Action Taken, "John Jones approved and approved"; should have been "John Jones appointed and approved".
2. 2nd paragraph under Interim email action, "Madision" should have been "Madison".
3. Insurance, p70; Report of Nominating Committee, p71; and Designation of Secretary Elect, p72; should have been "Snyder".
4. 2nd from bottom line on p.68, "wages" is an inappropriate wording. It should be "compensation".
5. Top line on page 69 was a motion that was worded incorrectly and passed. "Salary" should have been "compensation".
6. "Secion Liaison" on page 71 should have been "Section Liaison".
7. Youth on page 71, "Cameron" should have been "Kameron".

*Epperson moved and Keisling seconded:

** That the minutes digest as printed in the October 2007 bulletin as corrected, and the full minutes as published electronically also be corrected, be approved. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President - Jeanne Clay Plank requested approval of the following appointment of the Motion Monitor as follows:

*Epperson moved and Gossett second:

That Gerry Snyder serve as temporary Motion Monitor until the pending arrival of John Jones, whose flight was delayed. **Motion carried.

President Plank announced a request from the Society of Louisiana Irises that consideration be given to their becoming an AIS Section.

*Gossett moved and Epperson seconded:

That the AIS accept the request of SLI to move from Cooperating Society to AIS Section. **Motion carried.

In order to make the transition proceed smoothly, President Plank appointed a committee of Jim Morris and Bob Plank to work with the Board of SLI.

In accordance with standard practice, Plank asked for affirmation of interim Board action taken by email vote since the April 2007 Board Meeting. Secretary Michelle Snyder reported the following Board email action for affirmation: That the AIS follow the recommendation of the Scientific Committee and fund the Andrew Wheeler Grant Proposal.

* Morris moved and White seconded. **Motion carried.**

1st Vice President - Roy Epperson deferred his report until later.

2nd Vice President - Judy Keisling deferred her report until later.

General Secretary - Michelle Snyder stated that her computer does not have Adobe Acrobat, a software application necessary for editing, re-formatting and transmitting Board member reports to Electronic Services for posting to the Board Reports Internet page. She requested that she be authorized to purchase Adobe Acrobat.

*Epperson moved and Morris seconded:

That Secretary Snyder be authorized to purchase Adobe Acrobat for a reasonable price. **Motion carried.

Treasurer - Jill Bonino reported that Bob May from Hartford Insurance conducted an audit for the AIS's General Liability coverage, and sent his findings back to Hartford. Based on this report, it is possible that the AIS insurance premium rates may drop next year.

Bonino reported receiving a notice from the IRS stating: "That beginning in 2008, small tax exempt organizations that previously were not required to file returns, may be required to submit an annual electronic notice". This new requirement would apply to all AIS affiliates, sections, and regions that have their own federal tax ID number that don't file a form 990 because they are too small. She will be receiving more details about this in the future, and will forward this information when it becomes available.

Bonino reminded the Board that should she become incapacitated, there needs to be a backup person who lives in close proximity, and who can have access to AIS funds for paying bills. She requested a Board-approved emergency signer on all of the AIS accounts.

*Sutton moved and Snyder seconded:

That Cheryl Deaton be given authority to sign bank transactions in case Treasurer Jill Bonino is incapacitated. **Motion carried.

Bulletin - Managing Editor Terry Aitken reported the slide scanner which is used for the bulletin, needs to be replaced.

*Epperson moved and Keup seconded:

That the Managing Editor Aitken be authorized to purchase a slide scanner and the software upgrade for a price not to exceed \$350. **Motion carried.

Aitken requested that the Board revisit and change the compensation for guest editors adopted at the Spring meeting.

*Epperson moved and Bonino seconded:

That Guest Editors be compensated at \$1,000 per issue and the Managing Editor at \$500 per issue, retroactively. **Motion carried.

President Plank pointed out that the AIS By-laws state (Article V, Section 3,h) that an officer or director receiving compensation for an AIS position (for instance, Editor) loses full voting powers while taking compensation. Discussion followed about how voting privileges versus compensation should be applied to members of the Board of Directors who serve as one-time guest-editors.

*Pries moved and Keup seconded:

That a Guest Editor, if also a Director, be able to accept compensation without losing the right to vote. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 8:40 pm and was called back to order at 8:55 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley was not in attendance. President Plank observed that the MemSec's report indicated a continued gradual drop in membership. Although not unique to the AIS, membership loss is a condition that deserves constant attention.

Recording Secretary - Susan Boyce stated that there was a two month delay in the minutes being posted on the website after she submitted them. She will in the future, email the full minutes to those who need them as soon as they are done.

Registrar/Recorder - Mike and Anne Lowe were not in attendance. Their report requested that the Board, in consultation with the Publications Sales Director, set the number of R&I's to be printed for 2007.

*Pries moved and Gossett seconded:

That we print 500 - 2007 R&I's. **Motion carried.

Publication/Sales Directors - John Ludi reported that an excessive number of old bulletins are still in stock at the storefront. A discussion followed on ways to advertise the sale of excess bulletins.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business - none

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Affiliates - Chair Brad Kasperek was not in attendance. President Plank restated a strong need for an affiliates handbook to assist the affiliates.

Awards - Chair Roy Epperson noted that there is only one Wister Medal left in stock, and there is an immediate need to cast more.

*Sutton moved and Morris seconded:

** That the AIS cast 36 Wister Medals. **Motion carried.**

Calendars - Chair Terry Aitken recommended that for the 2009 calendar, we order 2000. The same amount as last year.

*Epperson moved and Gossett seconded:

That we produce 2000, 2009 calendars. **Motion carried.

Convention - Chair Paul Gossett stated that he is still looking for a site to host the 2011 convention. He also reported that Region 15 had extended an invitation to host the 2012 convention in Ontario, California to be held April 16-21, 2012.

*Gossett moved and Epperson seconded:

The the AIS accept the invitation of Region 15 to host the 2012 National Convention. **Motion carried.

Donations - Chair Donna James reported that there has been continued confusion about the distinction between the AIS and the AIS Foundation, and as a consequence continued confusion about how to donate to one versus the other. It was recommended that information on how to donate to each organization be clarified on the AIS Website and in the AIS Bulletin.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm, and the Board went into Executive Session.

Saturday, November 3, 2007 - the meeting was called back to order at 8:07 am and the Honorary Awards were announced.

Honorary Awards - President Plank announced the results of the Honorary Awards.

The Hybridizers Medals were awarded to: Robert Bauer & John Coble (Region 6) , and Marty Schafer & Jan Sacks (Region 1).

The Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Jeanne Clay Plank (Region 15).

The Bee Warburton Medal was awarded to Sidney Linnegar (Great Britain).

Electronic Services - Chair John Jones reported that currently there are 229 subscribers to the online registration checklist database. Up from 192 in the Spring of this year. The online PayPal membership payment option continues to work well. He stated that he would like to change to a different ISP server. He has located one that is less expensive and offers more services and options.

*Jones moved and Bonino seconded:

That we change ISP's to Lunar Pages. **Motion carried.

Jones also noted a new online program "Membership Lookup" is now available. This is a valuable tool for RVPs and others to check on the expiration dates of the members in their region. It will only contain members names and expiration dates. No other information such as addresses or phone numbers will be on this list.

Jones noted that the website redesign is going to raise his budget this year.

*Jones moved and Sutton seconded:

That we approve a maximum budget of \$8,000 to redesign the website, \$3,000 to come from the General fund and \$5,000 to come from the Electronic Services Restricted fund. **Motion carried.

Jones also noted that some of the website redesign services must be paid with a credit card. He posed the possibility of the AIS acquiring a credit card.

*Bonino moved and Snyder seconded:

That the AIS Treasurer investigate the ramifications of obtaining a corporate credit card. **Motion carried.

Exhibitions - Chairs Jim & Janet Giles were not in attendance, but sent a report listing the 2007 show results. The report, corrected for errors, will be published in the January 2008 AIS Bulletin.

Foundation Liaison - Chair Roger Mazur was not in attendance. Bob Plank gave an updated report to the Board on the status of the DuBose estate.

Handbook Revision Committee - Chair Roy Epperson noted that the Operations Manual is finished with the exception of the Photo Contest, RVP Representative, and the RVP counselor job descriptions.

President Plank stated that the RVP Manual is now posted on the AIS Website for all to see.

Epperson stated that he and Judges Chair Keisling have received numerous complaints about the two new judges designations of Senior (S) and Master (M). Senior (S) had replaced the Active Master (AM) designation, and Master (M) had replaced Emeritus (E).

*Bonino moved and Keisling seconded:

**That we return to the Master (M) designation and drop the Senior designation.

Motion carried.

*Morris moved and Gossett seconded:

** That we return to the Emeritus (E) designation and drop the Master designation from that position. **Motion carried.**

These changes will affect five pages of the new Handbook for Judges and Show Officials. Copies of the five new pages will be sent out with the new orders for the Handbook for Judges and Show Officials.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 am and called back to order at 10:05 am.

Insurance - Chair Michelle Snyder stated that the insurance premium renewal rate was very similar to last years total.

Judges - Chair Judy Keisling presented the recommended Judges list for 2008, noting the change of Senior (S) back to Master (M), and Master (M) back to Emeritus (E). She also stated that starting in 2008, the AIS would no longer list the Retired (R) judges in the Approved AIS Judges listing published in the January AIS Bulletin.

*Keisling moved and Epperson seconded:

**That the list of recommended judges for 2008 as corrected be approved.

Motion carried.

Keisling noted that she had received a recommendation for judgeship for an Overseas member.

*Keisling moved and Epperson seconded:

That Zdenek Seidl be approved as an Overseas (OS) Judge for 2008. **Motion carried.

Keisling reported that several people have requested that a Retired (R) judge be allowed to judge an approved iris show. A discussion followed during which it was

reaffirmed that if Retired (R) judges decide they want to become active again, they need to fulfill the educational requirements necessary to bring them back to an active status.

*Keup moved and Morris seconded:

That no change in the present status of Retired Judges be made. **Motion carried.

One last point Keisling noted, was that some of the Regions still want the deadline for In-garden judging requirements pushed back another year to 2009. By consensus, the Board decided not to change this deadline.

Library - Chair Tracy Plotner was not in attendance and did not submit a report.

Non-Profit Incorporation Tax Exempt Status 501 (c)(3) - Chair Bob Plank had no additional information to report.

Photo Contest - Chair Kitty Loberg was not in attendance, but sent a report on the 2007 AIS Photo Contest.

*Epperson moved and James seconded:

That Kitty Loberg be approved to conduct the 2008 Photo Contest. **Motion carried.

Policy & Historical Resources - Mike and Anne Lowe were not in attendance. No report was sent for Historical Resources. On Policy, President Plank will work with Jones on simplifying the searches for Board Motions for future referencing.

Programs: Digital, Slides, & Speakers - Avery and Joyce Poling. A. Poling reported that the Slide Program rentals were very slow during the summer, but have picked up since September. A. Poling tendered his resignation. J. Poling reported that the Speakers list is growing. A discussion about listing this information on the AIS Website did not result in action taken.

RVP Counselor - Chair Louise Carson noted that Regions 16 and 20 currently do not have RVP replacements for 2008. It was noted that it is getting more difficult every year to find RVP replacements. Morris suggested that we might need to realign some Regions in the future to alleviate this problem. Carson presented the RVP list for 2008 for approval.

*Carson moved and Gossett seconded:

That the list of proposed RVP's for 2008 be accepted. **Motion carried.

First Year RVPs:

Region 1: Michael J Zuraw
Region 2: Vaughn Sayles
Region 3: Hal Griffie
Region 5: Earnest Yearwood
Region 7: Darnell Hester
Region 10: Ron Betzer

Region 16: no candidate
Region 17: Debbie Strauss
Region 19: Gary Slagle
Region 20: no candidate
Region 21: LeRoy Meininger
Region 23: James Reilly
Region 24: Jim Chappell

Second Year RVPs:

Region 6: Judy Nolin
Region 8: William C. Dougherty
Region 9: Nancy Pocklington
Region 11: Jayme Adams
Region 12: Thomas Miller
Region 14: Lynn Williams
Region 18: Carolyn Needham Ash
Region 22: Robert Treadway

Third Year RVPs:

Region 4: Jerry Coates
Region 13: Terry Aitken
Region 15: Kathy Chilton

RVP Representative - Representative Jerry Coates stated that the one year term held by the RVP Representative might not be long enough. Just as you learn your job, your term is over. It was noted that the RVP discussion site is now online and operational.

Silent Auction - Chair Rita Gormley was not in attendance. President Plank stated the need to approve the Silent Auction for 2008.

*White moved and Gossett seconded:

That we continue the Silent Auction in 2008. **Motion carried.

Symposium - Chair Gerry Snyder reported that all but one Region has turned in their tally numbers for the Symposium. He also reported that an error had omitted four irises from this year's Symposium ballot. There were four irises that were missing from the ballot. He requested input from the Board on how to compensate for this omission. The discussion that followed focused on allowing the four irises to remain on the ballot for additional years.

*Sutton moved and Keup seconded:

**That we place the following irises on the 2008 Symposium ballot for three years:

Dorothy Devenport (Hooker Nichols)
Peaches and Dreams (Joseph Ghio)
Peppermint Cream (Richard Ernst)

Tropical Delight (Michael Sutton)
Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon and called back to order at 1:00 pm.

Public Relations - Chair Bob Pries reported on various new ways to attract new members. An extensive discussion followed.

*Aitken moved and Snyder seconded:

** That we experiment with advertising land pads on the AIS Website for one year. **Motion carried.**

*Pries moved and Morris seconded:

Approve that a Public Exhibits Toolbox be developed and incorporated into the AIS Website by February 2008. **Motion carried.

* Epperson moved Keisling seconded:

That the AIS adopt in principle, the concept of a yearly coffee table magazine to be published in January for all members and provided to new members as they join during the year. This would have no data or administrative information but be a pleasurable color magazine that would begin preparation at least a year prior to printing and be bid separately from the AIS Bulletin. **Motion carried.

*Morris moved and Bonino seconded:

** That the AIS investigate a photo wiki for AIS members on the members only section of the AIS Website. **Motion carried.**

Publications - Chair Maureen Mark reported that work is still continuing on the following projects: The floral arrangement of irises book by Carolyn Hawkins, Hybridizers articles compilation by Betty Roberts, and the Hybridizers Manual by Terry Aitken. Mark also reported on the ISBN numbers that are assigned to publications. She noted that after checking on the Library of Congress website, it was found that AIS is allowed to register three individuals to access the registering of the publications.

*Jones moved and Snyder seconded:

** That the AIS General Secretary (primary keeper), Publications Chair, and the AIS President be designated as the managers of The American Iris Society ISBN log book. **Motion carried.**

Mark noted that the AIS centennial is approaching. She stated that it might be wise to start working on this project. President Plank agreed.

Mark suggested that another possibility might be to make a 5 or 10 year compilation of conventions consisting of pictures and articles.

Scientific Advisory Committee - Chair Gary White reported that Dr Alan Meerow's research is finished and has sent in his report.

Section Liaison - Chair Jim Morris reported on his AIS Bulletin articles.

The meeting recessed at 3:20 pm and called back to order at 3:35 pm.

Youth - Chair Cheryl Deaton reported that the Oklahoma City Convention committee

has donated money to be used for youth, to encourage youth participation at the conventions. It was decided that this money will be used for the convention registration fees of the Clarke Cosgrove winners.

*Morris moved and James seconded:

That we create a new fund YCCR (Youth Cosgrove Convention Registration) to pay for convention registration fees of Cosgrove winners. **Motion carried.

Deaton reported that the estate of Jimmy Jones has donated Endowment money to be used for the Clarke Cosgrove Youth Award. This will enable more money to be awarded to the winners.

*Morris moved and Gossett seconded:

That we increase the Clarke Cosgrove Youth Award (CCYA) award winners' amounts to: Winner \$500, First Runner-up \$300, and Second Runner-up \$200. **Motion carried.

Deaton stated that the Classroom Iris Project Youth Fund has more than enough money in it to last for a long time. She was wondering if future donations could be better utilized in another youth fund, and how to advise potential donors to donate to other youth funds.

* Morris moved and Sutton seconded:

That we mark the CIP-YF as "Due to the generosity of the donors, the Classroom Iris Project Youth Fund is fully subscribed" and add a recommendation that donations be made to other Youth funds. **Motion carried.

Deaton closed her report with the reminder that nominations for the Clarke Cosgrove Youth Award are due January 31, 2008.

BUDGET FOR 2007-2008

Treasurer Bonino opened a line-by-line discussion of the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008, with changes that had been added and subtracted as they came up during discussion throughout the meeting. A balanced budget could not be reached.

*Bonino moved and Snyder seconded:

That we accept a budget that has an estimated excess of expenditures over income of \$753.00 for the FY ending 9/30/2008. **Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for dinner at 5:07 pm and was called back to order at 7:50 pm.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

* Sutton moved and James seconded:

** Dr. E. Roy Epperson is elected as President of The American Iris Society.

Motion carried.

Incoming President Epperson accepted the gavel from outgoing President Plank.

Nominations were opened for the remaining elected offices. Upon receiving no additional nominations from the floor, nominations were closed and the following slate of officers was elected by acclamation:

1st VP - Judy Keisling

2nd VP - Jill Bonino

Secretary - Michelle Snyder

Treasurer - Jill Bonino

Editor - open

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

President Epperson requested the appointment of the following officers.

Registrar/Recorder - Mike and Anne Lowe

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley

Recording Secretary - Susan Boyce

Publications/Sales - John and Kay Ludi

*Plank moved and Gossett seconded:

Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

President Epperson requested approval for the following Standing Committee appointments:

Affiliates - Brad Kasperek

Awards - Ruth Barker

Calendars - Terry Aitken

Convention Liaison - Paul Gossett

Donations Secretary - Donna James

Electronic Services - John Jones

Exhibitions - Jim and Janet Giles

Foundation Liaison - Roger Mazur

Honorary Awards - Jeanne Clay Plank

Insurance - Michelle Snyder

Iris Program Resources (Speakers) - Joyce Poling

Iris Program Resources (Slides & Digital) - Janet Smith

Judges - Judy Keisling

Judges Handbook Revision Committee - vacant

Librarian - Tracy Plotner

Managing Editor - Terry Aitken

Photo Contest - Kitty Loberg

Policy & Operations Manual - Jeanne Clay Plank

Public Relations & Marketing - Bob Pries

Publications - Maureen Mark

Registrations - Mike and Anne Lowe

RVP Counselor - Louise Carson

Scientific Advisory Group - Gary White

Section Liaison - Jim Morris

Silent Auction - Rita Gormley

Symposium - Gerry Snyder

Tax Exemption Advisor - Bob Plank

Youth - Cheryl Deaton

*Keup moved and Gossett seconded:

Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Epperson extends his sincere appreciation to the Eastern North Carolina Iris Society, Susan & Glenn Grigg, and Region 4 for making this meeting possible. The Spring 2008 meeting will be held in Austin, Texas, April 14-19, 2008 at the Omni Hotel Southpark, 4140 Governors Row, Austin, TX 78744. 1-512-448-2222. Convention co-chairs are Jim Landers, 1-254-773-5017, email at jimlanders43@hotmail.com; and also Pat Byrne, 1-281-391-6190, email at patb1@consolidated.net.

ADJOURNED:

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Susan Boyce

Meeting Separator

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
APRIL 30-MAY 1, 2007

FULL MINUTES

President Jeanne Clay Plank called the Spring Meeting of The American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 1:05 PM on Monday April 30, 2007, and announced a quorum was present. President Plank welcomed all attendees, and asked Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVP's, and guests to introduce themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President, Jeanne Clay Plank; 1st Vice President, Dr. E. Roy Epperson; 2nd Vice President, Judy Keisling; General Secretary, Patricia Randall; Treasurer, Jill Bonino. **Administrative Officers:** Membership Secretary, Tom Gormley; Recording Secretary Susan Boyce; Publication Sales, John and Kay Ludi. **Directors:** Louise Carson, Paul Gossett, Donna James, John Jones, Brad Kasperek, John Ludi, Jim Morris, Bob Pries, Gerry Synder, Gary White. **RVP Representative:** Bob Keup. **Immediate Past President:** Terry Aitken. **Legal Advisor:** Bob Plank. **Committee Chairs:** Cheryl Deaton, Michelle Synder. **RVP's:** Dave Nitka (1), Carolyn Hawkins (5), Jody Nolin (6), Hugh Thurman (7), Nancy Pocklington (9), Lynn Williams (14), Kathy Chilton (15), Carolyn Ash (18), Vince Lewonski (19), Robert Treadway (22). **Guests:** Ron James (2), Glenn & Susan Grigg (4), Jim & Jill Copeland (6), John Baker, Ledra Mohrman (8), Irv Pocklington (9), Kathie Kasperek (12), Barbara Aitken, George Lankow, Judy Nunn, Lorena Reid, Doris Smith (13), David & Judith Kennedy (15), Charlie Brown (17), Bob Ash, Jean Morris, Dave Niswonger (18), Carol Goldsberry, F.W. McVicker, Lon Rombach (22).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Kansas City, Missouri - November 3-4, 2006.

No additions or corrections were made to the Digest Minutes as printed in the AIS Bulletin #344 (January 2007), therefore Jones moved, Randall seconded, motion carried, that these minutes be approved. No additions or corrections were made to the full minutes as posted on the AIS website. Jones moved, Bonino seconded, motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President - Jeanne Clay Plank asked that the appointment of John Jones as Motion Secretary be approved. Epperson so moved, Randall seconded. Motion carried. In accordance with standard practice, Plank asked for affirmation of interim Board action taken by email vote since the November 2006 Board Meeting. Secretary Patricia Randall reported the following Board email actions for affirmation:

1. Acceptance of the Madison Area Iris Society invitation to host the 2010 AIS Convention.
2. Approval of the implementation of the Membership Expiration database at the suggested budget amount of \$700, to come from the Electronic Services Restricted

Fund.

Jones moved, Epperson seconded and the board approved the affirmation of the two interim actions.

1st Vice President - Roy Epperson deferred his report until later.

2nd Vice President - Judy Keisling was not in attendance at this session.

General Secretary - Patricia Randall reported the arrival of the Dykes Medal. She concluded her report by officially announcing her resignation from the office of General Secretary, effective with the conclusion of the 2007 fall meeting.

Treasurer - Jill Bonino discussed the voucher payment system, and outlined procedures to follow when the General Secretary (in cases of emergency) is temporarily unable to handle this process.

Bonino stated in her financial report, that the AIS is in good financial shape.

Bulletin - Managing Editor Terry Aitken reported that our current printer, Bridgetown Publishing agreed to lower their prices to match the two lower bids Aitken had received from printers located in the Portland area.

Due to the resignation of Bruce Filardi, guest editors have been invited to edit the next four Bulletin issues. Two guest editors have agreed to edit the July and October Bulletins, however two more guest editors are needed to edit the January and April 2008 Bulletins. Aitken will remain as the Managing Editor. Erica Bjerning will continue to produce the Bulletin Layout and Design. Aitken commended Bjerning for her continued excellence in this position.

Aitken stated that the number of color ads has dropped quite a bit and recommended that AIS return to its old displays ad rates.

*Jones moved, Synder seconded:

**That we roll back the bulletin display advertising rates to those in effect as of the July 2004 Bulletin, those rates to become effective as of the January 2008 Bulletin.

Motion carried.

Wages for the Managing Editor and the guest editors were discussed.

*Jones moved, Bonino seconded:

That the salary for the Managing Editor be set at \$3,000/year and that \$3,000/year be split equally between the four issues per year as payment to the guest editors for each of those issues. **Motion carried.

A question arose concerning the confusion about publishing pictures of iris seedlings in the bulletin. A recommendation was proposed that the statement be clarified and printed in the Bulletin. Some discussion took place in order to refine the statement's wording to achieve greater clarity of intent:

*Epperson moved, Keup seconded:

Color pictures of irises used in AIS publications shall be registered, introduced irises, properly published species, historical cultivars, or overall garden shots. Color pictures of seedlings under number or name may be used only in support of specific article content. **Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS;

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley reported that Paypal has been a continued success. There are 127 new members via Paypal. He predicted that membership income will remain flat for this next year.

Gormley stated that the current computer system used in the MemSec's office is now becoming outdated and some of the new programs will not run. He proposed the purchase of a new computer system for running the database system on.

*Morris moved, James seconded:

That the AIS Membership Secretary be authorized to purchase a laptop computer at a price not to exceed \$1,500. **Motion carried.

Registrations/Recorders - Mike and Anne Lowe were not present. Their report noted that a problem with sound-alike names developed this year. The report states that a request was made that this problem be brought to attention of the AIS Board of Directors for a ruling on whether or not duplication of a person's name or a place be prohibited regardless of differences in spelling or pronunciation. The report stated that "hybridizers selecting names for their new cultivars would have to consider an additional criteria in choosing a unique name. Implementation of this policy would require translation of all existing Check List iris names not presently rendered in English and a name check of new registrations run against this list." The Lowes pointed out that this would be very difficult to execute as there are 59,000 existing iris names. They do not recommend favorable consideration for approval of this suggested policy. The board agreed that the AIS not choose to change the existing policy. With more discussion:

*Pries moved, Gossett seconded:

** That the AIS maintain it's current implementation of the policy of following the International Code of Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants in the registration of Iris names. **Motion carried.**

Recording Secretary - Susan Boyce has no report for this meeting.

Meeting recessed at 2:45 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 3:05 pm.

Publication/Sales Directors - John and Kay Ludi reported the Eric Nies Chronicles are sold out and more are needed. There are 32 copies left in the inventory of "**Classic Irises and the Men and Women who Created Them**" by Clarence Mahan. Sales have slowed.

*Ludi moved, Gossett seconded:

*** That the price of the Clarence Mahan book be sold as a 2007 convention special at \$59. **Motion carried.**

*Ludi moved, Epperson seconded:

Once the inventory of the Clarence Mahan book is sold that we not re-order the book. **Motion carried.

Ludi also reported the Basic Iris Culture booklets inventory is very low. Discussion

followed about reprinting or a making new booklet. Boyce read from the Spring 2006 Board Meeting minutes the recommendation to reprint the Basic Iris Culture without revision for four more years. Since only one year has passed, it was agreed that the BIC should be printed again without any changes.

*Kasperek moved, Keup seconded:

That we reprint 2,000 copies of the Basic Iris Culture immediately. **Motion carried.

More discussion followed about creating a committee to review the Basic Iris Culture.

*Jones moved, Epperson seconded:

That the Publications Committee be directed to proceed revising the graphics for the Basic Iris Culture and that the graphics be finished by June 1, 2008. **Motion carried.

*Jones moved, Pries seconded:

** That the Publications Committee make best efforts to design a new iris booklet by the AIS Spring Convention 2008. **Motion carried.**

Ludi also stated that the inventory of the AIS seals is low. Before new seals are reprinted, the AIS race track logo re-design needs to be finished.

*White moved, Keup seconded:

That John Jones make best effort to complete the vector design of the AIS race track logo by the Fall 2007 Board meeting. **Motion carried.

Discussion followed about the need for the AIS seals.

*Kasperek moved, Keup seconded:

That we discontinue stocking the AIS seal at the AIS Storefront when the current inventory is exhausted. **Motion failed.

Ludi's report also indicated that the Invitation to Join pamphlets inventory is around 4,000, enough to serve the AIS needs until the next Board Meeting.

Epperson brought up the need to dispose of all remaining copies of the old judges training manual and its revision. After discussion:

*Epperson moved, Jones second:

That the AIS Storefront place all copies of the basic edition and revisions of the sixth edition of the *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials* into recycle. **Motion carried.

Unfinished Business - none.

New Business - none.

REPORTS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Operations Manual - Roy Epperson reported that effective November 2007 President Plank will assume oversight of the Operations Manual.

Non-profit Incorporation/501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Status - Bob Plank reported that one Region, one Co-operating society, and three Affiliates have become tax exempt. President Plank stated that due to continuous need for assistance on the part of various division of AIS, she recommends that the Non-profit Incorporation/501(c)(3) advisory should be a Standing Committee.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Affiliates - Chair Brad Kasperek reported that there are six fewer affiliates than last year. A discussion followed about encouraging RVP's and affiliate presidents and ways to assist them in their duties.

Awards - Chair Roy Epperson stated that after this convention there would be a need to cast more Wister Memorial Medals. This need will be addressed at the fall board meeting.

Calendars - Chair Terry Aitken reported that most of the pictures for the 2008 calendar are the photos from the 2006 AIS photo contest.

Donations - Chair Donna James reported that donations have remained steady to date for this year.

Meeting recessed for dinner at 5:00 pm. It was called back to order at 8:00 pm.

Convention - Chair Paul Gossett discussed possible format changes for future conventions. One idea mentioned was, four - 1/2 day tours with classes in the afternoons.

Gossett thanked the Board for approving the 2010 convention in Madison, WI. He also reported that he has received an invitation from Portland, OR to host the fall board meeting in 2010.

*Ludi moved, Epperson seconded:

That we accept the invitation from the Greater Portland Iris Society to host the fall board meeting in 2010. **Motion carried.

Electronic Services - Chair John Jones reported that he has received more than \$7,800 in subscription revenues from www.irisregister.com. There are currently 192 subscribers.

He stated that the Dwarf Iris Society and Aril Society International have signed on to use the Paypal system via the AIS Membership join webpage.

He reported on the new service being implemented which will allow AIS members to check their membership status. This new member service should be ready shortly.

*Jones moved, Pries seconded:

That we administer the "subscribers only" section of the AIS Website by publishing a password in each bulletin. **Motion carried.

Jones also stated that that work is proceeding to add to the AIS Website a PDF file of every AIS Bulletin from January 2007 back to October 2002.

Exhibitions - Chairs Jim & Janet Giles were not present, but their report stated that a full detailed report will be presented at the 2007 Fall Board meeting.

Foundation Liaison - Chair Roger Mazur was not present. His report stated that Dr.

Rodionenko's work is finished and he will be retiring. The foundation is awaiting reports from Dr. Carol Wilson and also Dr. Yuval Sapir.

Bob Plank reported about the current ongoing circumstances surrounding the DuBose estate.

Honorary Awards - Chair Terry Aitken. Following normal procedure, the report from this committee will be presented at the 2007 Fall Board Meeting to the Board of Directors for action.

Information Resource - Chair Anne Lowe was not present, but her report stated that they continue to provide answers to inquiries.

Insurance - Chair Michelle Synder reported that the affiliates continue to use the web page to obtain needed certificates of insurance from the broker. As the current policy does not expire until August, she will report more on the insurance issues at the fall board meeting.

Judges - Chair Judy Keisling reported that there is some concern about being able to fulfill the in-garden requirements for the first 3-year cycle because of the unusual weather conditions in 2007. Even though this first, three-year cycle doesn't end until July 31, 2008, Keisling has had several requests to extend this cycle for another year.

*Keisling moved, Epperson seconded:

That we extend the deadline for the satisfaction of the first three-year cycle of the required in-garden judges training to July 31, 2009. **Motion failed.

Judges Handbook - Chair Roy Epperson reported that the new Judges Training Handbook is now available for purchase.

Library - Chair Tracy Plotner was not present. Her report listed for Board approval, items that were sent from the AIS Library to the 2007 convention Silent Auction.

*Epperson moved, Gossett seconded:

That the items listed in Librarian's report as donations to the 2007 AIS Silent Auction be accepted. **Motion carried.

Photo Contest - Chair Kitty Loberg was not present. President Plank announced that the 2006 photo contest was a huge success. Details about the 2007 contest have been published in the AIS Bulletin, and can be found on the AIS Website.

Policy - Chair Mike Lowe was not present. His report stated that because searches of the database for past policy decisions has become too cumbersome to continue, a new way to search policy is being explored.

Programs, Slides, and Speakers - Chairs Avery and Joyce Poling were not in attendance. Epperson noted that there is a problem with some of the slides being mis-identified. A discussion followed about the need for identification accuracy.

*Kasperek moved, Morris seconded:

That the AIS President appoint an adhoc committee to review and document corrections for the AIS slide sets and CD's. **Motion carried.

Publications - Chair Maureen Mark was not present. Her report stated the need to print more copies of the Eric Nies Chronicles. Her report also carried a reminder about registering AIS Publications. Epperson noted that the AIS owns 100 ISBN numbers, only eight of which have been used.

The meeting was adjourned for the day at 10:00 pm.

Tuesday, May 1, 2007 - the meeting reconvened at 8:05 am.

Publicity - Chair Bob Pries reported on the different projects that the Publicity Committee has been working on.

Scientific Advisory Committee - Chair Gary White's report summarized the committee's activities since the 2006 Fall Board Meeting. The AIS financial obligation has been completed for the grant to Dr. Alan Meerow funding his research on 'Population Genetics of *Iris hexagona* using microsatellite DNA.' Dr. Meerow requested and received approval from the AIS Board, for a no-cost extension for the grant through April 2007. The final report from Dr. Meerow will be expected following completion of his study.

Since the last Board of Directors meeting, the Scientific Advisory Committee received one article for review prior to AIS Bulletin publication. The committee recommended the article not be published. The Scientific Advisory Committee has reviewed six articles since its formation in 2005. All but one were recommended

Section Liaison - Chair Jim Morris reported that four of the sections are searching for new editors. He announced that each organization has been offered the opportunity to provide 2-4 pages of copy on their favorite flower classification in either the July or October issues of the AIS Bulletin.

Silent Auction - Chair Rita Gormley reported that last year's very successful Silent Auction in Portland was due in part to the large number of convention attendees.

Symposium - Chair Gerry Snyder stated that the tally sheets and software are ready for the RVP's to begin the symposium ballot this summer.

Youth - Chair Cheryl Deaton urged AIS members to encourage and support the involvement of youth in AIS.

Separate from her report, Deaton announced the results of Ackerman Essay contest: Cameron Flowers, Region 7 (13 and up age group) and Sarah Green, Region 21, (12 and under age group).

Meeting recessed at 9:23 am.

Meeting reconvened at 9:37 am.

Report of the Nominating Committee - President Plank reported that the members of the 2007 nominating committee were: Debby Cole, Carolyn Hawkins, Brad Kasperek, Ann Violette, and Gary White.

The slate of nominees for consideration as candidates for the four director positions on the American Iris Society Board of Directors are: Carol Goldsberry (22), Rita Gormley (18), Paul Gossett (22), Susan Grigg (4), Kitty Loberg (14), Jim Morris (18), Bob Pries (18), and Michelle Synder (15). One additional nomination was added from the floor. Bob Keup (2).

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 am.

The Board of Directors went into executive session from 9:45 am until 11:00 am, with the regular session called back to order at 8:04 pm. Director nominees selected for the three year terms which will expire in 2010 are: Paul Gossett, Bob Keup, Jim Morris, and Bob Pries.

Nominating Committee Appointments - President Plank announced the appointment of Louise Carson and John Ludi as Board representatives to the 2008 AIS Nominating Committee. Carson and Ludi will join Jody Nolin (RVP), Nancy Pocklington (RVP), and Barbara Aitken (Sections) as members of this Committee.

The 2007 nominating committee recommended the first notice requesting suggestions for candidates for nomination to the AIS Board of Directors be published in the October AIS Bulletin. They also recommended a follow up request, along with the deadline date for submitting nominations be published in the January AIS Bulletin.

Designation of President-elect - Jones moved that Roy Epperson be designated as President-elect. Gossett seconded the motion and it carried.

Designation of Secretary-elect - Epperson noted that Patricia Randall's resignation would become effective at close of the Fall 2007 AIS Board meeting. To aid in making a smooth transition of the office to the new General Secretary, Epperson recommended that Michelle Snyder be appointed as General Secretary-elect. Jones motioned, Randall seconded, and carried.

RVP Representative - Representative Bob Keup recommended that this position, the RVP Representative, be discontinued. The board feels however, the RVP Representative position is very important. The position will stay with more focus directed towards defining the position's responsibilities.

RVP Counselor - Chair Louise Carson announced that Jerry Coates, Region 4, has been elected RVP Representative to the Board for 2007-2008. The need to have a RVP communication network was discussed at the RVP meeting. Jones stated that there will be an email list set up for the RVP's. Carson stated that Region 24 finally has a RVP. It was pointed out that all new RVP's need to be approved by the board.

*Kasperek moved, Synder seconded:

****That Jim Chappell be approved as the RVP for Region 24. Motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

The Fall Board Meeting will be held November 2-4, 2007 at the Wyndham Hotel (Research Triangle Park) in Durham, NC. 2007 Fall Meeting Chair, Susan Grigg may be reached at irismom@nc.rr.com

On behalf of herself and the Board, President Plank thanked Bill McVicker, Convention Chairman, and expressed appreciation to him and to all the Region 22 convention committee members for hosting this 2007 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma National Convention.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.
Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Boyce

Meeting Separator

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
NOV 3-4, 2006

FULL MINUTES

President Jeanne Clay Plank called the Fall Meeting of the American Iris Society Board of Directors to order at 7:30 PM on Friday, November 3, 2006, and announced a quorum was present. President Plank welcomed all attendees. Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVP's, and guest in attendance introduced themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President, Jeanne Clay Plank; 1st Vice President, Dr. E. Roy Epperson; 2nd Vice President, Judy Keisling; General Secretary, Patricia Randall; Treasurer, Jill Bonino. **Administrative Officers:** Registrar/Recorder, Mike and Anne Lowe; Membership Secretary, Tom Gormley; Recording Secretary, Susan Boyce; Publication Sales, John and Kay Ludi. **Directors:** Louise Carson, Paul Gossett, John Jones, Brad Kasperek, John Ludi, Jim Morris, Robert Pries, Gerry Snyder, George Sutton, and Gary White. **RVP Representative:** Bob Keup. **Past President:** Terry Aitken. **Legal Advisor:** Bob Plank. **Committee Chairs:** Cheryl Deaton, Rita Gormley, Michelle Synder, and Margaret Sutton. **RVP's:** Betty Coyle (14). **Guests:** Bill Coyle (14); Bob Ash, Debbie Hughes, Carolyn Needham (18); Perry Dyer, Betty Lou McMartin, Jean Morris, Robert Treadway (22).

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

President Plank announced that as the General Secretary did not receive any additional nominations to the Board of Directors, the four published nominees – Donna James, John Jones, Brad Kasperek, and Joyce Poling – were elected by acclamation.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Portland, Oregon - May 22-23, 2006.

No additions or corrections were made to the full minutes as posted on the AIS website. There were also no corrections to be made to the Digest Minutes as printed in the AIS Bulletin #343 (October 2006).

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President - Jeanne Clay Plank requested approval of the following appointments:

1. Mike Lowe as Parliamentarian - Jones moved, Gossett seconded, appointment approved.
2. John Jones as Motion Monitor - White moved, Gossett seconded, appointment approved.

In accordance with standard practice, Plank asked for affirmation of interim Board action taken by email vote since the April 2006 Board Meeting. Secretary Patricia

Randall reported the following Board email actions for affirmation.

- a. The authorization of PayPal as a means of joining AIS via the AIS webpage.
- b. The appointment of Tracy Plotner as the AIS Library Chair.
- c. The approval of a one-time extension of delivery of the Alan Meerow grant report.
- d. The authorization of the purchase with pricing details, of the new Clarence Mahan book.

Epperson moved, Jones seconded and the board approved the affirmation of the four interim actions.

1st Vice President - Roy Epperson deferred his report until later.

2nd Vice President - Judy Keisling deferred her report until later.

General Secretary - Patricia Randall had nothing additional to report.

Treasurer - Jill Bonino

The Silent Auction brought in more money due to more items being donated. There were also a number of generous donations received for the insurance fund. The membership rate increase and increase in other fees are beginning to take effect and are generating more money.

Bonino presented a draft of an investment policy prepared by the Financial Advisory committee. Bonino moved, Jones seconded the policy draft. After discussion the investment policy was amended.

*Sutton moved and Snyder seconded the policy amendment. **Motion carried.**

The policy as amended was **passed**:

***Restricted funds shall not be used for general AIS operations. Annual earned income from these investment monies shall remain in the restricted funds, with the exception of the life membership fund interest, unless specifically approved by the Board of Directors.

*Bonino recommended and motioned, seconded by Bob Keup:

***That the Claire B. Barr Library Endowment Fund (a restricted fund) be transferred to the AIS Foundation's restricted AIS Library Endowment Fund. **Motion carried.**

The proposed draft budget, part of the Treasurer's report package will be discussed in detail at the end of the meeting.

Bonino also reported that when changing the email addresses of the General Secretary and the Treasurer she discovered that the current subscription with earthlink.net entitles the AIS to use a total of eight different email addresses at no extra cost. We are currently using 5 of the addresses. After discussion, it was suggested that the other 3 available addresses be saved to be used at a later time.

Editor - Bruce Filardi was not present. Representing the Bulletin Advisory Committee, Aitken presented comparisons from 5 different printing companies for the printing of the AIS Bulletin. After much discussion on cost comparisons, color correctness, paper weights, and printing time, the following recommendation was presented.

*Sutton moved, Gossett seconded:

***That (this year) one issue of the Bulletin be published with #70 paper using the publisher of the Editorial committee's choice. **Motion carried.**

The Bulletin Committee offered some additional recommendations:

*Epperson moved, Randall seconded:

***That the term "the RVPs" be removed from the current Bulletin Obituary Policy effective January 2007 (without affecting obituaries already written and in the obit pipeline). **Motion carried.**

*Jones moved, Gossett seconded:

***That we establish a "Milestones" column in the Bulletin. **Motion carried.**

The Bulletin committee recommended changing the way the AIS presents cultivar names in print so as to bring the AIS into compliance with the International Horticulture Council standard. Many of our Sections such as SIGNA, MIS, and SJI have already adopted this standard.

*Kasperek moved, Keup seconded:

***That we change our naming convention to single quotation marks surrounding the cultivar in upper and lower case print as in 'Sea Power' (Keppel 99). **Motion carried.**

The committee also proposed that AIS only print the listing of Officers, Committee Chairs, Sections, etc. twice a year.

*After much discussion, Keup moved, Keisling seconded:

***That we publish the AIS Officers and Directors, Committee Chairpeople, Chairs of Standing Committees, AIS Sections, Cooperating Societies, Regions & Regional Vice Presidents in only the January and July Bulletins. **Motion Failed.**

The discussion resumed about the frequency of publishing this information.

*Epperson moved, Sutton seconded:

***That publishing AIS Officers and Directors, Committee Chairpeople, Chairs of Standing Committees, AIS Sections, Cooperating Societies, Regions & Regional Vice Presidents remain status quo. **Motion carried.**

The Bulletin Committee further recommended that the Board of Directors revisit the current AIS Bulletin Picture Policy.

*Epperson motioned, Morris seconded:

***That the Current AIS Bulletin Picture Policy from the May 23, 1995 and November 4, 1995 AIS Board Meetings: color pictures used in AIS publications should be registered, introduced irises, properly published species, historical cultivars, and those used for illustrative purposes and overall garden shots, "be reinforced and implemented. **Motion carried.**

Following some discussion about the AIS Bulletin Index and and the AIS website,

*Jones motioned and Snyder seconded:

***That the AIS Bulletin Index be placed on the AIS Website. **Motion carried.**

Advertising Editors - Margaret & George Sutton

Margaret pointed out in their report that although the number of color page ads dropped dramatically when ad rates went up, the number of shopping section ads increased.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley

Tom reported that 141 members took advantage of the triennial upgrade offer. The new PayPal options have accounted for 58 new or renewed memberships. Membership numbers are still declining. There are 314 fewer members than the same time last year. That is a drop of about 5.4%. This drop represents the trend that has been happening for the last few years. As a result of the raise in dues a few years ago, this year's income has remained slightly ahead of the year before. The membership income is predicted to remain flat for the coming year.

The Membership Advisory committee report presented a proposal. In line with the proposal,

*Morris moved, Jones seconded:

***That the AIS should create a members-only section of the AIS Website as an added benefit of membership in the AIS. **Motion carried.**

Registrations/Recorders - Mike and Anne Lowe

Mike Lowe stated that the yearly iris registrations are currently up to 1035.

Ludi recommended ordering a smaller number of Registrations & Introductions for the coming year.

White noted that as we get closer to the 10 year checklist in 2010, each year we will need fewer copies of the R&I, as more people will wait to buy the 10 year checklist and not buy the yearly R&I's. Ludi stated that after the 10 year checklist comes out, that even after a reduction of the price of the previous ten years' R&I's, not many of the R&I's from that decade will be sold.

*Ludi moved and Snyder seconded:

***That AIS print 800 copies of the 2006 R&I. **Motion carried.**

A recommendation for the price of the 2006 R&I was suggested and discussed. Keup motioned, Gossett seconded:

*That the price for the 2006 R&I be set at \$10.00. **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned for the day at 11:00 pm.

Saturday November 4, 2006 - the meeting was called back to order at 8:10 am.

Publication/Sales Directors - John and Kay Ludi

John Ludi reported that the storefront continues to have an excessive amount of World of Iris books and Iris postcards on hand. Ways to reduce the inventory through more publicity, etc were discussed.

*Ludi motions, White seconded:

***That the price of postcards from the Storefront be reduced to \$2.00 each per pack or 3 packs for \$5.00. **Motion carried.**

Ludi reported that the sales of the 10 year checklists has been down ever since they have been available through the Iris register. Bonino suggested creating and offering for sale a set of all of the 10 year checklist.

*Keup motioned and Pries seconded:

***That a set of the 1939 thru the 1999 Checklists be created and to be sold for \$75.00 including postage. **Motion carried.**

Addressing the problem of excess R & I inventory.

*Keup motioned, Morris seconded.

***That a set of the 2000 thru 2005 R&I's be created to be sold for \$45.00 including postage. **Motion carried.**

Ludi reported that the back issues of the AIS Bulletin have not been selling at all. Publicity is needed to promote the availability of older Bulletin issues for sale, In addition, there are 1650 old calendars in storage. Epperson observed that we as a Board agree by consensus that it is in our best interest to reduce inventory. When the Publicity and Marketing Committee submits a recommendation, we will be able to take action by AIS discuss and AIS vote.

Unfinished Business - John Jones stated that the work continues on the AIS logo racetrack design.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Non-profit Incorporation/501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Status - Bob Plank reported work continues with 3 new iris societies to become tax exempt.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Affiliates - Chair Brad Kasperek reported the approval of 178 approved affiliates. There was a modification in the affiliate renewal forms for 2006. Several of the affiliates used the old forms resulting in some confusion.

Awards - Chair Roy Epperson stated that 627 Official AIS 2006 Ballots were mailed. By the due date of the ballot, there were 542 timely ballots received.

Calendars - Chair Terry Aitken reported that for the 2006 calendars the quantity ordered was 3,500 copies. For the 2007 calendars, the quantity ordered was dropped to 2,500 copies, and that still proved too many. In order to reduce the possibility of an excess of unsold calendars, it was recommended that we further reduce the number of calendars ordered.

*Ludi motioned, White seconded:

***That AIS order 2000 copies of the 2008 Calendar and budget at \$6300.

Motion approved.

Convention Liaison - Chair Paul Gossett reported that there is a possible host for the 2010 or 2011 convention. Gossett has received an invitation for the 2008 AIS Fall board meeting.

*Gossett motioned and Sutton seconded:

***That AIS accept the Las Vegas Iris Society invitation to host the fall 2008 Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

In accepting the invitation for 2008 it became necessary to move the Tulsa,

Oklahoma invitation back one year.

*Gossett motioned, Jones seconded:

***That AIS move the Tulsa, Oklahoma Fall Board meeting from 2008 to 2009.

Motion approved.

Gossett also noted that the convention liaison job is becoming bigger, so Ron Mullin and Dennis Hager have been added to the convention committee.

Donations - Chair Donna James was not present, but her report pointed out that donations have been good for this last year.

Electronic Services - Chair John Jones reported that since the Spring Board meeting PayPal services have become activated on the web page. Except for the Aril Iris Society and the Dwarf Iris Society all sections and co-operating societies are using this web page service.

The Geek Dinner/Auction raised over \$4,000 at the Spring Convention.

The Japanese Iris Society members have the capability to check online their membership status. The AIS would like to make this same kind of service available to its membership.

*Jones motioned and Sutton seconded:

***That Electronic Services create the ability to check AIS membership expiration dates on the AIS website. The information available online would be Name, Member number, Expiration date, and Region. Results displayed would be sorted alphabetically by last name. **Motion approved.**

Returning to the discussion of the AIS members-only page, Jones suggested offering members access to the members-only page with a password.

*Jones motioned and Snyder seconded:

***That Electronic Services publish an annual password for access to the AIS Members-Only Page. **Motion carried.**

Concerning the availability on the web site of detailed individual board reports:

* Jones motioned and Gossett seconded:

***That we make non-privileged board reports on the AIS website. **Motion failed.**

Jones suggested the possibility of putting the AIS Bulletin on the members-only web page in addition to the printed format.

*Jones motioned, Snyder seconded:

***That as soon as the current issue of the Bulletin is shipped to the Post Office for distribution, the Bulletin in PDF format be made available on the Members Only section of the AIS website. **Motion carried.**

President Plank asked a question of Jones. When someone wants to correct or change something on the webpage, what is the proper approach – how do they do it properly? Jones answered that correcting wrong information about affiliates should come from the RVP's and sent on to the Affiliates Chair, and then to Jones. President Plank suggested that all Regions appoint an electronic secretary to monitor and to make sure that the electronic information for their region is posted correctly on the AIS website.

Historical Resources - Chair Anne Lowe reported that the domain name of *irisinfo.org* has been secured, and soon information will be posted. President Plank stated that the name of this committee will be changed to "Information Resource Committee" for clearer understanding of the services it provides.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am, and the Board went into Executive Session.

The meeting was called back to order at 1:05 pm and the Honorary Awards were announced.

Honorary Awards - President Plank announced the results of the Honorary awards.

The Hybridizers Medals were awarded to Hiroshi Shimizu of Japan, and Hal Stahly (Region 6).

Distinguished Service Medals were awarded to Jim Copeland (Region 6) and Jay Hudson (Region 14).

Bee Warburton Medal was awarded to Susan Webber of Germany.

In an effort to develop a clear policy statement on the vote count needed for Honorary Awards, the following recommendations were presented:

*Epperson motioned and Morris seconded:

***That the percentage of the AIS Board present and voting for the awarding of the Hybridizer's Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Warburton Medal, and the Gold Medal be set at 75%. **Motion carried.**

*Epperson motioned and Kasperek seconded:

***That on page 9 of the current Handbook referencing the appointment of Emeritus Judges, that the term "75% approval of the directors present and voting is required" be inserted. **Motion carried.**

Foundation Liaison – The report from the Foundation Liaison was set aside for later in the meeting.

Bob Plank, acting as advising attorney for both the AIS and the Foundation in connection with the Hager/DeBose Estate Trust, reported that the AIS Foundation is the sole beneficiary of the Sidney P DuBose Trust. The specific purpose of the Trust is to support the AIS Library, in trust, as a memorial to Sidney P DuBose and Ben R Hager. Trust assets include all of the remaining personal property of Ben and Sid, including a car, a checking account, government securities, plus all of the remaining real property known as Melrose Gardens, (a commercial iris, daffodil, and daylily nursery) in Stockton, CA. Included in the personal property are the awards, mementos, manuscripts, presentations, letters, photographs, and hybridizing records.

Insurance - Chair Michelle Snyder reported that this year's insurance premium bill was unexpectedly and surprisingly lower than expected. It was noted that this premium drop is puzzling and more than likely just a one-year phenomenon. Any monies donated after October 1, 2006 to the Board for insurance will be held in a fund restricted for insurance premium payment only and used when necessary for meeting insurance premium costs.

Judges - Chair Judy Keisling stated that there are currently 803 judges. Keisling submitted a list of AIS Judges for approval. Last minute changes were inserted.

*Keisling motioned, Epperson seconded:

***That the recommendations for judges for 2007 be approved. **Motion carried.**

Judges Handbook - Chair Roy Epperson proposed that the Board adopt in practice the following changes in practice to the AIS Handbook for Judges and Show Officials, to be effective January 1, 2007. (These changes were adopted in principle at the Spring 2006 Board Meeting).

*Morris motioned, White seconded:

*That AIS adopt changes to Chapter 22 and the revised Chapter 22 of the Judge's Handbook. **Motion carried.**

*Epperson moved approval, Morris seconded:

***That the designation of Judges' titles be: Apprentice (A), Garden/Exhibition (G/E), Senior (S) [formerly Master/Active], Retired (R) [formerly Master/Retired], Master (M) [formerly Emeritus], and Overseas (OS). **Motion carried.**

*Epperson moved approval, Jones seconded:

***That, by definition, a fully accredited AIS judge is any currently approved judge in the following categories: G/E, S, M, and OS. **Motion carried.**

*Epperson moved approval, Jones seconded:

***That the following statement in the *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials* (page 8) be deleted: "These judges (Master/Retired) may be used as a show judge if needed by a show committee. They are to be assigned to a panel with an accredited judge or an active Master judge." be approved. **Motion carried.**

*Epperson moved approval, Jones seconded:

***That only fully accredited judges may judge in an accredited show or present a for-credit judges training course. A retired judge may not present a for-credit judges training course. **Motion carried.**

*Epperson moved approval, Gossett seconded:

***That an approved judges' training class be defined as: A structured in-classroom or in-garden instruction for 2 or more participants, presented by a fully accredited AIS judge. A written test of at least 10 questions for each hour of training credit shall be administered, discussed and filed with the regional JT chair. **Motion carried.**

*Epperson moved approval, Morris seconded:

***That the current requirements for in-garden training be reaffirmed. **Motion carried.**

*Epperson moved approval, Randall seconded:

***That the current scale of points in the *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials* for the Artistic Division be retained. **Motion carried.**

When serving as Exhibition Chair, Epperson was asked what constitutes a blue ribbon? A discussion was held to formulate a guideline.

*Epperson moved approval, Morris seconded:

***In point scoring in an Exhibition, the judge may wish to follow these guidelines: A cultivar scoring 90 to 100 points merit a Blue Ribbon, a cultivar scoring 80 to 89 points merits a Red Ribbon, and a cultivar scoring 70 to 79 points merits a White Ribbon. The

judge should not treat these guidelines as requirements for this makes exhibition judging a mechanical action and does not take into consideration qualitative evaluations. **Motion carried.**

The pricing of the new Judges Training Handbook and the number of copies needed was discussed.

*Gossett motioned and Morris seconded:

***That AIS order 1200 copies of the new Judges Training Handbook insert.

Motion carried.

*Keup motioned and Bonino seconded:

***That AIS price the Judges handbook binder and insert at \$15.00, and the insert alone be priced at \$12.00. **Motion carried.**

Librarian - Chair Tracy Plotner was not in attendance, but her report stated that in the future she will be submitting a budget request to buy books and some needed filing cabinets.

Historical Chronicles - Chair Clarence Mahan was not in attendance. Mahan has submitted his resignation as chair of the Historical Chronicles. President Plank announced that this committee will be moved into a subsection of the publications department.

Photo Contest – The report from Chair Kitty Loberg, also not in attendance, stated that because of the timing of the end of the contest, most of the winners are not able to plant their new iris rhizomes, so the winner's prizes would be presented to this year's contest winners next year.

*Jones motioned, Morris seconded:

***Approval of a photo contest for 2007. **Motion carried.**

*Epperson motioned and Jones seconded:

***Approval of a budget of \$500 for the 2007 photo contest. **Motion carried.**

The photo contest announcement process was discussed.

*Jones motioned and White seconded:

***That the winning photographs (with attribution) of the 2007 Photo contest be first announced and printed in the January 2008 Bulletin. **Motion carried.**

*Jones motioned and Snyder seconded:

***That the winning photographs (with attribution) of the 2007 AIS Photo contest be first published on the AIS website in coordination with their publication in the January 2008 Bulletin. **Motion carried.**

*Morris motioned and Gossett seconded:

***That the Board give official commendation to Kitty Loberg for her work on the 2006 Photo contest. **Motion carried.**

Policy - Chair Betty Roberts will not be continuing in this position. Roberts has offered to work with Maureen Marks in publications. Mike and Anne Lowe will assume the Policy Committee Chair for the coming year.

Programs, Slides, and Speakers - Chairs Avery and Joyce Poling were not present

but stated in their written report that the Speakers program is underway. There will be an upcoming article in the AIS Bulletin detailing the Speakers and/or the Judges Training list and how to use it.

Public Relations - Chair Bob Pries reported that Ann Violette is in charge of sending out the new member packets. Ernie Henson and Will Plotner are in charge of the AIS screens. Advertising ideas on the internet were discussed.

The meeting recessed at 3:00 pm.

The meeting was called back to order at 3:15 pm.

Robins - Chair Susan Boyce reported that the AISeRobin program is no longer being used. The paper robin program has dwindled down to just a few sectional robin programs, which are being handled by the sections. She asked if the board wants to continue to have a Robin program.

*Keup motioned and Sutton seconded:

***That AIS discontinue te appointment of a director for the Robin activity.

Motion carried.

RVP Counselor - Chair Louise Carson reported that Region 24 was still in need of a RVP for the year ahead.

*Carson motioned, Epperson seconded and **motion carried.**

***That the following RVP's be approved for 2007:

First Year RVPs:

Region 6: Judy Nolin
Region 8: William C. Dougherty
Region 9: Nancy Pocklington
Region 11: Jayme Adams
Region 12: Thomas Miller
Region 14: Lynn Williams
Region 18: Carolyn Needham
Region 22: Robert Treadway

Second Year RVPs:

Region 4: Jerry Coates
Region 7: Hugh Thurman
Region 10: Joe Musacchia
Region 13: Terry Aitken
Region 15: Kathy Chilton

Third Year RVPS:

Region 1: David Nitka
Region 2: Robert Keup
Region 3: Jason Leader
Region 5: Carolyn Hawkins
Region 16: Chris Hollinshead
Region 17: Dana Brown
Region 19: Vince Lewonski
Region 20: Steve Blecher
Region 21: Gary White
Region 23: Pegi Naranjo

RVP Representative - Representative Bob Keup reported that there is no official job description for RVP Rep, and wondered if his job is needed. After much discussion it was decided that the RVP Rep job is indeed needed. It was suggested that there is a need for a website such as RVP/discuss to act as an easy channel of communication for all RVP's.

Scientific Advisory Committee - Chair Gary White reported that Dr Allan Meerow has requested an extension of his grant through April 2007 at no extra cost, and this request was approved by the committee. The committee has begun talking about refocusing the scientific grants program.

The committee wants to save the unspent yearly grant money to used at a later time.

*White motioned and Sutton seconded.

***That \$5,000 be allocated for applicable scientific projects and that any monies not awarded during fiscal year 2006-2007 be transferred into the Restricted Scientific Fund. **Motion carried.**

Section Liaison - Chair Jim Morris presented a Median Iris Society proposal that the AIS create a convention award for the best median iris.

*Morris motioned and Keisling seconded:

***That a Ben R Hager Cup for Best Median Iris Society be instituted at the AIS National Convention as an AIS award to be voted on by attendees of the AIS National Convention for the favorite median observed in the tour gardens during the convention. "Median" is defined as a bearded iris from any of the four classifications officially recognized by AIS.

- a. Standard Dwarf Bearded (SDB)
- b. Intermediate Bearded (IB)
- c. Border Bearded (BB)
- d. Miniature Tall Bearded (MTB)

The Variety must be introduced but is not limited to Official Guest Irises. Any introduced median seen on tour is eligible (same criteria as President's Cup and Franklin Cook Cup). Separate but equal to the two current cups. Example: A variety could win both the Hager Cup and the President's Cup or Franklin Cook Cup. The cost of design and construction of the cup is to be funded by the Median Iris Society.

Motion carried.

*Morris motioned, Gossett seconded:

***That the Ben R Hager Cup be implemented in 2007 commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Median Iris Society. **Motion carried.**

After much discussion several board members suggested a policy resolution:

*Kasperek motioned, Sutton seconded:

***Be it resolved: Upon approval of the Ben R Hager Cup as an AIS award for Median Iris, the AIS Board recognized that AIS Sections and Cooperating Societies representing currently-recognized classifications of irises may also submit similar requests for consideration by the AIS Board. **Motion carried.**

Silent Auction - Chair Rita Gormley reported that the silent auction was a success, and covered its own cost.

Symposium - Chair Gerry Snyder warned of the possibility that the Symposium report may not be ready in time for the January 2007 Bulletin.

Youth - Chair Cheryl Deaton presented the AIS Youth Protection Guidelines.

*Epperson motioned and Bonino seconded:

***That the AIS Youth Protection Guidelines be adopted. **Motion carried.**

Meeting recessed at 5:15 pm.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:50 pm.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Upon receiving no additional nominations from the floor, nominations were closed and the following slate of officers was elected by acclamation:

President - Jeanne Clay Plank

1st VP - E. Roy Epperson

2nd VP - Judy Keisling

Secretary - Patricia Randall

Treasurer - Jill Bonino

Editor - Bruce Filardi

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

*Epperson motioned, Jones seconded and all approved the following Administrative Officers to continue to serve for the next year.

Registrar/Recorder - Mike and Anne Lowe

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley

Recording Secretary - Susan Boyce

Publications/Sales - John and Kay Ludi

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

*Jones motioned, Epperson seconded and all approved the appointments of the following Committee Chairs for the next year:

Affiliates - Brad Kasperek

Awards - E. Roy Epperson

Calendars - Terry Aitken
Convention Liaison - Paul Gossett
Donations Secretary - Donna James
Electronic Services - John Jones
Exhibitions - Jim and Janet Giles
Foundation Liaison - Gary White
Honorary Awards - Terry Aitken
Information Resource Committee - Anne Lowe
Insurance - Michelle Snyder
Judges - Judy Keisling
Judges Handbook Revision Committee - E. Roy Epperson
Librarian - Tracey Plotner
Managing Editor - Terry Aitken
Photo Contest - Kitty Loberg
Policy - Mike and Anne Lowe
Programs: Digital, Slides, & Speakers - Joyce and Avery Poling
Public Relations & Marketing - Bob Pries
Publications - Maureen Mark
RVP Counselor - Louise Carson
Scientific Advisory Group - Gary White
Section Liaison - Jim Morris
Silent Auction - Rita and Tom Gormley
Symposium - Gerry Snyder
Youth - Cheryl Deaton

BUDGET FOR 2006-2007

Treasurer Bonino opened a line-by-line discussion of the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2006-2007, with changes that had been added and subtracted as they came up during discussion throughout the meeting. A balanced budget could not be reached.

*White motioned, Morris seconded and **motion carried**.

***That the proposed budget be approved as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spring Meeting 2007 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma will be held April 30 thru May 5, 2007 at the Oklahoma City Marriott, 3233 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK 73112. 1-405-842-6633. Convention Chair F.W. McVicker may be reached at: 1-405-375-3115, email: fwm3115@peoplepc.com

Paul Gossett provided information on the convention and hotel.

President Plank thanked Judy Keisling and her committee for being our hosts at this fall meeting.

ADJOURNED:

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Meeting Separator

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
PORTLAND, OREGON
MAY 22-23, 2006

FULL MINUTES

President Jeanne Clay Plank called the Spring Meeting of the American Iris Society Board of Directors was called to order at 1:10 PM on Monday May 22, 2006. President Plank welcomed all attendees. Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVPs, and guests in attendance introduced themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President, Jeanne Clay Plank; 1st Vice President, Dr. E. Roy Epperson; 2nd Vice President, Judy Keisling; General Secretary, Patricia Randall; Treasurer, Jill Bonino; Editor, Bruce Filardi. **Administrative Officers:** Registrar/Recorder, Mike and Anne Lowe; Membership Secretary, Tom Gormley; Recording Secretary Pro Tem, Susan Boyce; Publication Sales, John Ludi. **Directors:** Louise Carson, Paul Gossett, Donna James, Brad Kasperek, John Ludi, Jim Morris, Joyce Poling, Bob Pries, Betty Roberts, Gerry Snyder, George Sutton, Gary White. **RVP Representative:** Carol Goldsberry. **Past President:** Terry Aitken. **Legal Advisor:** Bob Plank. **Committee Chairs:** Cheryl Deaton, John I. Jones, Maureen Mark, Roger P. Mazur, Avery Poling, Michelle Synder. **RVPs:** Dave Nitka (1), Bob Keup (2), Jerry Coates (4), Carolyn Hawkins (5), Hugh Thurman (7), Ann Violette (11), Peggy Naranjo (23). **Guests:** Ellen Gallagher, Robert Sawyer (1), Ronald James (2), Jim & Jill Copeland (6), Irv & Nancy Pocklington (9), Ken & Carol Coleman, Don Violette (11), Kathie Kasperek (12), Rita Butler (13), Jay Hudson, Kitty Loberg, Margaret Sutton (14), Darol Jurn (15), Sandy Ives (16), Jean Morris, Carolyn Needham, O.D. Niswonger (18), Carolyn Lingenfelter, Kelly Norris (21), Sergey Loctev (Russia).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

Minneapolis, Minnesota - November 4-6, 2005.

No additions or corrections were made to the Digest Minutes as printed in the AIS Bulletin #340; therefore, Ludi moved, Epperson seconded, motion carried, that these minutes be approved. The full minutes as posted on the AIS website had one correction on the attendees: Three guest members designated as Region 14 should have been designated as Region 18. Gossett moved that the minutes be approved with the correction. Epperson seconded and motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President - Jeanne Clay Plank requested approval of the following appointments:

1. Mike Lowe as Parliamentarian -- Aitken moved, Snyder seconded, appointment approved.
2. Susan Boyce as the Recording Secretary -- Epperson moved, Gossett seconded, appointment approved.
3. John I Jones as Motion Monitor -- Epperson moved, Snyder seconded, appointment approved.

4. The following interim e-mail actions were affirmed by Secretary Randall:
 - a. Authorized reprinting of 2,000 Basic Iris Culture booklets.
 - b. Reduced the price of the 2006 AIS calendar, when purchased at the AIS Portland convention, to \$1.00 each.

1st Vice President - Roy Epperson deferred his report until later.

2nd Vice President - Judy Keisling deferred her report until later.

General Secretary - Patricia Randall

1. Verified the arrival of the Dykes Medal.
2. Confirmed that check endorsement stamps were ordered and sent to those chairmen as required.

Treasurer - Jill Bonino

1. Wendy Boyce, CPA of Fort Bragg, CA, performed an audit on the AIS treasury as of the close of the fiscal year, Sept 30, 2005, and submitted a good report. She also prepared the end-of-the-fiscal-year tax return for AIS and reported no taxes due. Bonino would like to continue to use W. Boyce to complete the forms 990 and 990T. W. Boyce's annual charge for this service is \$350. The AIS budget had estimated \$4,000 for the audit and tax preparation. W. Boyce charged significantly less, and the combined bill for both services totaled only \$1440. Copies of the tax return and copies of the review report are available for all to see.
2. Preliminary reports of the first 6 months of the year look good. Although advising a wait-and-see approach, Treasurer Bonino is cautiously optimistic that AIS will not report a loss for the total year.
3. Raising income and cutting expenses will be required. Options are to manage investments to make the most money, and by keeping the money in the safest investments possible for future security. The Treasurer stated she would like to set up an Investment Policy Committee to work with her. On President Plank's recommendation, Keisling moved to:

"Establish a Financial Advisory Committee, Members appointed were: Jill Bonino, chair; Jay Hudson, Bob Plank, and Dr E. Roy Epperson, to the Financial Advisory committee".

Seconded by Gossett. Motion carried and approved.

4. Treasurer Bonino thanked those Regions and clubs who have donated to the Insurance Fund. AIS has received \$9,550 in donations toward defraying the cost of AIS insurance.

5. Epperson moved:

"That the audit as presented and the financial report as presented be entered into the records of the AIS".

Gossett seconded. Carried.

Bulletin Editor - Bruce Filardi, not in attendance at this session, will present his report later.

Advertising Editors - Margaret & George Sutton

1. M Sutton pointed out the need for advertisers to submit their ads earlier. She reported having to refund money to one advertiser whose ad came in after the deadline for the April 2006 issue.

2. Jim Morris opened a discussion on what could be done to encourage advertisers to advertise more and to get their material in early. To that end, Morris moved "That a 5% discount off listed price be offered for an individual that advertises the same color display ad in two consecutive bulletins." Gossett seconded. Following further discussion, Morris modified his motion. In the discussion following the modified motion, M. Sutton recommended a committee be formed to reformulate the motion and bring it back to the Board before the meeting's end. Epperson moved, Kasperek seconded that the Morris motion be tabled. The vote was called and the motion was tabled. Keisling moved, Randall seconded:

"That an ad hoc committee be formed to recommend changes in the advertising rates with Jim Morris, Brad Kasperek, Margaret & George Sutton, Bruce Filardi, and Terry Aitken on the committee".

Motion carried.

Reporting back by meetings end, the committee recommended the following motion made by G. Sutton, seconded by Gossett,

"That two identical color ads in the AIS Bulletin purchased and paid for in advance in a calendar year merit a 10% discount for each ad."

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley

AIS Membership from Spring 2005 to Spring 2006 was down by 202 members.

Gormley added, however, that as a consequence of the April 1, 2005, dues rate increase, an additional \$24,100 was brought in to help cover the greatly increased cost of insurance as well as the normal costs of doing business.

The Membership Advisory group report precipitated a discussion about gaining new members. It was observed that magazine and newspaper articles are productive membership tools. Pries moved, Epperson seconded,

"That the AIS join the Garden Writers Association of America, and appoint a committee to generate the necessary supporting material".

Motion carried.

Following a discussion about starting AIS e-memberships, Epperson moved, White seconded,

"That the Board authorize an ad hoc Membership Advisory Committee to create a study on e-memberships and e-services and report to the AIS Board."

Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 3:00pm. The meeting reconvened at 3:20pm.

Registrar/Recorder - Mike & Anne Lowe

One half of all registrations coming into the Registrar/Recorder's office come in the last month (November) just before the filing deadline for each year. At the time of the report, the AIS had received 250 more registrations over the comparable period last year. The 2005 Registration and Introductions (R&I) booklet is the largest ever, and required a reduction in the font size to meet binding limitations. M. Lowe warned that future R&I booklets might have to use perfect binding in order to maintain a readable font size, and with perfect binding comes increased costs. The current R&I size is 8 1/2" X 5 1/2". One solution to the problem may be to increase the size of the booklet pages. M. Lowe asked the Board to give this possibility some thought over the summer.

Recording Secretary - Susan Boyce

The recording machine purchased by the Lowes for use during A. Lowe's tenure as Recording Secretary was purchased from the Lowes by AIS at a very reduced price. AIS will provide this excellent recorder for use by those serving as AIS Recording Secretary.

Publications/Sales Directors - John & Kay Ludi

J. Ludi reported that the Basic Iris Culture (BIC) booklet was reprinted, and suggested that the BIC should be reprinted for another 4 years or until info in booklet is 10 years old. This year's reprint of 2,000 constitutes about one year's supply. He noted that most BICs are sent out via commercial growers along with iris orders. Excess bulletins numbers are currently at 7,000, and each surplus shipment of 10 represents a loss of \$3.00. Ann Violette has about 3,100 of the 2002-2005 bulletins on hand. In view of this reality, J. Ludi moved, Snyder seconded.

"That the AIS Board set the fee for selling outdated bulletins at \$10.00 for 25 bulletins and \$15.00 for 50 bulletins, including postage and handling, with these prices becoming effective July 2006."

Motion carried.

J. Ludi reminded the Board that a convention special was being conducted on 2006 AIS calendars to move the surplus inventory. Acting to move the 2006 AIS Calendar inventory after the convention, Bonino moved, G. Sutton seconded:

"That the Store Front sell the 2006 AIS calendar in groups of 10 for \$13.00 including the shipping and handling."

Motion carried.

Unfinished Business - None.

New Business - None.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Operations Manual - Roy Epperson reported that the committee is continuing to work on changes to the Operations Manual, especially to job descriptions.

Non-profit Incorporation/ 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Status - Bob Plank noted that all who attend Board Meetings in an official or representative capacity may deduct expenses incurred to attend such meetings when itemizing their Federal income

returns.

Race Track Design - John Jones stated that work on fine-tuning the AIS Logo image is still ongoing.

CD Creation - John Jones recommended, R. Epperson seconded that:

"That the ad hoc committee for CD creation be dissolved and removed from consideration."

Motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Affiliates - Chair Brad Kasperek reported 179 approved affiliates, one less than last year at this time. The total amount of fees collected from affiliates not qualifying for free annual affiliation was \$2,100.

Awards - Chair Roy Epperson reported that printing a second (purple) ballot was required in order to fairly correct an error which resulted in 16 qualifying cultivars being excluded from the first (red) ballot. The second ballot was mailed out to voting members, but not to apprentices. The printer who has been doing work for AIS for several years donated the second ballot work at no cost to the AIS.

Calendars - Chair Terry Aitken reported that the 2007 AIS calendar is in the works. It should be available through the AIS Storefront around September. It is believed that because the 2006 calendar was late getting to the Store Front, the number of sales for this year were down over last year. One thousand fewer copies were ordered for 2007 than were ordered for 2006.

Convention Liaison - Chair Paul Gossett reported that as yet, there is no national convention site for 2010, but two possible hosts are still considering submitting bids. In the face of continuing difficulty with finding hosts for the labor-intensive Spring Garden Tour Conventions, a discussion developed, focused around possible convention format changes. Suggestions discussed were: offering three or four larger gardens versus many smaller gardens, or 1/2 day garden tour days and 1/2 day meetings, or alternating national conventions with section conventions. No immediate action was taken.

Electronic Services - Chair John Jones announced that at this time the Iris Register has 243 subscribers, up from 213 subscribers, and has produced revenues of \$3,665. The website page for joining AIS online or renewing an AIS membership through PayPal is on a webpage in the website, but not open for business at this time. It should be up and running within the month.

In other matters, Jones pointed out that the AIS website continues to be managed by Chris Hollinshead, and suggested that it might be appropriate for the Webmaster to be paid a stipend on an annual basis, for on-going and increasing work. Pries moved, Gossett seconded:

"That the AIS Board of Directors authorize an annual stipend for the AIS

Webmaster of \$2,000. That \$1,000 of the stipend to be provided from the Iris Register revenues in the Electronic Services Restricted fund and the remaining portion of the stipend be provided from the general fund retroactive to the beginning of 2006; that a contract be executed describing the services being contracted for."
Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 5:15pm. The meeting was called back into order at 8:05pm

Donations - Chair Donna James reported that the majority of this years donations have received from Affiliates, Regions, and Sections to defray the rising cost of the AIS Liability Insurance. The total from donations received from November 1, 2005 to April 30, 2006 was \$9,970. James also reported, since arriving at the convention, she has received a check for \$1,000 earmarked for AIS Insurance.

Exhibitions - Chair Jim & Janet Giles reported that as of last week 163 shows have been approved shows. Four shows were cancelled due to weather.

Foundation Liaison - Chair Roger Mazur reported that the AIS Foundation has a new set of bylaws approved by the trustees. The new bylaws delineate necessary procedures that had been followed, but had never been written down. Currently, the Foundation has assets of \$405,000.

The Foundation has received reports this year from Dr. Rodionenko and Dr. Carol Wilson. Dr. Wilson will be appropriated her 3rd and final installment of grant money this year. Dr Rodionenko is also scheduled to receive his last grant installment this year.

Dr. Yuval Sapir of Israel received a grant three years ago for collecting all of the irises of Israel, and planting them in a garden. He has requested a new grant for new research on genetic markers.

Historical Resources - Chair Anne Lowe reported that she receives numerous questions the from public, as she is still listed as a reference in numerous publications.

Honorary Awards - No report

Judges - Chair Judy Keisling reported that 30 judges have been dropped for non-payment of dues. There are currently 814 certified judges. This total is down from last year's tally. Keisling has been redesigning paperwork to reflect the new change in training requirements of in-garden training.

Judges Handbook - Chair Roy Epperson recommended the following motions:

1. "That, in principle, the designation of Judges' titles be: Student (not a judge), Apprentice (A), Garden/Exhibition (G/E), Senior (S), Retired (R) (cannot present a for-credit judges' training class), Master (M) (formerly Emeritus), Overseas (OS)."
Roberts seconded and motion carried.

2. "That a fully accredited AIS judge is any currently approved judge in the following catagories: G/E, S, M, and OS."
Gossett seconded and motion carried.

3. "That the following statement in the Judges Handbook (p.8) be rescinded: "These judges (Retired/Master) may be used as a show judge if needed by a show committee. They are to be assigned to a panel with an accredited judge or an active Master judge."

Morris seconded and motion carried.

4. "That, in principle, "an approved judges training class" be defined as : A structured in-classroom or in-garden instruction for 2 or more participants, presented by a fully accredited AIS judge. A written test of at least 10 questions for each hour of training credit shall be administered, discussed and filed with the regional JT Chair."

Gossett seconded and motion carried.

5. "That the current requirements for in-garden training be reaffirmed."

Randall seconded and motion carried.

6. "That we keep the current scale of points in the Judges Handbook for the Artistic division."

Keisling seconded and motion carried.

Library - Chair Keith McNames was not present. President Plank announced that McNames has tendered his resignation. A new Librarian is needed. In his report McNames requested Board approval of the list of excess library items offered to the Silent Auction for the 2006 Convention. Later in the meeting Epperson moved, and James seconded:

"That the items submitted by McNames for the Silent Auction be approved.
Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned for the day at 10:10pm.

Tuesday May 23, 2006 - the meeting was called back to order at 8:10am.

Policy - Chair Betty Roberts reported that she would like to create a database for all motions made by the AIS Board of Directors for the last fifteen years, and plans to have it completed by the 2006 Fall Board Meeting.

Public Relations - Chair Joyce Poling reported that the missing West Coast display screen has been located and is back in circulation. A guideline for the care of and storing the of the AIS display screen will be shipped with the screens.

Poling noted that she has been working with Lucas Films and has compiled a list of irises with Star Wars related names.

Closing her report, J.Poling asked to be relieved from the position of Public Relations/Marketing so that she may Co-Chair with A. Poling the of handling of AIS programs, slides, and speakers. President Plank accepted Poling's resignation and asked that the appointment of Bob Pries to Chair of Public Relations/Marketing be approved. Epperson moved, Keisling seconded:

"That Bob Pries be appointed Chair of Public Relations/Marketing."
Motion carried.

Programs, Slides, and Speakers - Chairs Joyce & Avery Poling reported that there is a list of 18 people who are willing to give programs on irises. A separate list of

speakers who are willing to give judges training instruction is also available. A discussion followed on the merits of producing a judges training CD for those clubs and affiliates that cannot afford to bring in a speaker for judges training instruction. Slide programs are going great. The iris program has 5 sets that are out all of the time. Digital programs have just started and are slowly building up.

Publications - Chair Maureen Mark reported that the Nies Chronicles booklet is ready for sale. Epperson moved, James seconded:

"That the Eric Nies Chronicles be sold for \$25.00 per copy including shipping and handling." and made available through the Storefront.

Motion carried.

Mark reported that another publication, a guide for hybridizers, is in the works, but that publication is still about 2-3 years out.

Another publication in the works is a book on artistic design, which is being co-authored by Carolyn Hawkins. Mark stated she hopes it will be ready for sale at the convention next year.

There is a need for a small booklet setting forth guidelines on how to start an affiliate. This would provide the kind of information that is greatly needed by those wanting to organize a society in their area. Anyone with experience in this venture is urged to contact Mark. It was suggested that this subject should become a chapter in the new Mentor handbook, providing tips and guidelines for coordinators. More on this project will be discussed with the RVP Representative.

Section Liaison - Chair Jim Morris reported that good reports have come back to him about his section liaison column in the AIS bulletin. Most leaders are pretty good about updating him with information on their sections.

Chair Morris reported back to the Board following the Section Leader's meeting that Debby Cole from SPCNI was elected to be a member of the AIS Nominating Committee.

A suggestion was made that since each of the sections has a Webmaster, a Webmaster meeting each year at the national convention might be a valuable way to discuss situations they all face in common in handling their webpages.

All of the sections want to be included in the future AIS e-membership site.

Robins - Chair Susan Boyce reported that the e-robins have been extremely slow, as most people are using iris-hort, iris-photos, and other iris websites. The paper round robins are in a rebuilding mode. Invitations to join the robins have been included in new member packets, and a few new members have sent in their information and have indicated that they want to join a paper robin.

RVP Representative - Representative Carol Goldsberry returned to the discussion about how to create a booklet on how to start an AIS affiliated club. It is a RVP's responsibility to have the information ready for handing out when the need arises. A committee is needed to prepare this booklet. As part of the booklet, Bob Plank will prepare form bylaws that are based on best practices. These form bylaws would have the necessary tax exemption provisions built into them to help the new affiliate deal with

the legal complexities. Appointed to the Affiliate Booklet committee were Carol Goldsberry, Bob Plank, Bob Keup, Louise Carson, and Brad Kasperek. It was recommended that the final product be included in the RVP Handbook.

Silent Auction - Rita Gormley. The 2006 Silent Auction report will be presented to the 2006 AIS Fall Meeting.

AIS Membership Survey - Bob Pries reported that the survey was a success with a large number of people responding. The survey indicates that members were happy to be able to have their input known. A new survey is being handed out at this convention with a resource questionnaire on the second page.

Photo Contest - Kitty Loberg reported that the contest is well under way. She needs the e-mail addresses of all affiliate heads so as to forward the information to them. She also needs 3 judges for the contest, so volunteers would be welcomed. The deadline for photo submissions is August 31, 2006.

Youth - Chair Cheryl Deaton announced the Ackerman Essay winners: Rachel Thormann, Region 2, (12 and under age group), and Grace Farley, Region 21, (13 and up age group). Cheryl state that she receives many requests for money to initiate local youth programs that she cannot always grant. These requests must be denied due to the fact that all presently authorized youth funds are restricted to other purposes. Pries moved, Jim Morris seconded:

"That we create an additional restricted Youth Fund for the benefit of the AIS Youth committee to spend on youth activities."
Motion carried.

Scientific Advisory Committee - Chair Gary White reported that proposals for funding iris related research have not been considered since 2004. One of these research projects is now completed and the committee is waiting for a final report. The other research project is still ongoing. An interim report was received this year in late spring. White noted that more scientific articles will be appearing in the AIS bulletin in the next year. In addition, White stated that after reviewing the Iris Conservation Policy (passed at the last fall board meeting), the Scientific Advisory Committee is preparing for the next step.

Report of the Nominating Committee - Paul Gossett reported that the members of the 2006 nominating committee were: Chair Rita Gormley, Bob Keup, Paul Gossett, Joyce Poling and Jill Copeland. The slate of nominees to be considered as candidates for the four director positions on the American Iris Society Board of Directors are: Carol Goldsberry (22), Donna James (2), John Jones (14), Brad Kasperek (12), Kitty Loberg (14), Joyce Poling (15), Lorena Reid (13), and Betty Roberts (20). There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27am.

The Board of Directors went into executive session from 8:00pm until 9:05pm with the regular session called back to order at 9:10pm. Director nominees selected for three year terms which will expire in 2009 are : Donna James, John Jones, Brad Kasperek, and Joyce Poling.

Bulletin Editor - Bruce Filardi asked to have the obituary notice policy re-addressed and verified. The current obituary notice policy was passed on November 7, 2003, and printed in the minutes (p. 100, AIS Bulletin, January 2004). Board discussion followed and a new obituary notice was crafted, with J Morris moving that we adopt this new version:

"That obituaries may be published in the Bulletin of The American Iris Society at no charge for persons whose leadership and dedication to the ideals of the Society are of genuine and obvious distinction. Among such persons are: RVP's; hybridizers who have received at least three Awards of Merit (AM) or one higher award; and Directors and Officers of AIS. The Editor of the Bulletin has discretion to edit all obituaries for length and may publish an obituary for a prominent irisarian who does not meet the criteria stated above. If desired, space may be purchased at the then current rates of publication of an obituary for person(s) not meeting these criteria. The paid obituary will carry the printed statement "Paid for by friends of"
Bonino seconded and motion carried.

Insurance - Chair Michelle Snyder reported that she spoke at the meetings with the Affiliates, Sections, and RVP counselors, stating that whether or not we use the AIS Insurance, the liability insurance is there to protect all of us whether we are AIS members, or non AIS members, for an event that might happen if someone came in and was injured and makes a claim against you. A suggestion was made at one of the meetings, that a fact sheet be published in the bulletin, as well as on the web page, on the how's and why's we need the AIS insurance coverage. Specific questions can be addressed to M. Snyder by e-mail. The current yearly premium for the insurance is \$17,845. Requests, but not demands, can be made to ask local clubs for donations to help defray this cost. Bonino stated that donations made this year have helped greatly in covering this cost, and are greatly appreciated. Suggestions have been made to start assessing fees to every club, but there are no current plans to do so.

RVP Counselor - Chair Louise Carson announced the following election results from the RVP Counsel meeting. For 2007 - Chair, Pegi Naranjo (Region 23), Secretary, David Nitka (Region 1). RVP Board Representative, Bob Keup (Region 2). Nominating Committee Representatives, Carolyn Hawkins (Region 5) and Ann Violette (Region 11).

Symposium - Chair Gerry Snyder checked with the RVP's, and they still want to do the tabulating of the symposium votes, so the current counting system will be retained. The RVPs felt this served as useful information to pass along to new members on what irises grow well in their local area. Discussion held during the RVP meeting indicated that there was consensus to retain the current format for the ballot.

Nominating Committee Appointments - President J Plank announced the

appointment of Gary White and Brad Kasperek as Board representative to the 2007 AIS Nominating Committee. White and Kasperek will join Carolyn Hawkins (RVP), Ann Violette (RVP), and Debby Cole (Sections) as members of this Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

The Fall Board Meeting will be held November 3-5, 2006, at the Clarion Kansas City Airport Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. Judy Keisling, Fall Meeting Chair may be reached at keisling@swbell.net

President Plank extended many thanks and appreciation to John Ludi, Convention Chairman, and all the Region 13 convention committee members for hosting this remarkable 2006 Portland, Oregon National Convention.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10pm.

Meeting Separator

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA NOVEMBER 4-6, 2005

FULL MINUTES:

The Fall Meeting of the American Iris Society Board of Directors was called to order by President Jeanne Clay Plank at 7 PM on Friday, November 4, 2005. President Plank welcomed all attendees. All Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVPs, and guests in attendance introduced themselves.

President Plank announced that as the General Secretary did not receive any additional nominations to the Board of Directors, the four published nominees (Louise Carson, John Ludi, George Sutton and Gary White) were elected by acclamation.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President Jeanne Clay Plank, 1st Vice President E. Roy Epperson, 2nd Vice President Judy Keisling, General Secretary Patricia Randall, Treasurer Jill Bonino; Editor Bruce Filardi, Immediate Past President Terry Aitken; **Administrative Officers:** Registrar/Recorders Mike and Anne Lowe, Membership Secretary Tom Gormley, Publication Sales Director John Ludi, Recording Secretary Pro Tem, Jean Morris; **Directors:** Louise Carson, Paul Gossett, Donna James, Brad Kasperek, John Ludi, Jim Morris, Joyce Poling, Betty Roberts, Gerry Snyder and Gary White; **RVP Representative** Carol Goldsberry; **Legal Advisor** Robert Plank; **Committee Chairs:** Youth, Cheryl Deaton; Silent Auction, Rita Gormley; Programs, Avery Poling; Insurance, Michelle Snyder; **RVPs:** Robert Keup (2), Hugh Thurman (7) and Marianne Schumacher (8); **Guests:** Ron James (2), William Dougherty, John Sautner, Barbara Sautner, W. E. Doehne and JoAnne Metling (8), Shirley Trio, Riley Probst and Robert Pries (14) and William Goldsberry (22).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

St. Louis, Missouri, May 9-14, 2005: There being no additions or corrections, Gossett moved, Ludi seconded and motion carried to approve the full minutes as posted on the AIS Website. White moved, Aitken seconded and motion carried to approve the Minute's Digest for the St. Louis Board Meeting as printed in the October 2005 AIS BULLETIN #339.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President – Jeanne Clay Plank presented her report as follows:

1. Epperson moved, Gossett seconded and all approved Mike Lowe as Parliamentarian.
2. Gossett moved, Keisling seconded and all approved Jean Morris as Recording Secretary Pro Tem for the Minneapolis, Minnesota meeting.
3. President Plank welcomed Bonino and Randall to their new positions as AIS Treasurer and AIS General Secretary, respectively. These changes became official

October 1, 2005 upon the retirement of former Treasurer Jay Hudson on September 30, 2005.

4. The following interim email action was affirmed:
 - a. The appointment of Jim & Janet Giles to the Exhibition Chair
 - b. The creation of a Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) to advise on all AIS scientific activity.
 - c. The appointment of Gary White as Chairman of SAC

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- d. The division of the Slides Committee into three components under one heading with B. Mull continuing but as Co-Chair handling digital programs only.
- e. The creation of a Speakers Bureau managed by the Slides Committee
- f. The appointment of Avery Poling as Co-Chair managing slide programs and the Speakers Bureau.

5. Bob Pries presented an extensive summary of his compilation of the St. Louis Convention Membership Poll results. Bar charts and graphs were used to illustrate the range of responses to the 32 questions asked on the survey. Bob suggested conclusions that could be drawn from the poll results. (A summary of Bob's report can be found on page 71 of the October 2005 AIS Bulletin and his Full Report with accompanying graphs can be found on the AIS Website, www.irises.org).

6. President Plank reported low percentage returns for both Affiliate and Region Census Surveys. Regions were particularly disappointing with only 6 surveys returned out of a possible 24 (25%). Affiliate responses were better but still lower than hoped – 61 surveys returned out of a possible 181 (39%).

7. President Plank announced the resignation of Bill Mull both as AIS Director and Slides Committee Chair. The selection of an appointee to fill Bill's un-expired term as Director will be considered during Executive Session.

1st Vice President - Epperson deferred his report until later in the meeting.

2nd Vice President - Keisling deferred her report until later in the meeting.

General Secretary - Randall reported changes that have occurred regarding setting up her new office. All bills to be paid should be sent to her at 758 Hood Road SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124 and her email for AIS business is patannran@msn.com until further notice.

Treasurer - Bonino submitted former Treasurer Jay Hudson's final report. (A financial report as of September 30, 2005 appears in the January '06 Bulletin.) Jay advised that difficult financial times would continue to haunt AIS until some additional changes are made to bring our budget in balance. He noted that despite the diligent work by Michelle

Snyder, insurance coverage remains the single most serious drain on AIS finances. Changing insurance brokers and returning to our carrier (Hartford) of two years ago, Michelle was able to contract a slight reduction in the premium. He also pointed out that unlike our 2005 broker, our current broker allows the insurance premium to be paid on a monthly basis, which greatly aids our cash flow, but does not remove or lessen our liability. Bonino also presented the Proposed Budget for the 2005 - 2006 fiscal year as prepared by Jay showing an estimated loss of \$14,000. This will be discussed later in the meeting.

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Riley Probst, 2005 AIS Convention Chairman and Jim Morris President of the Greater St. Louis Iris Society, presented a check for \$2000 to AIS President Plank and Treasurer Bonino. The donation, which represented a portion of the proceeds from the 2005 Convention, was designated to help ease the impact of the AIS insurance premium. By acclamation, the Board expressed it's sincere gratitude to the 2005 Convention sponsors for this generous contribution.

Editor - Filardi distributed his report as follows:

1. The Bulletin Committee reported on how Bulletin costs could be reduced. Not enough information was available at this meeting for the Board to make an informed decision about either cost reducing printing options or paper options. More extensive information will be gathered and presented to the Board via email as soon as possible.
2. Printing fewer extra Bulletin copies was discussed to generate some cost reduction. After talking about how many extra Bulletins are needed by various Committees such as Publicity and the Storefront, Bonino moved, Epperson seconded and motion carried to print enough Bulletins each quarter to equal the number of AIS memberships plus 150 extra copies.
3. A review of the cost of continuing the Surplus Bulletin program brought agreement that it is generating more work and cost than income. Gossett moved, Poling seconded and motion carried that the Surplus Bulletin program be phased out and all future excess Bulletins be sent directly to the Storefront.
4. Filardi reported his concern about shifting the role of the Bulletin from the repository of all AIS knowledge and history to having the AIS Website perform this function. He commented that special efforts will be made to ensure that all AIS Website information that is not included in the Bulletin is archived in the AIS Library.
5. Additional work in selling ads is needed to generate added income. Filardi emphasized that the Sutton's are doing an inestimably valuable role in organizing and revamping the flow of ads in the Bulletin. Total income from advertising as of September 30, 2005 was \$13,897 down \$112 from the previous year.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership Secretary - Membership Secretary T. Gormley reported that while AIS continues to bring in new memberships, it has not been enough to offset losses. Membership is down 91 members from this time last year. The largest number of drops was in the one-year member level. Also, almost 10% of all AIS memberships are Life Memberships, which do not bring in a regular income stream as the other member levels do. Life membership monies have been kept in certificates of deposit and with the significant decrease in interest rates over the last several years, this fund is no longer earning enough to pay for the costs of the life members. Discussion continued regarding all levels of memberships.

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It was agreed by consensus that a Membership Committee should be appointed for the sole purpose of investigating both old and new ways to hold and increase membership.

Bonino suggested a renewal incentive for one-year memberships. After discussion and some modification, the following incentive plan was adopted by consensus to be implemented with the 2005 renewal notices: Annual members will be offered a free rhizome if they renew as a triennial membership. Rhizomes (including shipping to the recipients) will be provided for this plan by the 2006 AIS Convention. (**NOTE:** Notices did not go out with the December 2005 renewals so an alternative was agreed to by the Board via electronic mail during January, 2006).

Registrar/Recorder - Registrar Mike Lowe reported ever-increasing numbers of registrations, particularly from overseas, and the heavy flow of registrations into the office in November. Half of the year's work is received in the last month of the registration year, which puts pressure on the registrars and on the publication of the annual R&I. A suggestion was made to add a surcharge of \$1 for irises introduced in the last month of the registration year as a way to decrease the number of introductions. Mike felt that adding a surcharge would stimulate non-compliance with the AIS registration system. Various surcharge fee schedules were discussed but no motions were made. Board agreed to give Mike and Anne another year to "test the waters" and see how the volume and timing of registrations come in.

Aitken moved, Epperson seconded and motion carried that 1,200 copies of the 2005 R & I be printed. Lowe commented that with the increased registrations, the annual R&I is increasing in size. There are more pages each year and individual iris descriptions are getting longer. The current saddle stitch binding is available only up to a certain

number of pages, unless point size of type is reduced. No specific changes were made with the 2005 issue. In addition, Snyder moved, Bonino seconded and motion carried to grant all officially sanctioned foreign associate registrars free access to irisregister.com.

Publications/Sales Directors - Storefront Director, John Ludi reported on stock inventory, postal increases and reprint needs. The Basic Iris Culture pamphlet needs reprinting. John only has 728 copies on hand. Ludi moved, Epperson seconded and all approved that "damaged materials" from the AIS Storefront may be offered for sale at the 2006 National Convention at a 50% discount. Also, the Board approved by consensus that the remaining AIS polo shirts go to the 2006 Silent Auction.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the need for a better system for archiving Board Meeting sessions. One idea is to transfer past Board minutes from audio tapes onto CDs. This format will make them easier to search and will take up less storage space. Mike Lowe commented that a form of indexing

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would be mandatory to make the information easily accessible once transferred. Currently, past audio tapes are in the possession of the General Secretary. No action taken.

Board discussed a letter from Kitty Loberg suggesting that the AIS initiate a Photo Contest. Kitty's written proposal was handed out and discussion continued later in the meeting under UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Operations Manual - Chair Epperson reported that sections on Silent Auction, the new Scientific Advisory Committee, and Speaker's Bureau will be added to the manual. Final edition of approximately 150 pages will be put into the Storefront on CD and also on the AIS Website. By consensus, the Board agreed that hard copies are not needed. One hard copy and a CD copy will be kept in the AIS Library.

Honorary Awards - The Board reconvened following Executive Session. Normal session opened with the announcement of Honorary Awards recipients. The Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Terry Aitken, Nancy & Irv Pocklington and Shirley Pope. The Hybridizer Medal was awarded to Brad Kasperek and Marky Smith. The Bee Warburton Medal was awarded to the Italian Iris Society, with individual

personalized medals to be awarded to Dr. Margaret Cameron Longo, Prof. Sergio Orsi and Valeria Romoli.

President Plank requested Board approval for the appointment of Bob Pries (18) to serve the remaining two years of Bill Mull's un-expired Director term. Roberts moved, Epperson seconded and motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Affiliates - Chair Kasperek proposed raising affiliate fees as a way to help cover AIS costs for affiliates such as show medals and the cost of the affiliate copies of the Bulletin. Much discussion followed concerning whether all affiliates should pay the fee, not just those who do not meet the minimum AIS membership requirements. Other Board members brought up the fact that not all clubs are strictly iris clubs; some are combined iris-daylily clubs. After a lengthy and thought filled discussion on a proposal to raise affiliate fees, Epperson moved, Gossett seconded and motion carried that the affiliate process remain at status quo. (No fee changes for affiliation).

In her resignation as Chair of the Affiliates Contest, Nancy Pocklington recommended not continuing the activity. Since there were no volunteers to continue the program, Epperson moved, White seconded and motion carried to discontinue the Affiliate Contest.

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Awards - Chair Epperson summarized his written report. There were 536 timely Ballots returned (an 86% return) and 6 fully accredited judges who did not vote a timely Ballot for two consecutive years. No action taken.

Calendars - Aitken distributed copies of the new 2006 AIS Calendars to those attending the meeting. A discussion on ways to use and distribute the calendars produced many ideas that may be incorporated in the near future. Aitken presented cost information from a Hong Kong printer (the same one who did the 2006 and previous issues) for next year's AIS calendar at \$2.05 per copy for 3,500 copies. A larger, 12 x 12 size calendar would cost \$2.35 per copy. The current smaller size is more popular with AIS Clubs and members, but the larger size is more popular in the wholesale market with the general public. This hopefully could bring in more members and interest in the AIS. Aitken moved, Snyder seconded and motion carried to authorize the printing of 3,500 copies of the 2007 AIS Calendars from the same vendor and at the same price and size as 2006. Kasperek suggested we add more AIS scheduled data on the calendar, such as affiliate fee deadline, convention dates, etc., and Poling recommended that we add a

tear-off member application on the bigger 12 x 12 calendar, if we do one. Aitken agreed that both of these suggestions could be implemented.

Epperson expressed his and the Board's appreciation and led a round of applause for Terry for taking on the responsibility of the AIS calendar upon the death of Olive Rice-Waters.

Convention Liaison - Chair Gossett reported that a site for the 2010 AIS Convention was needed. Because Spring Convention hosts are getting harder and harder to find, the Board examined several suggestions offering new approaches to spring conventions. These suggestions included alternating the National Convention with Section conventions and having fewer gardens at the National Convention (and therefore fewer days of expense). Suggestions showing real promise will be worked out in greater detail and will be presented at the Spring Board Meeting in Portland.

Although Fall Meetings are not as difficult to arrange, the Board is interested in taking a more active hand with the location of Fall Meetings. The object would be to simplify travel by scheduling the meetings in hub cities and by rotating between the various parts of the country – East, Midwest and West. Any future invitations from local clubs to host the Fall Board Meeting after 2008 will be deferred for now.

Donations - Chair James reported that out of total donations of \$12,130, \$8,800 has been received so far toward defraying insurance costs. These monies include the \$2,000 received earlier in the meeting from the 2005 St. Louis Convention. Regarding memorial donations, Donna noted that names and addresses of next of kin are often missing or illegible. She asked that a key for identifying restricted fund codes be added to the Bulletin as an aid to provide a better understanding of donation categories.

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Electronic Services/Webmaster - Chair Jones sent his report in advance. He recommended that the 1999 Checklist be made available for free electronic download effective immediately. Snyder moved, Gossett seconded and motion failed. Discussion elicited that there are still over 1,800 copies of the 1999 hard cover of the Checklist in inventory at the Storefront. The Board would like to see this number reduced below 1,000 before releasing this information free over the Internet.

Bob Pries suggested the addition of a "hit" button on the AIS website that would allow prospective members to join "instantaneously." Tom Gormley and John Jones were asked to investigate details and to use AIS Discuss to present their findings.

Exhibition - Chair Epperson reported he will be continuing in this position through December 31st, but on January 1, 2006, the new Exhibition Chairs will be Jim and Janet Giles (15).

During 2005, 176 shows were accredited, 2 were canceled and 4 are still unreported.

Epperson also reported one 2005 Show is still in dispute. He was informed of a serious breach of rules in the entering and judging of this show. By consensus, the AIS Board agreed that the Exhibition Chair has the authority to deny medals and withdraw accreditation to a specific show because of documented evidence that AIS regulations were not followed.

Epperson also moved, Gossett seconded and motion carried that the Board not award the 2005 Nelson Cup (cultivar with most Best of Show awards for the year) as there was a 5-way tie.

Epperson moved, Keisling seconded and motion carried to raise the price of Exhibition entry tags (pk of 200) from \$11 to \$12.

Epperson also moved, White seconded and motion carried that a shipping and handling fee of \$5 be uniformly required of all exhibition supply orders regardless of \$\$ amount of the order.

Foundation Liaison - No report.

Historical Resources - No written report. Chair A. Lowe gave a brief verbal report. No action taken.

Insurance - Chair M. Snyder has placed AIS with a new broker who specializes in handling horticultural groups. New policy is with Hartford and provides better coverage and a slightly smaller premium. Fidelity (employee dishonesty) coverage is now included.

There will be no additional charge for proof of insurance certificates.

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Judges - Chair Keisling reported that the Judge Report process went much smoother this year due to a new form that could be filled in and sent by email.

Chair Keisling submitted a list of AIS Judges for approval. Last minute changes were inserted.

Epperson moved, Gossett seconded and motion carried to approve the list of Judges submitted for advancement or reinstatement for 2006 as amended.

Epperson made the recommendation that the AIS make Richard Cayeux from France an AIS judge. After much discussion about Mr. Cayeux's exemplary qualifications, the Board agreed that the AIS should approach Mr. Cayeux first and ask him if he wants to be an AIS judge.

Judges Handbook - The 2006 Edition of the Judges' Handbook (a revision loose leaf packet) will be ready for sale at the 2006 Convention.

Chair Epperson recommended the following modifications:

1. Judges Training Handbook Chapter 1, pg. 8
 - a. The courses and tutoring sessions must total 5 hours during each three-year period [two (2) hours must be in-garden training] and each judge must attend at least one judge's training school during the three-year period.
 - b. Judges Training Handbook Chapter 1, pg. 9:
Active Master Judges who are required to earn credit totaling three (3) hours during each three-year period, [One (1) hour must be in-garden training]

Epperson moved, Kasperek seconded and motion carried to approve the above two modifications.

Kasperek asked to review the new Novelties section. Epperson agreed.

Jim Morris asked that new information regarding SPEC and SPEC-X irises discussed at the November 2004 Board Meeting be inserted in Chapter 22 and routed to the Board for approval as previously agreed. Epperson said this would be done via email prior to publication.

The 6th Edition Maroon cover will be retained. The 2006 revision will be 3 hole punched and packaged in shrink-wrap. A distinguishing feature will be employed to separate the new edition from old editions.

Library - The Library contract has been renewed with the City of Silverton for 5 years at \$1 per year. The US Agricultural Library in Beltsville, Maryland has expressed renewed interest in housing

the AIS Library, but no details are yet available to discuss. Several Board members expressed enthusiasm for this idea and others were concerned that the Maryland facility would not keep the AIS materials in a separate accessible area.

Chair McNames in his written report gratefully thanked the Board for his new computer.

Policy - Chair Roberts discussed her written report. She received a question from HIPS as to whether it can add articles from the AIS Bulletin to their online archives.

After discussion with AIS

Legal Advisor R. Plank, Filardi, Jones, and Mike Lowe, it was agreed that no one had a problem with AIS Bulletin articles being put online as long as the author and the AIS were credited.

Programs - Chair Avery Poling has assumed all duties of the Slides/Programs Committee as a result of the resignation of Bill Mull. The Committee's new designation will be AIS Programs and will cover AIS Slide programs, AIS Digital Programs and the AIS Speaker's Bureau. Avery is seeking volunteers to serve as committee members to help with the program ideas, correction of errors in labeling slides, help with identification of irises in current slides, and other duties. Avery is also compiling a list of people interested in providing programs for AIS clubs and regions and hopes to have the Bureau up and running sometime in 2006.

Public Relations - Chair Joyce Poling reported that she has researched the cost of ads in garden magazines and with one exception found them much too expensive for AIS' budget. The publication *Greenprints* is reasonable and we will have a small ad in the next 4 quarter publications. Copies of the AIS "Invitation to Join" will also be sent along with each rented AIS slide program.

Publications - Chair Mark sent her written report which President Plank read. No further work has been done on publishing the Eric Nies Chronicles.

Robins - With the resignation of Libby Cross, Susan Boyce will serve as Chairman of both E-Robins and Paper Robins.

RVP Counselor - Counselor Carson reported an unusual problem in Region 24 where a successor could not be found for an RVP finishing up a three-year term.

Epperson moved, Randall seconded and motion carried that Janice Tate be appointed as RVP Pro Tem for Region 24 for 2006 with the restriction that she will not be eligible for another consecutive term and that the leadership of Region 24 be so notified.

Epperson moved, Kasperek seconded and motion carried to approve the remaining RVPs for 2006.

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First Year RVPs:

Region 4: Jerry Coates
Region 7: Hugh Thurman
Region 10: Joe Musacchia
Region 13: Terry Aitken
Region 15: Jane Parks

Second Year RVPs:

Region 1: David Nitka
Region 2: Robert Keup
Region 3: Jason Leader
Region 5: Carolyn Hawkins
Region 12: Leon Robertson
Region 16: Chris Hollinshead
Region 17: Dana Brown
Region 19: Vince Lewonski
Region 20: Steve Blecher
Region 21: Gary White
Region 23: Pegi Naranjo

Third Year RVPs:

Region 6: Judy Hollingworth
Region 8: Marianne Schumacher
Region 9: Ernie Henson
Region 11: Ann Violette
Region 14: Betty Coyle
Region 18: Rita Gormley
Region 22: Carol Goldsberry

RVP Representative - Representative Goldsberry had no report.

Scientific Advisory Group - Chair White reported much activity over the summer in organizing the committee composed of 11 individuals with scientific experience. These members are Anna Cadd, Dennis Hager, George Hildenbrandt, Bob Hollingworth, Anna Mae Miller, Kelly Norris, Will Plotner, Bob Pries, Bill Shear, and James Waddick. The group formulated a Mission Statement and chose 5 focal areas for initial consideration.

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Jim Morris moved, Roberts seconded and motion carried to approve the Policy Statement on Iris Conservation, recommended by the Scientific Advisory Committee as follows:

Iris Conservation Policy

The American Iris Society is dedicated to education, research, and conservation by promoting the understanding, preservation, cultivation, hybridization, selection, propagation, and appreciation of the genus *Iris*. The AIS recognizes that there has been a rapid loss of plant species due to habitat loss, competition from invasive species, and overzealous plant collection. To preserve *Iris* species, the Society will inform its membership and the public of potential threats to rare or endangered *Iris* species. It will express its concerns about specific threats to relevant organizations and agencies, and offer assistance to mitigate threatening situations. AIS will seek opportunities to collaborate with other organizations to determine and report the status of rare *Iris* species.

- C AIS encourages efforts to protect wild habitats as the sources for genetic variations and naturally thriving plants, for generations to come. We endeavor to collaborate with those organizations and individuals around the world that seek to identify and preserve important *Iris* habitats. We support field and media education as effective means of instilling respect for natural habitats and awareness of rare *Iris species*.
- C AIS supports the practice of knowledgeable individuals collecting seeds, cuttings, or divisions of wild irises for the purposes of growing, studying, selecting, hybridizing, and ultimately propagating and distributing to other growers. We strongly encourage collectors to be aware that rare plants merit special consideration and should not be disturbed or propagules taken, unless there is sufficient local stock to successfully perpetuate the population. In many cases this means minimal or no collecting.
- C AIS encourages appropriate horticultural practices that result in effective containment of potential threats, whether they are pathogens or invasive organisms that could be introduced with an iris, or an iris itself, which could become invasive and disruptive if released into a particular foreign ecosystem.

Historically, unrestrained collection of wild plants has reduced many plant populations, occasionally to the extent of disappearance or even species extinction. Similarly, casual horticultural practices have resulted in plants, including irises, becoming garden

escapes and threatening habitat for vulnerable native species. Given the challenges of human population pressure and ease of global trafficking in plants, commercial growers and gardeners must become more aware of, and responsible for their actions.

The Board received the first report from the Scientific Advisory Group with much enthusiasm.

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Section Liaison - Chair Jim Morris reported that his new column "Section Happenings" appeared in the October '05 issue. The column will be carried as a regular feature of the AIS Bulletin. Jim asked for help in obtaining new ideas for his column and welcomed new ideas.

Silent Auction - Chair Rita Gormley reported that the 2005 Silent Auction did not bring in as much as the previous year but still made \$5,739. She thanked all donors for their support and mentioned that Bennett Jones will be donating some very nice items from his collection to the Portland Auction.

Surplus Bulletins - As previously discussed and approved, President Plank will contact Chair Violette to let her know that this Committee will be slowly phased out as the current stock of surplus bulletins are sold.

Symposium - Chair Gerry Snyder is working on an electronic tabulating system for the symposium. By consensus, the Board agreed that the tabulation of the symposium each year should remain with the RVPs.

Youth - Chair Deaton reported 323 youth members and 7 operating Classroom Iris Projects (CIP). Cheryl thanked the Greater St. Louis Iris Society for their generous donation of rhizomes from the convention gardens to all youth members and to the local societies who helped defray the cost of packaging and shipping.

Cheryl is working on a Youth flyer with John Jones to give out at shows. It would be in a tri-fold format and briefly describe what opportunities there are for Youth in the AIS.

She also announced that the 2006 Clarke Cosgrove Youth Award winner would be provided with a free hotel room courtesy of the Portland Convention.

NEW BUSINESS:

Photography Contest - The Board returned to discussing the photo contest proposed by Kitty Loberg. Epperson moved, Poling seconded and motion carried that the Board authorize in principle an annual photo contest chaired by Kitty Loberg (as an Ad Hoc Committee) who will work out the details, and report back to the Board electronically

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Upon receiving no additional nominations from the floor, nominations were closed and the following slate of officers was elected by acclamation:

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President - Jeanne Clay Plank
1ST VP - E. Roy Epperson
2nd VP - Judy Keisling
Secretary - Patricia Randall
Treasurer- Jill Bonino
Editor - Bruce Filardi

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

Snyder moved, Epperson seconded and all approved the following Administrative Officers to continue to serve for the next year:

Registrar/Recorder - Mike and Anne Lowe
Membership Secretary - Tom Gormley
Publications/Sales - John and Kay Ludi

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Gossett moved, Poling seconded and motion carried to appoint the following Committee Chairs for the next year:

Affiliates - Brad Kasperek
Awards - E. Roy Epperson
Calendars - Terry Aitken, Pro Tem
Convention Liaison - Paul Gossett
Donations Secretary - Donna James
Electronic Services - John Jones
Exhibitions - Jim and Janet Giles
Foundation Liaison - Roger Mazur
Historical Resources - Anne Lowe
Honorary Awards - Terry Aitken
Insurance - Michelle Snyder
Judges - Judy Keisling
Judges Handbook - E. Roy Epperson

Library - Keith McNames
New Historical Iris Chronicles - Clarence Mahan
Policy - Betty Roberts
Programs - Avery Poling
Public Relations - Joyce Poling
Publications - Maureen Mark

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Robins - Susan Boyce
RVP Counselor - Louise Carson
Scientific Advisory Committee - Gary White
Section Liaison - Jim Morris
Silent Auction - Rita Gormley
Symposium - Gerry Snyder
Youth - Cheryl Deaton

BUDGET FOR 2005-2006:

Treasurer Bonino returned to a line-by-line discussion of the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2005-2006. Reductions were accomplished, but a balanced budget could not be reached under present circumstances.

Much discussion was spent on how to cut Bulletin costs without cutting quality or number of issues, but Board agreed that there was not sufficient information available to decide whether to print the Bulletin overseas or with lighter paper. Further details on these issues will be discussed at the Spring Meeting. Bruce and Terry will gather needed information. A steady vigilance must be maintained toward finding cost cuts as well as increasing income and memberships. Epperson moved, Kasperek seconded and motion carried (with one abstention) that the proposed budget showing a \$9,210 loss for the 2005-2006 fiscal year be accepted in principle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spring Meeting 2006 in Portland, OR. will be held at the Red Lion on the River, 909 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR 97217, 1-800-733-5466. Convention Chair: John Ludi, 503-668-9230, email: kludi@juno.com.

John Ludi described the convention's optional tours and special features.

President Plank thanked the hosts of this meeting, Bill Dougherty, Barbara Sautner and The Iris Society of Minnesota for the gracious hospitality they provided.

ADJOURNED:

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Meeting Separator

FULL MINUTES OF THE AIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ST LOUIS, MISSOURI MAY 9-10, 2005

The Spring Meeting of the AIS Board of Directors was called to order by President Jeanne Clay Plank at 1pm on Monday, May 9, 2005. President Plank welcomed all attendees. All Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVPs, and guests in attendance introduced themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President Jeanne Clay Plank, 1st Vice President E. Roy Epperson, 2nd Vice President Judy Keisling, Secretary Jill Bonino, Treasurer Jay Hudson; Immediate Past President Terry Aitken **Administrative Officers:** Registrar/Recorders Mike and Anne Lowe, Membership Secretary Tom Gormley, Publication Sales Directors John and Kay Ludi, Advertising Editors George and Margaret Sutton; **Directors:** Louise Carson, Paul Gossett, Donna James, John Jones, Brad Kasperek, John Ludi, Jim Morris, Bill Mull, Joyce Poling, George Sutton; **RVP Representative** Jim Giles; **Past President** Clarence Mahan, **Legal Advisor** Robert Plank.

Committee Chairs: Susan Boyce, Cheryl Deaton, Rita Gormley, Maureen Mark; **RVPs:** Dave Nitka (1), Robert Keup (2), Ginny Spoon (4), Carolyn Hawkins (5), Betty Coyle (14), Jim Giles (15), Carol Goldsberry (22), Gary White (21); **Guests:** Ellen Gallagher (1), Ron James (2), Glenn and Susan Grigg (4), Jill and Jim Copeland (6), Barbara Aitken, Jim Craig, Carol and George Lankow, Lorena Reid, Doris Shinn (13), Kitty Loberg (14), Pete DeSantis, Avery Poling (15), R. A. Ives (16), Bob Pries, Riley Probst, Kendal Rohr (18), Cal Reuter (21), William Goldsberry, Betty Lou McMartin, Monte Stahl (22).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, at Little Rock, Arkansas, November 5-7, 2004: There being no additions or corrections, it was moved by Gossett, seconded by Epperson to approve the minutes as published in BULLETIN 336. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President:

1. Asked for and received approval to appoint Mike Lowe as parliamentarian. Moved by P. Gossett, seconded by Epperson. Motion carried.
2. Asked for and received approval to appoint Cheryl Deaton as Recording Secretary Pro Tem for the St. Louis Board Meeting. Moved by J. Jones, seconded by Gossett. Motion carried.
3. Asked for affirmation of Board interim action taken by email votes since the November, 2004 Board Meeting:
 - a. That AIS print 15,000 copies of the Invitation to Join brochure as per Rita Gormley's bid from AG Press. Moved by Epperson, seconded by J. Jones. Affirmed.

- b. That Brad Kasperek be appointed to the Board position vacated by Jason Leader. Moved by J. Jones, seconded by D. James. Affirmed
 - c. That Brad Kasperek be appointed to the position of Affiliates Chair. Moved by J. Jones, seconded by Gossett. Affirmed.
4. Announced that an AIS Membership Poll has been given to all convention attendees in an effort to gather information from members about how they view AIS and about how AIS can be improved.
 5. Reported that the three chairmen of the three separate AIS Scientific operations had resigned over the winter, each citing work overload as the reason. Stated that she felt that it is important that AIS be involved in scientific work, Pres. Plank is working on a reorganization of AIS scientific activities.

1st Vice President – Epperson deferred his report until later in the meeting.

2nd Vice President – Keisling deferred her report until later in the meeting.

Secretary – J. Bonino

1. Reported receipt of the Dykes Medal from the British Iris Society.
2. Announced that stationary and envelope packets are available for all new RVPs
3. Moved (effective with respect to the 2005 spring meeting) that full minutes of the meetings of the AIS Board of Directors no longer be published in the BULLETIN; That in lieu thereof, a concise standing article be published in the BULLETIN twice a year providing a summary of spring, and fall meeting actions, and any interim actions of the Board. The summary minutes shall be prepared by the Secretary (or Recording Secretary as the case may be) concurrently with the preparation of the full minutes. The summary minutes shall be coordinated, vetted, and approved in the same manner as the full minutes.

[That full minutes of individual meetings be automatically and timely provided by the Secretary to all Board members, officers, committee chairs, administrative personnel, RVPs, and presidents of sections and cooperating societies twice a year in the form of attachments to e-mail.]

[That full minutes be provided by the Secretary to all other persons requesting same of the Secretary at no cost in the form of attachments to e-mail.] Those with standing requests for full minutes shall be responsible to keep the Secretary timely advised of address changes.

[That the Secretary, on a case by case basis, shall be allowed to exercise discretion in providing an individually printed copy (no inventory authorized) at full cost to the requesting party when no other alternative for the requestor is feasible.]

Seconded by Gossett. Discussion followed stressing the importance of the full historic content of the minutes be available to everyone and that indexing include current and past compilation of past minutes in electronic form.

A motion to amend the motion was made as follows concerning the starred areas: "To provide only a summary of minutes in the BULLETIN. That in place of e-mailing minutes, the AIS website provide a page that will contain the most recent approved minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors and a historical compilation of minutes of past meetings that are available in electronic form." Moved by J. Jones, seconded by Epperson. Motion and amendment carried.

Treasurer – J. Hudson

1. The report was distributed and discussed. It included the List of Assets and Restricted Funds as of April 30, 2005, a General Fund Income Statement, a Balance Sheet Comparison of April 2004 and April 2005, and a Profit and Loss Statement from October 2004 to April 2005, and a Proposed Budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.
2. The current report covers a period of 7 months to better reflect the financial situation. Best estimate projections for the year are income; \$162,000, expenses; \$187,000, leaving a deficit of \$25,000. It is unknown at this point how the increase changes in dues, registrations and storefront will impact this year's budget.
3. J. Hudson moved that AIS hire Wendy Boyce, CPA to perform a negative audit on the AIS books as of September 30, 2005. Seconded by T. Aitken. A discussion followed that the IRS has no requirement that AIS conduct any audits, and that a negative audit would satisfy AIS rules. The motion carried.
4. J. Hudson estimates that a negative audit will cost between \$3,500 - \$4,000, which has been budgeted.
5. J. Hudson recommended that all financial members (all directors and chairs who handle money) and officers of AIS be bonded. The cost would not be prohibitive. At the Fall Board Meeting, Insurance Chair Michelle Snyder will have information about increasing the amount of the deductibles on the primary liability policy and about the cost of bonding the President and Treasurer of AIS. This information will be placed on AIS Discuss prior to the Fall Board Meeting if it is available.

Treasurer Hudson, having served as AIS Treasurer since the fall of 1998, has tendered his resignation effective September 30, 2005.

A standing ovation of appreciation was given to J. Hudson for his years of service as AIS Treasurer.

President J. Plank announced that Jill Bonino has agreed to move from AIS General Secretary into the office of Treasurer and that Patricia Randall (23) has agreed to fill the office of AIS General Secretary.

In order to facilitate the change in these offices by the end of the fiscal year which precedes the AIS Fall Board Meeting when elections are held, President Plank asked for approval of the pro tem appointment of J. Bonino as Treasurer designate. So moved by Epperson, seconded by J. Jones. Motion approved.

For the same reason, approval of the pro tem appointment of P. Randall as General Secretary designate was moved by J. Jones, seconded by Gossett. Motion approved.

A proposal to obtain a credit card processor for the Portland Convention in 2006 was discussed at length. Credit card processing can be done through merchant credit firms, which can be very expensive and necessitates contracts. However many AIS Board members and commercial gardens have used NOVA which they've obtained through Costco with no contract involved. This option will be explored at the convention chair meeting.

Editor – B. Filardi was not present but J. Bonino distributed and read his report.

The change of mailing services for the April issue of the BULLETIN was successful with most of the deliveries taking place the first week of April with many of the overseas members receiving their April BULLETINS before they received the January issues.

Anna and David Cadd and Clarence Mahan have agreed to serve as International Co-Editors, with the Cadds beginning immediately, and C. Mahan becoming active in early 2006.

The creation of an Obituary Editor/Memorial Editor position was proposed; this editor would procure and edit obituaries in the BULLETIN. The proposal was discussed, but no decision was made at this time.

The Editor's report recommended, the following actions will be taken:

1. J. Bonino will check with the Glendale, CA Post Office regarding the requirements of the 'Statement of Ownership', and P. Randall will check with the New Mexico Post Office regarding same.
2. The Membership Chair will send the membership numbers to the editor 3 to 5 days prior to sending the issue to the printer. Before shrink wrap, the damage per issue was approximately 75 per issue. Since shrink wrap, damage is moot, so the large overruns produced are no longer necessary. G. Sutton and T. Aitken will co-chair a committee with B. Filardi to examine the possibility of reducing the cost of each issue of the BULLETIN.

The Editor supported the idea of eliminating the full Board Minutes from the BULLETIN, and moving the Exhibition Reports to the October issue with the shorter Nelson Report and Fall Show reports remaining in the January issue.

The meeting recessed at 2:55pm. The meeting was called back to order at 3:15pm.

Advertising Editor: George/Margaret Sutton provided their report. Overall revenue has increased since the inception of the new rates, but the number of ads in the April issue has decreased. This could be due in part to the addition of ads in other publications, though it is too soon to tell. Advertisers generally have a finite amount to use for advertising. A suggestion was made for the BULLETIN Committee to breakdown the cost of the ads.

A discussion followed regarding the content of the BULLETIN, such as the number of advertising pages, business pages and articles in each issue and how it is determined. The January issue contained primarily business items, and only one article on iris. Epperson suggested that business items be pulled from the regular BULLETIN, and placed in a supplement, allowing the BULLETIN to be smaller (fewer pages) such as is done in the British Iris Society and the American Hosta Society. The Editor should have discretion as to what is put in each issue of the BULLETIN. Would it be possible for these business things to be posted on the website instead of publishing a supplemental BULLETIN? Important accomplishments need to be out there for the general public to read such as show winners, judges, other appointments. Approximately 20% of affiliate presidents do not have email addresses which could lead to problems. An advisory committee to Editor Filardi consists of T. Aitken, J. Morris, B. Pries. Any volunteers for this committee should contact J. Plank no later than the Fall meeting in November.

M. Sutton will work on getting the name and location of advertisers printed on the ad instead of just anonymous ads, i.e. those with websites only. Anonymous introductions of iris are not allowed in the R & Is. Website information will be provided if the name and address of website is given to the Registrar.

J. Hudson asked that Insurance report be moved up the agenda for discussion at this time.

Insurance –Chair Michelle Snyder was not in attendance but sent her report. The umbrella policy has been cancelled. She has had no luck finding another carrier to handle general liability, but continues her search. The insurance form on the webpage seems to have been successful.

Chairman Snyder recommends that a brief article on obtaining insurance certificates automatically be printed in each Bulletin. The chairman's recommendation was seconded by B. Kasperek. Motion carried. J. Jones said that this information could be placed in the white area at the bottom of the pages in the BULLETIN in much the same way the AIS website information is placed.

A reminder: To obtain Certificates of Insurance go to www.irises.org/insurance.htm and click on the text Request for Certificates of Insurance.

Membership – AIS Membership Secretary Tom Gormley observed that AIS continues to experience a downward trend in our membership. Since 1989, membership in AIS has dropped almost 30%. T. Gormley believes it is time for AIS to mount a concerted membership campaign with the goal of achieving a membership level that can sustain our current operations and allow us to offer our members increased value for their membership dollars.

R. Gormley wrote an article in the January 2004 BULLETIN giving 17 reasons to join AIS. J. Poling thinks that each affiliate should do one program yearly on AIS and

what it does for membership. It was suggested that for membership form be placed on the AIS website in PDF format.

The meeting recessed at 5pm. The meeting was called back to order at 8pm.

Registrar/Recorder – Mike Lowe/Anne Lowe

M. Lowe provided his report. The 2004 R&I booklet was printed in January and 1,200 copies were sent to the Publications Sales Director. Registrations in 2004 numbered 1,052 with 792 recordings of introductions. As of May 5th, 2005 registrations are at 340. Registrations can now be done on a CD for specific sections in newer introductions.

Recording Secretary – no report

Publications Sales Directors – John/Kay Ludi reported that the 2004 R&Is are almost gone and recommended that another 1,200 be ordered. Of the 15,000 ITJs ordered with the new rates, approximately 2,500 are left. He has received a quote of \$3,332.68 for 15,000 ITJs and \$4,817.62 for 25,000 ITJs from the printer of the R&Is. J. Jones moved and P. Gossett seconded to reprint 25,000 copies of the ITJ at the best bid available using the previous printer. Motion carried.

J. Ludi reports he has received requests for notecards. At this time it was not deemed a good idea to offer notecards at the AIS Storefront since they are readily available in many places.

RVP Representative – Jim Giles reported no questions or complaints were received from anyone.

There was no unfinished business. No new businesstime.

Reports of Special Committees:

The Operations Manual: Epperson reported that the Operations Manual will need to encompass job descriptions for all new positions/melded committees. A job description for the Editor is needed for the purpose of drawing up a contract. It is Epperson's goal to get the Operations Manual done so that it can go on the AIS website by the Fall meeting.

Non-profit Incorporation: B. Plank reported that Non-profit Incorporation Tax Exempt Status (501(c)(3)) applications submitted last year were approved by the IRS. Currently working with Region 7 and the S. Sierra Society in Region 14 conversions. Region 4 approved new by-laws so that they can become 501(c)(3).

The Racetrack Design: J. Jones reported that electronic copies of the Racetrack design have been supplied upon request. Progress is being made.

CD Checklists: J. Jones reported that the CD creation for the checklists of 1989 and previous years is a complicated undertaking and that no reportable progress has been made.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Affiliates – Chair B. Kasperek reported that there were 179 approved AIS affiliates, 177 renewals and 2 new affiliates – River Valley Iris Society, AR and Southeast Tennessee Iris Society, TN. 146 clubs had their fees waived – 116 for 50% AIS membership, 28 with 40+ AIS members, and 2 new affiliates.

It is the Chair's intention to provide affiliate forms to all RVPs as early as mid-November. He moved to change the process to require the individual societies to return their affiliate applications to their RVPs by January 31st. Seconded by Gossett. Motion carried.

Affiliate Contest: Winners will be announced at the Awards banquet Saturday night.

Awards – Chair Epperson reported that he had no report other than the first ballots were returned within a week of mailing them out.

Calendars – Terry Aitken reported that with the death of Olive Rice Waters there seemed to be a good possibility that there would be no 2006 calendar. However, George Waters has several slides of gardens in sleeves that Olive had chosen to be the theme for the 2006 calendar. Using the slides in George's possession, if Terry can assemble 12 suitable pictures for the calendar and deadlines can be met, the traditional AIS calendar will be printed and dedicated in honor/memory of Olive Rice Waters.

Additionally, Terry has been approached by a calendar company offering to publish a calendar for us (at no cost other than providing the pictures) from which we would receive 5% of the sales. All they ask from us are 12 pictures and text. The calendar is large (approximately 16" x 12") and would cost @\$15 plus shipping and handling. Since there are currently few if any calendars dedicated to irises (other than the AIS calendar), he will explore this opportunity further and report back to the Board.

Report of the Nominating Committee – Chair G. Spoon, B. Filardi, Will Plotner, Betty Roberts, R. Epperson. Chairman Spoon read the following Roster of Nominees to be chosen as candidates for the four director positions on the American Iris Society Board of Directors: Louise Carson(22), Betty Coyle(14), James Craig(13), Rita Gormley(18), Ernie Henson(9), John Ludi(13), Robert Pries(18), George Sutton(14). >From the floor, Anne Lowe nominated Gary White, Region 21 RVP, past president of the Lincoln Iris Society, member of 8 sections, show chair or co-chair for the Lincoln Iris Society for the past 10 years. He accepted the nomination. It was moved by Epperson that nominations be closed, seconded by Gossett. Motion carried.

The open meeting was recessed at 9:30pm, Monday May 9, 2005. The Executive Committee went into session to select the Directors nominees.

The meeting was called to order at 8am on Tuesday, May 10, 2005. President J. Plank announced the results of the Executive Board meeting. Director nominees selected for terms which expire in 2008 are: Louise Carson, John Ludi, George Sutton, and Gary White.

Names not selected as candidates for Directors from the list provided by the Nominating Committee are placed on a reserve list from which the President shall appoint a replacement if one is needed during the year.

Between now and August 15, nominations can be made by the membership following rules detailed in the AIS Bylaws. If no additional nominations are received, the Board selected nominees are considered elected. New Board members become full voting members of the AIS Board at the beginning of the Fall meeting replacing those Board members going off the Board.

It was moved by B. Kasperek and seconded by J. Jones, that a notice be placed in the BULLETIN requesting the membership at large to submit the names of individuals to the nominating committee for consideration as candidates for the election to the Board of Directors. Motion carried

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that placement of this notice should appear in the October and January BULLETIN issues, and include the name and address of a contact person for the Nominating Committee.

Convention Liaison --Chair Gossett provided a list of conventions that are scheduled through 2009. He is currently looking for a 2010 location on the East Coast. A change in the Fall Board meetings was discussed. It was moved by Gossett and seconded by G. Sutton to move the Fall Board meeting to Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina in 2007 and to move the Fall Board meeting to Tulsa, OK in 2008. Motion carried.

Donations – Chair Donna James reported that overall donations have been going down for some time, but that this is experienced by many organizations. Donations from October 2004 to May 2005 totaled \$2,595. These are broken down as follows: 21 Memorials - \$720, 9 Insurance Defrayments - \$1,825, and 1 Gift in Honor - \$50. Region 15 was recognized for its generosity in donations to offset the insurance costs. Possibly a donation option could be added to AIS Membership Renewal Notices in like manner as other non-profits organizations have done.

Electronic Services – Chair John Jones reported that on line subscribers for the Checklist database are at 213 with \$3,665 received in subscription revenues. The search engine is being revamped so that Registrar's information can be used. There will be only one database containing all the registered and reserved names as well as entries from all the Checklists, lagging by one year per AIS Board stipulations.

Digital projector is in use at a rate of once a month with great results.

Backup storage sites have been established for the Membership Secretary, Treasurer and the Secretary to keep copies of important AIS documents off site from their

respective locations. These are password protected sites not available to anyone other than the specific individual, the AIS President, and Chair Jones as backup. How often these sites are updated should be placed in the Operations Manual. Judges Chair J. Keisling requested that the Judges' database be backed up on the storage site also.

John congratulated Chris Hollinshead for the professional way the AIS Website is being managed. A special page is being established for making public all AIS documents to be downloaded, such as Board minutes, AIS Charter, AIS By-Laws, list of judges, symposium, etc.

* As it was John's last meeting as a voting member, he was thanked by all for his service.

Exhibitions – Chair Roy Epperson reported that 171 approved show schedules, one show has been canceled, he has received 105 orders for show supplies and 97 have been processed.

He is concerned with shipping costs and will have an analysis of costs available at the Fall meeting. He will also work with the ribbon company (Regalia) to shorten the streamers on the rosettes to fit the available shipping boxes.

AIS Foundation – Liaison Roger Mazur sent a report that was read by Secretary Bonino. The Foundation report stated that funding honoring requests will be over the budget by \$1,700.

Dr. Blazek and Professor Rodionenko provided reports on the progress of their ongoing research, and the use of funding to date. J. Jones moved and Epperson seconded that Dr. Blazek be granted 5 years free access to the AIS Iris Register. Motion carried. In the future, granting free access to the Iris Register will be by AIS Board approval.

Grants for Scientific Research – Chair Dr. Bill. Shear provided a report, which was read by J. Bonino. Bill advises that scientific reports should not be placed in the BULLETIN except as they pertain to the sharing of knowledge to every irisarian. He agrees that there should be one scientific committee that handles all scientific aspects of the society. He regretfully tendered his resignation as Chair due to increasing professional and personal obligations.

Historical Research – Chair Anne Lowe reported that she receives one or two requests each week for information about the past and that 99% of the questions are able to be answered within a week.

Honorary Awards – No report at this time.

Judges – Chair Judy Keisling reported there are currently 827 judges in the database, a decrease of 56 judges from one year ago. The number of judges dropped due to non-renewal of membership was 12.

Judges Handbook Revision Committee – Chair Dr. E. Roy Epperson reported that the revision committee will be making recommendations at the Fall Board meeting. They have considered revising requirements of garden training for active master judges. They have concerns about the age of youth judges, questioning whether there should be a chronological age required to become a judge. Sections have been approached as to any substantive changes that may appear in their area of the Judge's Handbook – substantive changes must receive Board approval. The committee's intention is to have the new, revised Handbook in Portland in 2006. If there are any questions or concerns regarding anything in the handbook, e-mail Epperson and/or Keisling.

Librarian – Chair Keith McNames submitted a report which was read by J. Bonino. in which Keith expressed the need for upgraded computer equipment. A motion was made by Epperson that the library be allotted up to but not to exceed \$2,000 for a computer to be owned by the AIS to be funded by donations by Dr. Epperson and other members of the Board. Seconded by J. Jones. Motion carried.

McNames' report contained a listing of the excess library items for the 2005 Convention Silent Auction for Board approval. It was moved by Epperson, seconded by J. Bonino that the items be approved for the 2005 Silent Auction. Motion carried.

McNames' report also contained a copy of the proposed contract with the City of Silverton for the Library space for five years with mutual approval at a cost of \$1 per year. It was moved by Aitken, seconded by Gossett that the Board approve the contract negotiated by K. McNames for the Library in Silverton. Motion carried.

New Historical Iris Chronicles – Chair Clarence Mahan reported that a disc done by Nancy Nies about Eric Nies has been sent to Maureen Mark. There are 60 slides included in the chronicle. It is ready for publication as soon as the AIS President completes the preface. C. Mahan requested that someone else take on this position as he has other priorities in his life at this time.

Policy – Chair B. Roberts - Would a handbook listing policies be helpful?

Public Relations & Marketing – Chair Joyce Poling noted that the AIS display screen is up in the lobby, and that it has been used by several affiliates. Hopefully it will be used at all future conventions. Some articles about AIS have appeared in print and on websites but she is looking into placing small ads into well known flower and garden magazines to see what the cost would be against how many new members we may get. Old calendars have been put to good use by many affiliates. The Post Office has a new shipping box they call a Flat Rate Box that has halved the cost of shipping this year.

Publications – No report from Chair Maureen Mark.

*M. Lowe advised of the need to arrange storage for the film from the 1999 checklist in a climate controlled area – the current company charges \$45/year. He will contact K. McNames to see if the Library can store it. There would be a packing and shipping cost. A Japanese version of the "World of Iris" book has been donated to the Library.

Robins – Co-chair Libby Cross handles the paper robins while new co-chair Susan Boyce, handles the E-Robins. Libby has received no requests for new robins since the beginning of 2004, but 8 continue to exist. One of the International Robins was restarted in 2005. Libby has nearly a thousand of the Robin Brochures available for inclusion in the New Member Packet. J. Poling requested 300 brochures be sent to her for inclusion in the new member packets. S. Boyce reported that the E-Robins went online on March 30th this year and there are 14 different E-Robins listed, but that currently only one subject is being discussed. Any suggestions would be welcome.

RVP Counselor – Chair Louise Carson announced the following election results from the RVP Counsel meeting: Chair Gary White Region 21, Secretary Rita Gormley Region 18, RVP Board Rep. Carol Goldsberry Region 22, Nominating Committee RVPs – Rita Gormley and Bob Keup.

Scientific – Chair Dr. Chandler Fulton has resigned. It was moved by Gossett and seconded by Epperson that Gary White be appointed as the Scientific Committee Restructuring Chair. Motion carried.

Section Liaison – Chair Jim Morris supplied a report listing the current section officers, cooperating society's officers, and future conventions as of May 8th, 2005. The Section representative to the Nominating Committee will be announced later.

Silent Auction – Chair Rita Gormley's distributed report contained a summary of the 2004 Auction and the events leading to the 2005 Auction.

Slides – Chair Bill Mull requested that he be relieved of the responsibility of the rental of the 35mm slide programs so that he may concentrate on the creation of CDs for the CD program. Due to the inability to create more, slide programs have evolved into a service filling requests from the slide sets on hand. So far, 60 sets have been mailed out this year. Sets that have not been requested since 2003 such as past Conventions, should be sent to the Library, placed in the Historical Chronicles or offered to the Sections before being sent to storage.

It was moved by Kasperek, seconded by Gossett, that AIS charge a \$5 shipping and handling fee for all users of the AIS slide sets. Currently users only pay for return postage of the slide sets. Motion carried.

Surplus Bulletins – no report

Symposium – no report

The meeting recessed at 11:47am to be resumed at 8pm. The meeting was called to order at 8pm.

Youth Report – Chair Cheryl Deaton reported that the youth membership has dropped 56 members since the end of last year. There are 12 youth members attending this convention. She is working on a new brochure/flyer explaining to the adults some of the programs offered for use with youth. Many affiliates do not realize what types of

programs are available, so they cannot tell interested people about them. Winners of the Youth Achievement Contest are:

Kristen Laing, Region 4, first runner-up Allison Greszkowiak, Region 18 and second runner-up, Joshua Winzer, Region 22.

A Youth Policy Committee was appointed consisting of Cheryl Deaton, Jim & Jean Morris, and Bob Plank. The committee will review policies as they relate to youth member activities at conventions, in gardens and other relevant issues.

Nominating Committee Appointments – President J. Plank asked for approval of the appointments of Joyce Poling and Paul Gossett to the 2005-06 Nominating Committee. It was moved by J. Jones, seconded by Epperson that the AIS Board Nominating Committee Appointments be approved. Motion carried

The 2005-06 Nominating Committee members are;

1. AIS Board – Joyce Poling(15) 3. RVP – Bob Keup (2)
2. AIS Board – Paul Gossett (22) 4. RVP –Rita Gormley (18)
5. Section Rep – Jill Copeland (6)

^aBefore the close of the meeting, Epperson initiated a discussion pertaining to the length of the National Conventions, and the financial hardship National Conventions may entail. He suggested shortening convention times such as: garden tours shorter by one day, carefully selecting quality gardens, having a one day Board meeting on Wednesday, Section meetings on Thursday, gardens on Friday and Saturday, Awards banquet only.

J. Morris agreed, saying the biggest complaint he's heard is there is too little time in too many gardens. Most people come to see the gardens, shortening tours to 2 days may allow for conventions in smaller venues. Gossett and White felt that shortening the Board meeting is good, but fewer gardens is bad – people come to see the gardens. M. Lowe said that hybridizers and local people come just for the tours in his experience as registrar for 2 Nationals. There were over 600 registered in for the Fresno convention, and over 425 for St. Louis. Having shorter (morning only) bus tours with section meetings in the afternoon and repeat gardens on the third day is another suggestion aimed at solving convention scheduling problems. Although no action was taken, it was suggested the best place to do a survey on these issues would be at the Portland convention.

Announcements -

The Fall Meeting will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota November 4-6, 2005.
Bill Dougherty, Chair, may be reached at wmcdougherty@cs.com.

President Plank extended thanks and appreciation to Riley Probst, Shirley Trio, the Greater St. Louis Iris Society, the Region 18 Committee members and all who worked toward producing this National Convention held in St. Louis, Missouri.

It was moved by Epperson and seconded by J. Jones that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Deaton, Recording Secretary Pro Tem

Meeting Separator
Minutes of the AIS Board
of Directors Meeting

Little Rock, Arkansas — November 5-6, 2004

The Fall Meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Iris Society was called to order by President Terry Aitken at 7:00 PM on Friday, November 5, 2004. President Aitken welcomed all attendees. He went on to thank Robert Treadway and the Central Arkansas Iris Society for putting on this little feed to allow the meeting to start early. All Board Members, Committee Chairs, RVPs, and guests introduced themselves. Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President Terry Aitken, 1st Vice President Jeanne Clay Plank, 2nd Vice President E. Roy Epperson, Secretary Jill Bonino; Treasurer Jay Hudson; Editor Bruce Filardi; **Administrative Officers:** Registrar/Recorder: Mike and Anne Lowe, Membership Secretary: Tom Gormley, Publication Sales: John and Kay Ludi, Recording Secretary: Carolyn Hawkins; Advertising Editor: George and Margaret Sutton; **Directors:** Louise Carson, John Jones, Judy Keisling, John Ludi, Bill Mull, Nancy Pocklington, Joyce Poling, Betty Roberts, Gerry Snyder, George Sutton; **Directors-elect:** Paul Gossett, Jim Morris; **Legal Advisor:** Robert Plank. **Committee Chairs:** Rita Gormley, Donna James, Jean Morris, Michelle Snyder; **RVPs:** Linda Browning (7), Betty Coyle (14), Carol Goldsberry (22); **RVPs-elect:** Bob Keup (2) and Gary White (21); **Guests:** Ron James (2); Larry Browning, Hugh and Mary Thurman (7), Irv Pocklington (9), Susan Boyce (12); Barbara Aitken (13); Cheryl Deaton (15); Riley Probst, Shirley Trio (18); Linda Rader, Linda Bell, Maureen Corder, Bill Goldsberry, Hattie McClane, Shirley Kitchin, Betty Lou McMartin, Bettie Nash, Bonnie Nicholas, Pat Stover, Robert Treadway (22). Secretary Bonino announced that there were no additional nominations, and, therefore, the published candidates for the AIS Board are duly elected by acclamation. They are Gerry Snyder (15), Bill Mull (4), Paul Gossett (22) and Jim Morris (18). New Board members were seated with

full voting privileges.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, at Fresno, CA, April 19-21, 2004 – Carolyn Hawkins,
Recording Secretary.

The minutes have the following corrections:

1. Bulletin 334, Page 99, Under Committee Chairs Betty Coyle is in Region 14.
2. Bulletin 334, Page 100, Under Treasurer, paragraph #3, should be “Anne Lowe”.
3. Bulletin 334, Page 101, Under Membership Secretary, paragraph #2 should read “...for

receiving or giving instruction **on** the operation...”

Epperson moved, Jim Morris seconded to approve the minutes published in Bulletin 334 as

corrected. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President:

1. Asked for and received approval to appoint Mike Lowe as parliamentarian.
2. Asked for affirmation of interim Board action taken by email votes since the April, 2004 Board

Meeting:

- a. The appointment of Donna James to the Donations Secretary position. Affirmed.
- b. The approval of a new insurance policy based on Michelle’s (Snyder) best judgment of

appropriate coverage from those bids received and that such coverage be in place when the

present insurance policy expires in August. Affirmed.

First Vice President: J. Plank deferred her report until later in the meeting.

Second Vice President: Epperson deferred his report until later in the meeting.

Secretary: Bonino requested that anyone emailing her on AIS business put “AIS” in the subject line

to get through her spam blocker.

Treasurer: Treasurer Hudson gave the annual financial report for the period October 1, 2003

through September 30, 2004. He began by explaining that his report now splits out the Restricted/Allocated Funds from the General Funds into separate Income & Expense Statements,

which he believes gives a more accurate picture of the true AIS financial condition. He noted that

electronic services earned \$7,583 and allocated funds increased to \$153, 949.

Operating income for

the year decreased less than 1% over the previous year, and the average rate earned on AIS

Certificates of Deposit is approximately 4.25%. But insurance premiums increased over 300% in

2004 which put AIS in an operating loss position for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

Epperson moved to give Treasurer Hudson authorization to expend through normal voucher

procedure up to \$500 from each of the following funds as required: Cosgrove Fund, Library Fund, Classroom Project Fund, and Electronic Services Fund. Seconded by J. Plank. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hudson mentioned that the Bylaws require an annual audit be done of AIS records and

that the most recent full audit was completed in 2002. He requested that the Board define the word

“audit” as it applies to this Bylaw requirement. The Board discussed at length the purpose and

requirements of an annual audit as it applies to The American Iris Society operations and financial

records and clarified Board policy with the following two motions:

1. Epperson moved to create a Standing Rule that an Ad-Hoc Internal Financial Review Committee be formed to verify annually that the AIS Financial Reports reflect that bank and

investment accounts are properly stated, receipt of monies are properly recorded and disbursements properly documented and approved . The Committee shall be composed of

three (3) Board members who are not involved with the disbursement or receipt of AIS funds

and is to be appointed by the AIS President. Seconded by Jones. Motion carried.

2. Epperson moved that an outside audit be performed by a CPA, the scope of which shall be

determined by the Board of Directors, whenever the office of Treasurer is changed.

Seconded

by G. Sutton. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hudson delayed reviewing the budget for the year ending September 30, 2005 until the

end of this meeting, so that updates and changes made during the meeting may be incorporated into

the data.

In conjunction with the Treasurer’s Report, the Board discussed the impact on the budget caused

by the significant increase in insurance premiums over the last year and asked **Insurance Chair M.**

Snyder to give her report.

M. Snyder explained the background and details of the increase in cost for our \$2,000,000

liability coverage and for the additional \$3,000,000 umbrella liability policy that the AIS has

purchased in previous years. She described the survey that she mailed to all 184 affiliates asking

about their insurance needs. Following extensive phone follow-up conversations, she received

responses from 146 affiliates. Of these responses, 65 clubs used the insurance in 2004

but only 9 clubs used the \$3,000,000 umbrella policy. During discussion, the Board addressed the need to continue the \$2,000,000 primary liability coverage as a benefit to the regions and affiliates to promote shows in public venues that often generate new members. It was agreed that the large expense increase in order to continue liability coverage for all members of AIS, regions, affiliates, and sections for any iris activity was a necessary commitment. After reviewing various alternatives and various types of insurance, there was consensus that AIS should maintain the Directors & Officers (D&O), property, and \$2,000,000 primary liability coverages but cancel the \$3,000,000 umbrella policy and request a refund. Jones moved that we cancel the existing \$3,000,000 umbrella liability insurance policy effective November 15, 2004. Seconded by Epperson. Motion carried. Chair M. Snyder will report back to the Spring Board Meeting with information concerning increasing the deductibles on the primary liability policy and information on the cost of bonding of the President and Treasurer.. The Board commended M. Snyder for her diligence in contacting affiliates in order to present a representative requirement of insurance needs. As the cost of the primary liability coverage cannot be funded out of current operating income, the Board discussed several added ways to increase revenues. Treasurer Hudson asked for an Ad Hoc Membership Dues Review Committee to discuss raising membership dues and report to the Board with suggested changes by the end of this meeting. President Aitken appointed Treasurer Hudson, T. Gormley, Keisling and Roberts to the Ad Hoc Membership Dues Review Committee. President Aitken and President-elect J. Plank will send a joint letter to regions and sections clarifying the financial issues raised by the cost of liability insurance. The letter will also be printed in the January *Bulletin*

Editor: Editor Filardi provided a grid of the four issues for 2004 showing pricing for each Bulletin. He thanked Rita and Tom Gormley and George and Margaret Sutton for their procedures with address changes. Shipping issues were discussed.

Advertising Editor: George and Margaret Sutton reported total income October 1,

2003 to September 30, 2004 was \$14,009.75. President Aitken appointed an Ad Hoc Advertising Review Committee of Bruce Filardi, Chair, George and Margaret Sutton, and Jim Morris to discuss the cost of display advertising in the Bulletin and report back to the Board during this meeting. The Ad Hoc Advertising Review Committee reported the following suggested changes to display advertising rates. G. Snyder moved to accept the rate changes. Seconded by Bonino. Motion carried:

Display Ads - Black and White

\$45 1 inch

\$70 1/4 page

\$100 1/2 page

\$175 Full page

Display Ads - Color

\$135 1/2 page, interior

\$225 Full page, interior

\$200 each Full page, interior, 4 consecutive issue discount

\$350 Full page, inside back cover

\$350 Full page, inside front cover

\$450 Full page, outside back cover

Jones moved that the effective date for raising the display advertising rates will be February 1,

2005. Hudson seconded. Motion carried.

Listing of all advertisers, both shopping and display ads, in the *Bulletin* will be provided on the

AIS Website by the AIS Webmaster, Chris Hollingshead.

The meeting recessed at 10:50 p.m. and was scheduled to reconvene at 8:15 a.m.

Saturday,

November 6, 2004.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Membership Secretary: Tom Gormley reported that as of October 1, 2004, there are 6381

members, of whom 528 were new members. Region 14 has the highest number of members at 552

followed by Region 4 with 536. Dues notices have gone out for the December renewals.

AIS policy

requires that after 60 days (the grace period for paying renewals) the membership will be dropped if

the renewal is not received.

Registrar/Recorder: Mike Lowe reported the International Code of Nomenclature was updated in

2004 and includes a number of changes with the most outstanding being the number of allowable

words in a plant name. Currently, AIS limits iris names to 30 characters in up to three

words

(excluding spaces). The International Code allows four words.

To remain consistent with International Code nomenclature, Epperson moved that AIS change

the restriction on the number of words that can be in an iris name to four words, retaining the limit

of 30 characters per epithet (excluding spaces) effective December 1, 2004. G. Snyder seconded.

Motion carried.

G. Sutton moved that AIS raise the fee for registering an iris or reserving an iris name with AIS

to \$10.00 effective December 1, 2004. Epperson seconded. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the handling of overseas registrations and decided to make no change in

them at this time.

Recording Secretary: No report

Publications Sales Director: Ludi provided figures for all of the items carried in the AIS Storefront,

including a complete inventory as of September 30, 2004. He reported that only 30 embroidered

logo polo shirts remain in inventory following the discount sale in Fresno.

Ludi moved that we use Prestige Printing to reprint 300 copies each of the **2000** and **2001**

Registrations & Introductions (R & Is) at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 for each year.

Seconded by

Roberts. Motion carried.

Bonino moved that we print 1,200 copies of the **2004 R & I**. Gossett seconded. Motion carried.

Epperson moved that the domestic price of **R & Is** beginning with the **2000 R & I** and subsequent annual issues be set at \$10.00 effective January 1, 2005, and that the price for the

overseas orders for the same issues be set at \$14.00 each. Seconded by Jim Morris.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Jones proposed that we engage a list server for AIS Board discussions

and voting by email between Board meetings to insure messages go to all participants.

He described

the various setup systems and how the list server operates. Jones moved, G. Sutton seconded and

motion carried that the Chairman of the Electronic Services Committee be directed to establish the

following list server addresses:

The first, called AISDiscuss, will be established for the purposes of discussing AIS business.

Subscriber list will consist of members of the AIS Board of Directors, Committee Chairpersons of

AIS Standing Committees, RVPs, Section Presidents and such other individuals as may from time

to time be added by the AIS Board of Directors.

The purpose of this list will be to discuss AIS business, make motions, seconds and amendments

to motions, but NOT FOR VOTING on said motions.

The AISDiscuss list shall have an archive that will be publicly accessible.

The second, called AISVote, will be established for the purposes of voting on issues placed before AIS

Board of Directors. This subscriber list will consist of the voting members of the AIS Board of Directors.

Pursuant to previously established AIS Standing Rule on voting via email, voting on an issue will

only be initiated on AISVote by the AIS Secretary (or a designated alternate). Such voting is to be

initiated by the AIS Secretary or designate by posting a properly seconded motion to the AISVote

list server with the words "THIS IS A CALL FOR A VOTE" as the first line of the message.

Voting members of the AIS Board of Directors will vote by selecting "Reply" for the message and

expressing their vote Yea, Nay or Abstain in the body text of their reply.

The AISVote list shall have an archive that will be publicly accessible.

The AIS Secretary shall inform the Chair of the Electronic Services Committee of any changes

in the membership, or membership information (specifically email addresses) of any members of

AISDiscuss or AISVote. He will then make the changes in the list servers. Further discussion

followed on specifics of setting up the list server and the password, subject line, etc.

Jones requested that the AIS Electronic Services line item budget be increased by \$50.00 per list

server address per year.

Jones moved that the AIS establish the following Standing Rules. Seconded by Gossett.

Motion carried:

1. That in any discussion of AIS Board of Directors matters between members of the Board of

Directors using email with multiple addressees will include, at a minimum, all members of the

AIS Board.

2. That email between two individual members of the AIS Board discussing AIS Board business

contain only the opinions of the two parties to the communication.

3. That a closed list server address named AISConfer be established for executive sessions.

Members of this address will be restricted to voting members of the AIS Board of

Directors

and such individuals as may from time to time be designated by the President of the Board of Directors.

The AIS Secretary was requested to keep a current email address list for the Board.

NEW BUSINESS: None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Operations Manual: Chair Epperson, M. Lowe, J. Plank. Chair Epperson reported that the

Operations Manual is 99.99% complete. It includes history, by-laws, standing rules, job descriptions,

various committee responsibilities, and other information which will be a valuable resource beneficial

to all members. The information will be updated continually as changes are necessary.

It will be

accessible on the AIS Website and notice will be given to the AIS membership via the list server.

R. Plank brought up the fact that because AIS, several of its regions, sections, and affiliates have

501(c)(3) non-profit status according to the Internal Revenue Service, all donations to these entities

and/or unreimbursed expenses are deductible by individuals. He suggested that a form letter be added to

the Operations Manual that would explain these requirements. Each individual donor could modify this

form for their specific situation and use the completed form as documentation for their tax deduction.

Non-profit Incorporation Tax Exempt Status (501(c)3). Chair R. Plank and Epperson.

Chair R. Plank submitted his report. He listed the sections and regions that are and are not covered

under the umbrella exemption and the affiliates that are covered. Applicants for this status need to

notify Chair R. Plank by July/August of each year.

Ad-Hoc Committee, Racetrack Design for AIS Logo. Chair Jones, M. Lowe. Chair Jones

displayed the logo artwork with some updates to the Board using the LCD projector.

The "racetrack"

refers to the oval around the iris flower and foliage. Further work will be done by the

Spring Board

meeting.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Library Location – Chair J. Plank, Jim Morris, Hudson, McNames. On

Chair J. Plank's recommendation, G. Snyder moved that we authorize Keith McNames to negotiate

a contract with the City of Silverton that will allow the AIS Library to remain in its present location.

Seconded by Keisling. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:55 p.m. following a closed

session to select honorary award recipients.

Honorary Awards: President Aitken announced the recipients of the Honorary Awards for 2004

selected during the Executive Session:

Warburton Medal: Milan Blazek

Hybridizer's Medal: John Weiler, Floyd Wickenkamp

Distinguished Service Medal: Anne Lowe, Clarence Mahan

Gold Medal: Marie Caillet

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Affiliates: Currently, AIS charges a \$50 fee to affiliates that do not have 50% AIS membership or

40 AIS members. Chair G. Snyder moved that new clubs receive the first year affiliation free. Poling

seconded. Motion carried.

Chair G. Snyder will add a statement on the affiliation form concerning permission to publish

contact information in the *Bulletin*, such as email addresses and phone numbers.

Affiliate Contest: Chair Pocklington announced the Affiliate Award Contest winners were Sun

Country Iris Society 1st (Region 15), Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society 2nd (Region 15), and

Northern IL Iris Society 3rd (Region 9). Each winner received new introduction rhizomes graciously donated by hybridizers Aitken, Burseen, Cadd, Cooley's, Lauer, Niswonger, Pinegar,

Schreiner's, Tasco/Duncan and Sutton.

Awards: Chair Epperson received an 88% return on Ballots this year. There were 8 fully accredited

judges who did not vote a timely Ballot for two consecutive years and will be dropped.

Chair

Epperson advised that overseas judges have the same obligation to vote a timely Ballot for two

consecutive years or they will be dropped.

Gossett requested that the 2004 DeBaillon Medal be presented to Australian hybridizer Heather

Pryor at the Society for Louisiana Iris (SLI) Convention, April 21-23, 2005. Ms. Pryor will be in

the country to attend the SLI convention but not the AIS National Convention. Bonino moved to

present this medal at the SLI Convention. Roberts seconded. Motion carried. President-elect J.

Plank will attend the SLI Convention and present the Medal for The American Iris Society.

Jones requested that more information be provided on the total number of votes cast for

medal

categories. Jones moved that, at the time of the announcement of the winners of the AIS special

medal awards, the total votes cast for a given medal category be included along with the individual

vote counts for the winner and the two runners up. Seconded by Jim Morris. Motion carried.

Calendars: Chair Olive Rice-Waters (Absent): J. Plank contacted Chair Rice-Waters. She will continue

to work with the calendar and train selected persons with the procedures of producing the calendar.

Convention Liaison: Chair Gossett has received an invitation from the Iris Society of Austin, Texas

and Region 17 to hold the AIS Convention in Austin in mid-April, 2008. Epperson moved that we

accept the invitation. J. Plank seconded. Motion carried.

Chair Gossett announced the AIS Convention Handbook is on the AIS Website, and it is available in the Storefront at no cost.

Riley Probst, Chairman of the 2005 AIS Convention announced that in St. Louis there are two

Sheraton Hotels in the same complex. The Sheraton Westport **Chalet** is the host Sheraton for the

2005 AIS Convention.

The Fall Board meeting location for 2008 is open. Several Board members expressed a preference

that it be held at a major hub location in the United States. Chair Gossett will bring a proposal to

the Spring AIS Board Meeting.

Donations Secretary: Chair J. Plank/James. James became Donations Secretary as of September 1,

2004. Chair J. Plank explained the trends for donations through that time. She suggested that we

add the option for a contribution to AIS on membership renewal forms.

Electronic Services: Chair Jones informed the Board that all of the registered and reserved iris names

from 1920 through September, 2004 have been added to the NameList data base.

Jones moved that

the Chairman of the Electronic Services Committee be authorized to spend up to \$1,000 for contract

work to upgrade the capabilities of irisregister.com, said funds to come from the Electronics Services

Restricted Fund. The current balance is \$7,583. G. Snyder seconded. Motion carried.

Jones passed around a hand towel embroidered with the AIS iris logo that was digitized for

Region 13, the logo of which is now available for use by anyone.

Requests have been received for the Check Lists to be put on CD. Chair Jones moved

that the

Chairman of the Electronics Service Committee be authorized to have CDs containing the 1989 and prior

Check Lists (as available) produced on CD and made available for sale to the public at a price of \$12.00

each. The CDs will contain all the information that is available for free downloads from irisregister.com.

The income from sales of the CDs will be received by Char Holt and sent to Secretary Bonino for

processing. It will be deposited into the General Fund. Seconded by G. Sutton. Motion carried.

Hort.net is maintained by webmaster Chris Lindsey via Mallorn Computing and is requesting

donations. Chair Jones moved that in consideration of its exceptional service to the advancement of

public awareness of irises, and of its dedication to horticulture in general, The American Iris Society

donate \$500 from the Electronic Services Committee Restricted Fund to hort.net.

Gossett

seconded. Motion carried.

Webmaster Chris Hollingshead (Absent)– Chair Jones stated that he has no specific report at this time.

Exhibitions: Chair Jason Leader (Absent) The report sent stated there were 186 approved shows

this year versus 176 last year. All shows held in 2003 were listed in the report.

Epperson also reported that 132 orders for exhibition supplies has been received and shipped for

a total income of \$10,850. There is a sufficient inventory of youth silver and bronze medals.

Foundation Liaison: Chair Mazur (Absent) sent a request for confirmation of the Library location.

McNames has requested a new computer to be financed by the Foundation. No action by the Board

of Directors was appropriate at this time.

R. Plank questioned the lack of overlap between the Foundation and the AIS Board of Directors.

He reported that there is no legal reason for this separation.

Grants for Scientific Research Committee: Chair Shear (Absent) sent no report. The schedules

have been worked out for the disbursement of funds allocated for scientific research at the 2004

Spring Board of Directors Meeting. These grants are being dispersed to the recipients for research

and studies they will be conducting over the next 2 years. J. Plank is working to define and coordinate

the several AIS scientific committees to eliminate redundancy.

Historical Resource: Chair A. Lowe's report noted the increased amount of requests her committee is receiving and identified the topics most frequently requested from editors, researchers, authors, historians, and hybridizers.

Insurance: Chair M. Snyder. SEE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Judges: Chair Keisling reported that there are 846 judges, 55 Apprentices, 357 Garden Judges, 226

Active Masters, 165 Retired Masters and 43 Emeritus listed by AIS Region. All are on a data base

and records are up to date. She is working on standardized forms for the Judges' Training Chairmen

to use in their respective regions.

She has received a nomination for Jérôme Boulon from France to be appointed an AIS judge as

recommended by M. Lowe. Three AIS Judges have seconded the nomination: Anne Lowe, Bruce

Filardi and E. Roy Epperson. Keisling moved that the nomination be accepted.

Seconded by Jim

Morris. Motion carried.

Chair Keisling moved that we accept the list of judges as provided, listed individually for each

region. Seconded by Epperson. Motion carried.

Judges Handbook Revision Committee: Chair Epperson announced that the Handbook will be

published and available for sale at the 2006 AIS Convention in Portland. Every chapter will have to

be approved by the Board of Directors. He discussed the guidelines for making changes to the

handbook and the approvals necessary. Chair Epperson moved that the Board give the Judges

Handbook Revision Committee authority to make non-substantive changes to the Judges

Handbook. Seconded by Roberts. Motion carried.

The following are changes to the Handbook discussed and voted on during the meeting:

Chapter 22, page 207:

Previously approved by the Board in principle: Should two specimens be judged equal after point

scoring all characteristics, the newer variety by year of introduction should be placed higher because

it represents to the public the closest current standard of perfection. ADD as footnote:

This does

not apply to beardless iris as all forms are acceptable regardless of year of introduction.

Chair Epperson moved to add the footnote. Seconded by G. Sutton. Motion carried.

Chair

Epperson moved the Board adopt in principle Chapter 22 of the Judges Handbook as amended.

Seconded by J. Plank. Motion carried.

Jim Morris requested that information he submitted earlier on SPEC and SPEC X be included

in this Chapter. Chair Epperson agreed to go to the Committee, insert this information and return

Chapter 22 to the Board for approval.

Chapter 1:

Keisling requested deletion of the second paragraph, page 3 of the Handbook. Chair Epperson

moved to delete the second paragraph on page 3 of the Handbook. Seconded by Jim Morris. Motion carried.

Bonino requested that a statement be added that all judge's training instructors be accredited

judges. Chair Epperson will insert this in the appropriate chapter.

Chair Epperson moved to amend Chapter 1, page 4 as follows. Seconded by Jones. Motion carried.

5. When an AIS judge (Apprentice, Garden, Master/Active) transfers to another Region, it is

the responsibility of the judge to ensure that all earned JT credits are submitted to the RVP or JT

Chair of the "importing" Region from the "exporting" Region. If the importing Region has

stricter training requirements than the exporting region, then the transferring judge should be

granted a two-year grace period in which to meet the stricter training requirements.

J. Plank moved that we make the following change in the first paragraph, Chapter 1, page 9.

Seconded by Poling. Motion carried.:

Active Master judges are required to submit an Activity Report each year to the region. Active

Master judges will receive an Official Ballot. Failure to vote the timely ballot for two consecutive

years will result in the judge's status being changed to Retired Master judge. **judge being dropped**

from the official roster of accredited judges. Master judges are not counted in the regional quota.

Chair Epperson explained that the changes in paragraph three, page 11 were approved earlier

as follows:

If a fully accredited judge is dropped from the judges' roster for cause: Failure to complete the required

training hours in a timely manner; failure to submit a timely Activity Report; resignation;

or for failure to vote the timely Ballot for two consecutive years, he/she can be reinstated upon the completion of the required hours of training in an approved school and upon the written recommendation of the RVP and five (5) other judges in his/her region, who are familiar with the activities of the accredited judge seeking reinstatement.

Following a discussion on the Activity Report requirement being more restrictive than the timely

Ballot submission requirement, Chair Epperson moved to amend the paragraph and insert **for two**

consecutive years after "a timely Activity Report". Seconded by Jim Morris. Motion carried.

Chair Epperson moved to adopt Chapter 1 in principle. Seconded by Jim Morris. Motion carried.

Chapter 2:

Chair Epperson moved to adopt Chapter 2 in principle. Seconded by Gossett. Motion carried.

Chapter 3:

Chair Epperson moved to insert the following phrase in the second paragraph of page 25 to read

as follows: An officially registered and introduced iris in the classification of TB, BB, IB, SDB,

MDB, MTB, Aril, Arilbred, **and bearded SPEC-X** becomes eligible for the Honorable Mention

(HM) Award the second year after its year of introduction to commerce. Seconded by Gossett.

Motion carried.

Chair Epperson moved to adopt Chapter 3 in principle. Seconded by Gossett. Motion carried.

Chapter 4:

Chair Epperson moved to adopt Chapter 4 in principle. Seconded by J. Plank. Motion carried.

Chapter 5:

Chair Epperson moved to adopt Chapter 5 in principle. Seconded by Keisling. Motion carried.

Chair Epperson asked for Board permission to contact the various AIS sections to seek confirmation of their changes, if any. Approval granted.

A request was made that garden judging and information on judging space age iris requirements

be included in the Handbook. Chair Epperson will bring back recommendations at the Spring

Board Meeting.

Librarian: Chair McNames (Absent) submitted a report describing two on-going projects involving

inventorying on the computer: Foreign Section and Individual Biographical files.

Scanning the Index of all the AIS Bulletins is being undertaken by Jack Finney with plans to have this project completed by the Spring Board Meeting.

New Historical Iris Chronicles: Chair Mahan (Absent) – No report

Policy: Chair Roberts submitted suggestions that dealt with the existence of and/or establishment

of regional awards for regional hybridizers or regional service. She recommended conducting a

survey through RVPs to determine how many regions give such awards and the criteria they use for

selecting recipients.

Public Relations & Marketing: Chair Poling reported the AIS display screens are being utilized

and out-of-date calendars are being distributed. She reminded the Board she has three banners for

use by the regions or affiliates.

Publications: Chair Maureen Mark (Absent) A lengthy discussion of the report submitted by Chair

Mark involved whether the section publications be made available at the AIS Storefront. Storefront

Director Ludi proposed a process for handling the sales of section publications as follows: When an order

comes into the Storefront for a section publication, he will email the section rep to mail it out. At the end

of the month when the Storefront closes its books, the payments will go directly into the AIS bank

account. The payment to the section will be processed by the Secretary and disbursed by the Treasurer.

G. Snyder moved the Storefront process drop ship orders, as described above, for the sections for

those section publications approved by the Publications Committee, charging a 5% service fee.

Seconded by G. Sutton. Motion carried.

The Publication Committee has requested funds to publish up to two supplements to **The World**

of Iris each year. The topic was referred back to the committee for cost details.

Robins: Chair Cross (absent) – J. Plank reported that Chair Cross will be retiring after nine years

of service, but that she will continue with the paper Robins she is guiding at the present time until

her successor is able to work into the program. The goal of President-elect Plank is to re-activate the

national E-Robins. She will recommend the appointment of Susan Boyce to become Robin Chair

upon Cross' retirement.

RVP Counselor: Chair Carson – The RVP Handbook is available without cost in the Storefront.

Chair Carson moved to accept the following RVPs for the terms indicated. Seconded by Epperson.

Motion carried.

First Year RVPs:

Region 1: David Nitka

Region 2: Robert Keup

Region 3: Jason Leader

Region 5: Carolyn Hawkins

Region 16: Chris Hollinshead

Region 17: Dana Brown

Region 19: Vince Lewonski

Region 20: Steve Blecher

Region 21: Gary White

Region 23: Pegi Naranjo

Second Year RVPs:

Region 6: Judy Hollingworth

Region 8: Marianne Schumacher

Region 9: Ernie Henson

Region 11: Ann Violette

Region 14: Betty Coyle

Region 18: Rita Gormley

Region 22: Carol Goldsberry

Third Year RVPs:

Region 4: Ginny Spoon

Region 7: Linda Browning

Region 10: Julian Wells

Region 12: Leon Robertson

Region 13: Bruce Filardi

Region 15: Jim Giles

Region 24: Janice Tate

RVP Representative: J. Giles (Absent) No report.

Scientific: Chair Dr. Chandler Fulton (Absent), provided a report to the Board. Chair Fulton has

initiated e-mail communication to evaluate how most effectively to optimize funding of scientific

research by the AIS, specifically establishing an exchange among the Grants

Committee, The AIS

Foundation, the Scientific Committee, and the Scientific Editor of the AIS Bulletin. J.

Plank

received the report and will disseminate the information at the Spring Board Meeting.

Section Liaison: Chair M. Mark (absent): No report. J. Poling has offered to include section Invitation

to-Join brochures in new AIS member packets. Sections are to supply her with at least 50-60 copies.

Silent Auction: Chair R. Gormley reported that the silent auction last year was very successful. She was appreciative of all who helped manage this project. She thanked hybridizers especially for the silent auction donations which contributed heavily to the profit.

Slides: Chair Mull provided a report encouraging everyone to use slide or CD programs to promote iris. Slide programs continue to be available for 2001-2003 introductions and conventions, although no more slide programs will be created due to the rapidly dwindling stock of slides. Photos of 2003 and 2004 introductions and conventions will be available on CD. Appreciation was extended to Chair Mull for his continuing diligent work with slides and CDs.

Surplus Bulletins: Chair Violette (Absent) – Chair Violette continues to send out surplus Bulletins for AIS.

Symposium: Chair G. Snyder is working on the symposium, tallying the results and will get the information to the Bulletin Editor Filardi by November 15th.

Youth: Chair Jean Morris reported 406 youth members comprised of 242 regular youths and 164

Classroom Iris Project (CIP) members. She welcomed the new Regional Youth Chairmen: Carol

Morgan (6), Frank Foster (13), Lorraine Nicholson (14) and Alverton A. Elliott (23).

The following AIS youths are AIS Judges: Krissy Laing (4), Marc Loberg (14), Stephanie Rust

(18) and Joshua Winzer (22). Sylvia Chapman (16) has two iris introductions.

Chair Jean Morris announced the plans for youth activities at the AIS Convention in St. Louis.

She introduced Cheryl Deaton (15) who will assume the duties of AIS Youth Chairman following

her appointment by the Board. The Board of Directors of AIS expressed their sincere appreciation

for the diligent and faithful service of Jean Morris as Youth Chairman for 12 years.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Epperson moved that the Board affirm the election of Jeanne Clay

Plank as AIS President. Seconded by G. Sutton. Motion carried. Incoming President J. Plank

accepted the gavel from outgoing President Aitken.

Nominations were opened for the remaining elected offices. Upon receiving no additional

nominations from the floor, nominations were closed and the following slate of officers was elected

by acclamation:

First Vice President: E. Roy Epperson

Second Vice President: Judy Keisling

Secretary: Jill Bonino

Treasurer: Jay Hudson

Bulletin Editor: Bruce Filardi

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS: President Plank requested the appointment of the following officers. Jones moved for affirmation of the following appointments.

Seconded by Gossett. Motion carried.

Registrar/Recorder– Mike and Anne Lowe

Membership Secretary – Tom Gormley

Recording Secretary – Carolyn Hawkins

Publications Sales Directors – John and Kay Ludi

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

President J. Plank requested approval for the following Standing Committee appointments. Jones

moved to approve the list of Committee appointments. Seconded by Gossett. Motion carried.

Affiliates – Gerry Snyder

Awards – E. Roy Epperson

Calendars – Olive Rice-Waters

Convention Liaison – Paul Gossett

Donations Secretary – Donna James

Electronic Services – John Jones

Exhibitions – Jason Leader

Grants for Scientific Research – Dr. William Shear

Historical Resource – Anne Lowe

Honorary Awards – Terry Aitken

Insurance – Michelle Snyder

Judges – Judy Keisling

Judges Handbook Revision – E. Roy Epperson

Librarian – Keith McNames

New Historical Iris Chronicles – Clarence Mahan

Policy – Betty Roberts

Public Relations and Marketing – Joyce Poling

Publications – Maureen Mark

Robins – Susan Boyce

RVP Counselor – Louise Carson

Scientific – Dr. Chandler Fulton

Section Liaison – Jim Morris

Silent Auction – Rita Gormley

Slides – Bill Mull

Surplus Bulletins - Ann Violette

Symposium – Gerry Snyder

Youth – Cheryl Deaton

President J. Plank requested approval to appoint Donna James to serve the remaining term of

Judy Keisling's Director position. Roberts moved to approve this appointment.

Seconded by Gossett.

Motion carried.

In appreciation for his outstanding service as President of the AIS for 2001 - 2004, President J.

Plank and Secretary Bonino presented outgoing President Aitken with a beautiful hand designed

card signed by the Board along with a monogrammed glass paperweight-sized globe.

The

paperweight globe was a symbol of the full-size globe from National Geographic fitted with an

engraved plaque that will be delivered to the Aitken home in December. In turn, T.

Aitken then

presented President J. Plank with the AIS Gold Medal (originally awarded to John Wister) which

has been mounted in a custom crafted mahogany display case. As a symbol of office, Plank will keep

the medal during her term as President and pass it on to her successor.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR 2004 -2005 YEAR

While decisions to increase revenues were made throughout this meeting, Treasurer Hudson

reported that estimated revenues will not meet the estimated expenses, and, therefore, reserve funds

will be used to achieve a balanced budget for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. Discussion followed about

additional methods to balance the budget.

The Ad-Hoc Membership Dues Review Committee met and submitted suggested membership

dues changes. Bonino moved that we raise the membership dues effective April 1, 2005 as follows.

Seconded by Epperson. Motion carried.

AIS Membership:

Annual: Single \$25.00 Dual \$30.00

Triennial: Single \$60.00 Dual \$75.00

Life: Single \$450.00 Dual \$545.00

Youth without Bulletin: \$5.00

Youth with Bulletin; \$9.00

Overseas Rates:

Annual: Single \$30.00 Dual \$35.00

Triennial: Single \$65.00 Dual \$80.00

Treasurer Hudson will make the necessary changes based on the decisions made during the Board

Meeting and will send a revised budget for approval via email.

APPROVAL OF STANDARD BANKING RESOLUTION.

Jones moved to approve the Standard Banking Resolution. Seconded by Keisling.

Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Meeting May 9 - 14, 2005 - St. Louis, MO. Sheraton Westport **Chalet**, 191 Westport

Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63146 (314) 878-1500. Chair: Riley Probst, 314-822-2485, rprobst02@earthlink.net.

Chair Probst extended an offer to the Board for special timed tours due to the Board Meeting,

reminded the group of the early registration deadlines, and presented a letter from Bob Pries and

elaborated on it. Chair Probst also listed the possible sites to be visited.

Much appreciation and thanks go to Robert Treadway and his Committee from the Central

Arkansas Iris Society for hosting the November Fall Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hawkins

Recording Secretary

Meeting Separator

Minutes of the AIS Board of Directors Meeting Fresno, CA - April 19, 2004

The Spring Meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Iris Society was called to order

by President Terry Aitken at 1:10 PM on Monday, April 19, 2004.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President Terry Aitken, 1st Vice President

Jeanne Plank, 2nd Vice President Roy Epperson, Secretary Jill Bonino; Treasurer, Jay Hudson;

Administrative Officers: Editor Bruce Filardi, Recording Secretary Carolyn Hawkins, Publication Sales, John and Kay Ludi; **Directors:** Louise Carson, John Jones, Judy Keisling, John

Ludi, Maureen Mark, Bill Mull, Joyce Poling, Betty Roberts, Gerry Snyder, George Sutton; **RVP**

Representative: Patricia Randall (23); **Past President:** Dave Niswonger

Committee Chairs: Paul Gossett, Anne and Mike Lowe, Keith McNames, Jean Morris, Michelle

Snyder; **RVPs:** Bob Sawyer (1), Donna James (2), Ginny Spoon (4), Betty Coyle (15) Carol

Goldsberry (22); **Legal Advisor:** Robert Plank; **Guests:** Ellen Gallagher (1); Ron James (2); Bob

Hollingworth, Dorothy and Tony Willott (6); Susan Boyce, Brad Kasperek (12); Barbara Aitken,

Lorena Reid, Doris Shinn, Dave Silverberg (13); Irene Annand, Margaret Sutton (14); Joyce

Bertran, Cheryl Deaton, Avery Poling, Winona Stevenson (15); Irmgard Thiele (16); Pat Byrne

(17); Rita Gormley, Jim Morris, Riley Probst, Shirley Trio (18); Bill Goldsberry, Kitty Lack, Aline

Smith (22).

President Aitken welcomed all attendees. All Board Members and guests introduced themselves.

Mike Lowe was appointed Parliamentarian.

President Aitken recognized Bob Sawyer, Chairman of the Nominating Committee who presented the following committee-proposed slate of candidates for nomination for director: Bill

Mull, Gerry Snyder, Charlotte Holte, Donna James, Bob Kuep, Brad Kasperek and James W.

Morris. Nominations from the floor added the names of Paul Gossett and Bob Sawyer to the proposed slate.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session for the selection of a Membership Secretary to fill the vacancy left by the death of Mary Brown, and to select four nominees for the expiring Director positions. Upon resuming regular session, President Aitken announced that Tom Gormley (18) has been appointed AIS Membership Secretary and that the nominees for the four expiring Director positions are: Bill Mull (4), James W. Morris (18), Paul Gossett (22) and Gerry Snyder (15).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, at Tucson, AZ, November 7, 2003 – Carolyn Hawkins, Recording Secretary. The minutes were approved as printed in the January 2004 *AIS*

Bulletin, pages 99-108.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President: The Board approved President Aitken's appointment of Betty Roberts as Policy Chairman.

The following interim Board actions were approved via email vote since the November, 2003 meeting:

1. That the AIS purchase all of the AIS logo polo shirts in inventory from the AIS Gift Shop at cost, approximately 95 shirts, and that these shirts will be stored temporarily at Jill Bonino's home.

2. That the AIS sell the embroidered AIS logo polo shirts for \$20 each. Affirmation to approve these interim actions followed.

First Vice President: Jeanne Plank reminded the Board that before the Board adjourns at this convention, a meeting would take place between the AIS Endowment Fund Committee and the AIS Foundation for the purpose of developing and better defining the relationship between the two groups. She will report back to the Board following that meeting

Second Vice President: R. Epperson deferred and will report later in the meeting.

Secretary: J. Bonino announced that the Dykes Medal has been received. She also announced

that she has stationery for Board members and RVPs who have not received theirs.

In order to facilitate interim Board action, officers and Board members are requested to notify

Bonino when they will be absent from email access for more than a week.

Bonino notified the Board that she will be gone from May 12th to June 1st and Jeanne Plank

and Michelle Snyder will be on duty temporarily. A reminder to the Board will be coming by email.

Treasurer: Treasurer Hudson gave the semi-annual report for the period ended March

31, 2004.

October 1 – September 30 is the fiscal year for the American Iris Society. A detailed report can

be issued to anyone requesting it.

Current assets are \$294,171 and restricted funds are \$16,170. Income was \$102,356 and

expenses were \$75,452. Net income is \$26,922.

The motion was made by J. Plank and seconded by G. Snyder to compensate Ann Lowe for

her services as temporary Membership Secretary at a prorated amount. Motion carried.

E. Roy Epperson moved that AIS reimburse Mike Lowe for his travel round trip expenses to

Oregon for his work in the transfer of the Registrar's office to Blackstone, VA. Seconded by J.

Bonino. Motion passed.

Editor: Editor Filardi: He reported on the printer and shipping issues and while being very aware

of maintaining low costs of the publication.

A request by the Board was made to list the AIS Website in the front of the *Bulletin*. Also a list

of the convention and board meeting dates should be in every issue.

Advertising Editor: George/Margaret Sutton reported that income earned was \$15,811.50 for

advertising since May 7, 2003. G. Sutton will continue to increase advertising in the *Bulletin*.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Membership Secretary: Anne Lowe, temporary Membership Secretary reported that through

April 18, 2004 we have approximately 6,000 members.

She updated the process of taking over the membership records. In February M. Lowe had

received a back-up disk. When current Membership Secretary Mary Brown passed away March

6th A. Lowe volunteered to help take over the membership records and on April 6th finished

coordinating the paperwork. The database is ready to pass on to the permanent Membership

Secretary. Computer equipment will also be forwarded to the new Membership Secretary.

A motion was made by G. Snyder and seconded by G. Sutton to formally thank Anne Lowe

for helping with the membership.

G. Sutton moved that the Board create a second position as an associate membership secretary

with an appropriate stipend. J. Poling seconded it. Motion passed. This position would eliminate

future issues where the current membership secretary cannot function for any reason. The salary for the Membership Secretary will be maintained at the current amount. A motion was made by J. Hudson that we reimburse any person, authorized by the President,

for their travel expenses to and from a location for receiving or giving instruction of the operation

of that administrative office. J. Plank seconded it. The motion was approved.

R. Epperson made the motion and seconded by G. Sutton to move the grace period to 60 days

for payment of AIS membership renewals. Motion carried. A. Lowe requested that it be advertised in the *Bulletin* several times.

Invitations to Join with the old address and name for the membership secretary were discussed. It

was decided to leave the address unchanged for the next several months until the supply is depleted

and then reprint.

Registrar: M. Lowe reported that he worked with Keith Keppel and is producing and maintaining

the position with all registrations now on the computer in a database. 275 registrations have been

processed and 63 names placed on reserve from December 2003 to April 2004.

Recording Secretary: No report

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. for the dinner hour and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Publications Sales Director: J. Ludi provided a detailed report, which is available upon request.

Total retail (postpaid) inventory on hand as of March 31, 2004 was \$189,290.00.

1. Reprinting of **Registration & Introduction** booklets was tabled until the Fall 2004 Board

Meeting.

2. 2004 Calendars are selling well. 314 are left and they will be sold for \$2 at this convention.

3. Reporting to the State of Oregon Department of Justice was completed and handled by

Treasurer Hudson. The tax will be approximately \$10.00 per annum.

4. **The Gardener's Iris Book** by William Shear will be discontinued for sale in the AIS Storefront, as it is now available at other outlets at a lower cost.

RVP Representative – P. Randall provided a report listing some of the various articles on activities

of the various regions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. J. Bonino proposed the 14-day voting period change to 10 days for email communications.

Referring to rules regarding email communications it may be that this policy will be changed

in other areas also. It was discussed and will be reviewed and reported on at the 2004 Fall

Board Meeting. Until that meeting the policy will not change.

2. The World Iris Society proposal was discussed and it will not be pursued at this time.

3. Back-up for key AIS positions was discussed. It was encouraged that everyone find a way

to make a copy of their critical information and separate it from storage in one location.

Sending a CD or emailing files to a designated person will also suffice.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

A. Operations Manual: Chair Epperson reported that the manual would be distributed at the

Fall Board Meeting. This manual is to include job descriptions for all positions within AIS.

B. Non-profit Incorporation Tax Exempt Status (501(c) 3). Chair R. Plank reported that affiliates may make the next submission for the Tax Exempt Status which is due to him by

July, 2004. He encourages all of the affiliates and regions to apply that have not done so.

C. Ad-Hoc Committee, Racetrack Design for AIS Logo. Chair J. Jones reported that there was

no action at this time.

D. Ad Hoc Committee, CD Creation: Chair Jones reported that copyright permission was obtained for the CDs that Bill Mull, Slide Chairman, is preparing. Securing copyright permission for additional usage is a complex issue and has legal implications, which are unworkable at this time.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Affiliates: Chair G. Snyder stated that until the new Membership Secretary is in place the updates

on recognized affiliates would not be available. The motion was made by J. Jones that all affiliates

from last year be considered to be affiliates for this year and that any new applications that are

approved be added to that list. P. Randall seconded. Approved.

Affiliate Contest: Chair N. Pocklington (Absent): No report.

Awards: Chair Epperson has prepared the Official AIS 2004 Ballot with 665 mailed to fully

accredited judges and 60 to apprentice judges. He has ordered 200 each Adult Silver and Bronze

Medals.

Calendars: Chair Olive Rice-Waters was absent but President Aitken reported that the 20th

Anniversary Edition, 2005 calendar order of 3,000 copies is in production and is to be printed in

June. He will also check on commercial sales for AIS calendars.

Convention Liaison: Chair Gossett provided a list of all convention and board meeting dates and

locations. He is seeking an AIS National Convention site for 2008.

The Greater Kansas City Iris Society has submitted an invitation to hold the AIS Spring National Convention in 2009 in Kansas City. R. Epperson moved that we accept this invitation.

It was seconded by P. Randall. The motion passed.

The AIS Convention Relief Fund was discussed and it was decided to handle it on an "as need basis" if and when it occurred.

J. Hudson moved that Paul Gossett order reprinting of the convention handbook not to exceed

100 copies. It will also be placed on the AIS Website. P. Randall seconded the motion.

Approved.

Donations Secretary: Chair J. Plank provided a report and stated she would be giving more

information later after the meeting with the Foundation Board.

Electronic Services: Chair Jones purchased an LCD projector to be used for conventions and for

training programs, where needed in the AIS, with a cost of \$1,405. Chair Jones made the motion

that AIS make the LCD projector available to affiliates, regions, sections, and cooperating societies

with a credit card preauthorization for replacement, appropriate traceable insured shipping plus a

rental fee of \$25. G. Snyder seconded the motion. Specifications will be provided in the *Bulletin*.

Non-affiliates are excluded from rental of the LCD projector.

The AIS President will extend a letter of appreciation to the Webmaster C. Hollinshead.

Changes to the convention pages on the AIS Website will be monitored by J. Jones to eliminate

superfluous updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. to resume April 20th at 8:30 a.m.

Exhibitions: R. Epperson reported that he has received 81 orders for supplies for shows. Jason

Leader receives the recommendations for approval of schedules. Coordination between Epperson

and Leader manage the show exhibitions and delivery of supplies, medals.

Foundation Liaison: Bob Hollingworth reported on the working relationship of the Foundation

and the AIS. His report gave details of the grants currently being funded by the Foundation. He

announced that the AIS Foundation agreed to also fund the Carol Wilson research proposal of

phylogeny-based reclassification of iris.

The Foundation has a web site at www.aisfoundation.org

Grants/Scientific Research Committee: Three scientific research proposals were submitted to

the Grants/Scientific Research Committee. The committee was unable to reach an agreement on which proposal to recommend for funding. All three proposals are considered to be quality research projects. No recommendation was reported to the Board from the Committee Chairman Shear who was unable to attend the meeting. Information on the three proposals had been sent, however, by Chairman Shear to Past-President Clarence Mahan, who, at the last moment, was also unable to attend the Board meeting. Past-President Mahan in turn passed along the information to 2nd VP Epperson. Dr. Epperson reviewed the specifics about each of the three proposals for the Board. In the meantime, one of the three proposals (Carol Wilson on a phylogeny-based reclassification of iris) had also been submitted to The AIS Foundation. Funding this one proposal is being considered by the Foundation. The AIS Board discussed funding the two remaining proposals. Each researcher would receive a grant of \$5,000 per year for a 3-year period, a commitment of \$15,000 per grant. The AIS treasurer indicated that we have sufficient means for funding these proposals. A motion was made by G.Snyder and seconded by Patricia Randall that the AIS support the two proposals (Alan Meerow for a study of *I. hexagonae* in the southeastern United States and Robert Cornman for a study of relationships in *I. missouriensis*) for a combined funding cost of \$10,000 per year following guidelines that will come from the Grants Committee. Motion carried. Chairman Shear will be notified and funding procedures worked out.

Honorary Awards: Chair Mahan (Absent): No report

Insurance: Chair M. Snyder reported Certificate of Insurance information is being printed in the *Bulletin* twice a year and will be on the AIS Web site. She reminded everyone that she does not obtain the Certificate of Insurance. It is up to the individual who is handling the show or the sales for the club to get these Certificates of Insurance. She will check on bonding all who handled money within AIS and will report at the Fall Board Meeting.

Judges: Chair Keisling announced she has received the records from Bonnie/Hooker Nichols. She is coordinating records to update her files where judges are delinquent and will contact each one

giving a 30 days grace period. 883 judges are listed on her computer database. Her report lists them by region and by status. Any change of **any type** in status at the region level must be reported to Keisling.

Judges Handbook Revision Committee: Chair Epperson led a discussion of the issues involved in completing *The Handbook*. More information will be discussed at the 2004 Fall Board Meeting.

He read the following:

The *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials* is silent on the method of re-instatement of judges

who have been dropped for failure to vote a timely Ballot for two consecutive years. The Handbook Revision Committee recommends the following: Replace the lead paragraph on p. 11

of the *Handbook* with the following:

If a fully accredited judge is dropped from the judge's roster for cause: Failure to complete

the required training hours in a timely manner; failure to submit a timely Activity Report;

resignation; or for failure to vote the timely Ballot for 2 consecutive years, he/she can be

reinstated upon the completion of the required hours of training in an approved school and

upon the written recommendation of the RVP and five (5) other judges in his/her region.

The recommendation was seconded by J. Plank and unanimously approved.

Librarian: Chair McNames reported that the contract with the City of Silverton expires on

November 2005 and will automatically renew for 10 years. An ad-hoc committee was formed to

review the accommodations for the Library location with members to be Keith McNames, J.

Hudson, J. Plank, and Jim Morris with a report at the Fall Board Meeting.

R. Epperson moved that the list of surplus items from the AIS Library for the convention silent

auction be approved; it was seconded by G. Snyder. Motion carried.

New Historical Iris Chronicles: Chair Mahan (Absent): No report.

Policy & Historical Resource: Chairs Mike/Anne Lowe: M. Lowe reported on the progress of

the position of policy and the additions of some records. CDs have been prepared for the minutes

1987-2003 and provided at this meeting. A discussion followed on the procedure to update and

recover policies that are unrecorded. Betty Roberts will be taking this chairmanship responsibility.

A. Lowe reported on historic resource and she continues to receive requests and answers them.

Public Relations & Marketing: Chair Poling announced that the *Invitation to Join* is continuing

to be a successful membership brochure. The out of date calendars are also being distributed by her Committee.

There is an AIS display screen on the east coast and one on the west coast. Contact her for

information about renting these for iris events at least one month in advance of the event.

J. Poling also ordered three 8 feet long large banners, which are available for rent for iris events

and needs 2 weeks advance notice to send these. Please contact her for these also.

Publications: Chair Mark listed the following mandates in her report:

1. Publish a hybridizers' guide to the genetics of iris to be updated periodically, as a supplement

to the *World of Iris*.

2. Publish appropriate topics as supplements to the *World of Iris*.

3. Endorse and have available for sale (small volume), at the AIS Storefront, key publications

by AIS sections. (These would be ordered directly from the AIS Storefront.)

J. Bonino made the motion to accept the proposed mandate from this committee. G. Snyder

seconded the motion. Motion passed

Mark discussed the proposed work program for each mandate and a discussion followed.

Registrations: Chair M. Lowe, as the new Registrar, updated the Board on the activities and has

no formal report at this time. A discussion followed regarding publication of Checklists.

Robin: Chair Cross (Absent): No report.

RVP Counselor: Chair Carson announced that Jim Giles was elected as RVP Rep for next year.

Scientific: In the absence of Chairman, Dr. Chandler Fulton, J. Bonino read his report. No new

projects or reports have come before the Scientific Committee.

Section Liaison: Chair Mark provided a list of the AIS Section presidents, membership secretaries and editors. SIGNA turned in a separate report to the Board.

Silent Auction: Chair R. Gormley thanked everyone for the 320 items furnished for this convention. The final results from the Silent Auction of 2003 were \$6,178.50. She

extended

thanks to everyone for the donations.

Slides: Chair Mull encouraged everyone to provide garden club programs to further the interest

in iris. He recommended that AIS waive the rental fee to affiliate members who are doing such a

program on iris. The Board approved this recommendation.

Digital imaging is becoming more prevalent and he will continue to provide CDs and slide

programs. All items on the CDs will have permission for reprinting to avoid copyright issues.

A \$10 charges for CDs, including postage, was recommended by Chair Mull. The approval was

seconded by R. Epperson. The Board passed the recommendation.

Photographs of all of the AIS Award winners for the past five years have been placed on CDs

and will be provided to B. Mull. CDs of convention iris will be put on the Web site.

Sections will continue to prepare their own CDs and slide programs.

Surplus *Bulletins*: Chair Violette – J. Bonino read her report. She is continuing to send surplus

Bulletins out and is breaking even on expenses for this project.

Symposium: Chair G. Snyder had no report.

Youth: Chair Jean Morris reported AIS youth membership totals 393. The winner of the Clarke

Cosgrove Memorial Award for Youth Achievement is Amanda Cummings of Region 2. A tie for

second place was between Kory Kuntz of Region 18 and Kristen Laing of Region 4.

Third place

was Joe Devous of Region 18.

Rhizomes were sent to many AIS youth members and everyone is encouraged to send and

donate irises. She also thanked everyone for the various types of donations that are given to the

youth movement.

The meeting was recessed at noon and resumed at 8:00 p.m.

Nominating Committee Appointments:

AIS Directors: Roy Epperson and Betty Roberts. **RVPs:** Bruce Filardi and Ginny Spoon.

Section Representative: Will Plotner.

Designation of President-elect: R. Epperson moved that Jeanne Plank be designated as

President-elect. J. Bonino seconded the designation and it passed.

Announcements:

The 2004 Fall Board Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Airport, Little Rock, AR on November 5-7, 2004. Robert Treadway, (870) 854-5456, email: robertt01@earthlink.net is the

contact.

Many thanks were extended to Betty Coyle and her Region 14 Committee members as hosts

for this National Convention held in Fresno, California.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hawkins
Recording Secretary

Minutes

of the AIS Board of Directors Meeting

Tucson, Arizona

November 7- 8, 2003

The Fall Meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Iris Society was called to order by

President Terry Aitken at 7:10 PM on Friday, November 7, 2003.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President T. Aitken, 1st Vice

President J. Plank,

2nd Vice President Epperson, Secretary Bonino; Treasurer, Hudson, Immediate Past

President Mahan;

Administrative Officers: Editor Filardi, Recording Secretary Hawkins, Publication Sales J. and K. Ludi;

Directors: Carson, Jones, Keisling, J. Ludi, Mark, Mull, N. Pocklington, J. Poling, Roberts, G. Snyder,

G. Sutton; **RVP Representative:** P. Randall; **Committee Chairs:** Gossett, A. Lowe, M. Lowe, Jean

Morris, M. Snyder; **RVPs:** Sawyer (1), Betty Coyle (15); **Section President:** Thurman (DIS); **Legal**

Advisor: R. Plank; **Guests:** I. Pocklington (9), Boyce (12), B. Aitken (13), Bill Coyle (14), M. Sutton

(14), J. Parks (15), A. Poling (15), L. Skerston (15), Jim Morris (18), McMartin (22), Bergamo (23),

Jordon (23).

President Aitken welcomed all attendees. All Board Members and guests introduced themselves.

Mike Lowe was appointed Parliamentarian.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, at Falls Church, VA, May 12-13, 2003 – Carolyn Hawkins,

Recording Secretary.

The minutes have the following correction:

On pages 83 of the July AIS Bulletin under the Publications Sales Directors report No. 3, the

second sentence should read:

Discussion followed and it was decided that this book and the current Louisiana, Siberian and

Japanese Society books also should be **promoted in the Bulletin as a service to the Sections and**

Cooperating Societies.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

The following interim Board actions were approved via email since the May, 2003 meeting:

Vote of approval and confidence for Editor Bruce Filardi. Approved.

Vote to encourage Regions and Affiliates to establish public relations and marketing

programs. Approved.

First Vice President: J. Plank presented a suggestion that she had been asked to bring to the Board which proposed that the AIS institute an award to be given to the Iris placing number one on the Annual Symposium. She requested that discussion and action be deferred until later in the meeting.

Second Vice President: R. Epperson deferred and will report later in the meeting.

Secretary: No additional nominations for directors for the Board were received and the following

candidates were elected by acclamation: Joyce Poling (15), Betty Roberts (20), Jason Leader (3), and Judy Keisling (18).

Bonino advised the Secretary's office has a FAX machine so she can receive as well as send

messages in that manner.

Treasurer: Treasurer Hudson gave the annual report for the period ended September 30, 2003. The

finances continue to be strong and allow us to handle the up and downs of the economy. AIS is presently receiving an average of about 5.5% on CDs.

A contribution of \$10,000 from the Iris Society of Dallas was divided with \$5,000 into the Clark

Cosgrove Fund and \$5,000 into the Classroom Project Fund. He is recommending that we spread these funds to other youth funds.

A detailed report can be issued to anyone requesting it. Current assets are \$267,749, allocated funds

are \$18,048 and the total Life Membership Fund (restricted) is \$126,675. Income was \$174,406 and

expenses were \$167,706.

Treasurer Hudson listed the proposed budget with revisions for the fiscal year ending September

30, 2004 to bring the total income to \$162,500 with total expenses of \$160,675. This leaves a net income

of \$1,825. J. Hudson moved that the budget be approved as he has it listed. R.

Epperson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Editor: Editor Filardi: Sending the Bulletin shrink wrapped is working well. Discussion of qualifications for

printing memorials and obituaries in the Bulletin followed. An ad-hoc committee of B. Filardi, C. Mahan

and R. Epperson were appointed to prepare a policy. The following is the recommended revised policy:

Obituaries may be published in the Bulletin of The American Iris Society at no charge for persons

whose leadership and dedication to the ideals of the Society are of genuine and obvious distinction.

Among such persons are: RVPs, hybridizers who have received at least one Award of Merit (AM),

directors, and officers of AIS. The editor of the Bulletin has discretion to edit all obituaries for length and

may publish an obituary for a prominent irisarian who does not meet the criteria stated above.

If desired, space may be purchased at the then current rates for publication of an obituary for

person(s) not meeting these criteria. The paid obituary will carry the printed statement:

"Sponsored by
friends of . . ."

A motion was made by J. Bonino to accept the policy. It was seconded by G. Snyder and the

motion passed.

Advertising Editor: George/Margaret Sutton reported that we have 63 advertisers in the Shopping

section ads with total revenue of \$2373.25 since the report in May, 2003. They requested a budget

increase to \$200.

1. President Aitken recommended we increase the advertising rates in the Shopping Section as

follows: 15/16" to \$44, 1 15/16" to \$60, and 2 15/16" to \$80.

2. The recommendation for the black and white Display Advertising is as follows: 1" to \$35, 1/4

page to \$60, 1/2 page to \$90, 3/4 page to \$140, full page to \$160.

3. The recommendation for the color Display Advertising of 1/2 page, interior page to \$120, full

page interior page to \$200, full page interior page (4 consecutive issues discount) to \$180, full page, inside

back cover to \$300, full page, inside front cover to \$300 and full page, outside back cover to \$400.

R. Epperson made the motion to accept these rate changes, J. Plank seconded it and the motion

passed. C. Mahan made the motion that these changes be published in the Bulletin in January, 2004 and

that they will be effective for the July, 2004 Bulletin. Seconded by J. Hudson. Motion passed.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Membership Secretary: M. Brown was absent and Jill Bonino read her report. Old equipment software,

manuals and disks have been delivered to M. Lowe to use in converting registration files. She reports the

new equipment necessary to carry out her responsibilities is working well.

She has notified RVPs and Regional Membership Chairs of the new enrollment dates.

Changes

have been installed and she is up to date.

2630 renewal notices have been mailed and 77 of which were for overseas members. It was noted

that some new member packets are slow in coming out and it is recommended that no more than 2 weeks

pass before these packets are sent.

Distribution of membership lists was discussed. J. Jones moved that the AIS change the membership policy to no longer provide the AIS membership lists for commercial activities. Seconded

by G. Snyder. Motion passed.

Registrar: J. Bonino read Keppel's report in his absence. M. Lowe will take over as Registrar effective

December 2003. The cost for 900 copies of the 2003 Registrations and Introductions booklet will be

\$1609.90. R. Epperson made the motion that AIS print 900 copies of the R & I booklets.

Seconded by

N. Pocklington. Motion passed.

The remaining equipment in the Registrar's office was discussed. R. Epperson made the motion

to dispose of the Selectric II Typewriter, J. Jones seconded the motion and it passed. C.

Mahan moved

that the computer, monitor and printer remain with K. Keppel. It was seconded by Maureen Mark.

Motion passed.

C. Mahan made the motion that K. Keppel and K. McNames determine the need to retain the

cards and file cabinet and report back to the board for disposition either into the archives or otherwise

be disposed of. R. Epperson seconded it. Motion passed.

A motion was made by G. Sutton that registration and introduction fees be increased from \$7.50

to \$10 effective December 1, 2004. Seconded by R. Epperson. Motion passed.

After further discussion, R. Epperson moved that we reconsider the motion, seconded by G.

Sutton. It passed. C. Mahan made the motion that the **\$7.50 for registration be reinstated**. It was

seconded by J. Plank. Motion passed.

B. Roberts moved that we issue a resolution of appreciation to Keith Keppel for the efforts and

work he has done as Registrar. Seconded by C. Mahan. Motion passed.

Recording Secretary: No report

The meeting recessed at 10:30 p.m. and scheduled to reconvene in Executive session and 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 8, 2004. Regular session will resume at 9:00 a.m.

Publications Sales Director: John/Kay Ludi.

Total retail (postpaid) inventory on hand as of September 30, 2003 was \$217,312.50. Reprinting of Registration & Introduction lists was tabled until the Spring 2004 Board Meeting.

2004 Calendars are selling well. A discussion followed on the future plans for calendars. The 2003

and 2002 calendars will be distributed per requests. J. Plank moved that the 2004 calendars be put on sale for \$3.00 each or 10 for \$20.00 and advertised in the January Bulletin. Seconded by N. Pocklington.

Motion passed.

There was a discussion regarding the retail price of the **World of Iris**. G. Sutton moved that the

price be lowered to \$15.00, including shipping, as retail, with 20% off for 10 or more ordered and 40%

off for 100 or more ordered. P. Randall seconded it. Motion passed.

J. Ludi reported that he has 59 copies of **The Gardener's Iris Book** in stock.

C. Mahan made the motion that anyone who purchased 100 books at the discounted price in 2003

will be given 50 additional books with no charge to offset the price reduction passed.

The motion was

seconded by N. Pocklington. Motion passed.

J. Ludi notified the Board he shipped 47 orders to 15 different countries (England, Canada, South

Africa, France, New Zealand, Germany, Switzerland, Russia, Korea, Australia, Italy, Poland, Japan,

Belgium, Venezuela).

The updated Judge's **Handbook** pages issued since the January 2000 insert, are available at no cost

from the Storefront. The last official update was printed in the **April 2003 Bulletin, page 81**. AIS

members and judges should check this issue for the updates. The plan is for the revised **Handbook** to be

issued at the Portland Convention.

President Aitken appointed a Publication Committee to consider a series of supplements, booklets

or component books that will bring iris information up-to-date: M. Mark, T. Aitken, C. Mahan, B.

Roberts. This committee will report back at the spring meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

R. Epperson listed the following changes to the Standing Rules for Email Business:

Comments on a motion by any Board member are allowed up to 14 days instead of 7 days.

Allow up to 14 days for the vote to be transmitted after receipt of seconded motion.

R. Epperson moved that we make the above changes, seconded by G. Sutton. Motion passed.

It has been suggested that we consider printing vote results for all Dykes Medal eligible cultivars, not just the top three. G. Sutton moved that the Dykes Medal announcements remain as they presently are. It was seconded by J. Plank. Motion passed.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Operations Manual: Chair. Epperson, M. Lowe, J. Plank. Chair Epperson reported that the manual is still being compiled. He has requested distribution instructions and has suggested that it go to each officer, committee chair and RVP. It could also be available electronically. He plans to have the final draft at the spring meeting.

Non-profit Incorporation Tax Exempt Status (501(c)3): Chair. R. Plank and R. Epperson: Chair

R. Plank is planning to renew this status with affiliates to ensure they are under the umbrella. The next submission is due to him by July, 2004. He encourages all of the affiliates and regions to apply. Thanks were extended by the Board to R. Plank for all of his efforts on behalf of the American Iris Society.

Ad-Hoc Committee, Racetrack Design for AIS Logo. Chair. J. Jones, M. Lowe. No action at this time.

Claire B. Barr Library Endowment Fund - Chair. J. Plank, C. Mahan, R. Plank, R. Epperson, J.

Hudson, and K. McNames. J. Plank gave an update on this project and reported that since more investigation is necessary a follow-up report will be given at the spring Board Meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following officers were elected.

J. Bonino nominated, G. Sutton seconded Terry Aitken for President . J. Plank moved the nominations cease and Terry Aitken be elected by acclamation. G. Sutton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

B. Roberts nominated Jeanne Plank for First Vice President, and J. Keisling seconded the nomination. J. Bonino moved the nominations cease and Jeanne Plank be elected by acclamation. It was seconded by J. Jones and the motion passed.

J. Plank nominated E. Roy Epperson for Second Vice President, seconded by M. Lowe. J. Bonino moved that the nominations cease and E. Roy Epperson be elected by acclamation. Seconded by M. Lowe. Motion passed.

C. Hawkins nominated Jill Bonino for Secretary. It was seconded by J. Plank. R.

Epperson moved

the nominations cease and Jill Bonino be elected by acclamation. Seconded by J. Jones. Motion passed.

J. Jones nominated Jay Hudson for Treasurer. It was seconded by G. Snyder. C. Mahan moved the

nominations cease and Jay Hudson be elected by acclamation. Seconded by P. Randall. Motion passed.

B. Roberts nominated Bruce Filardi for Bulletin Editor. It was seconded by G. Sutton. R. Epperson moved the nominations cease and Bruce Filardi be elected by acclamation. Seconded by J.

Keisling. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS: Terry Aitken proposed the following

officers for appointment. G. Sutton moved, J. Bonino seconded that the Board endorse the

appointments. Motion passed.

Registrar – Anne and Mike Lowe (effective December 1, 2003)

Membership Secretary – Mary E. Brown

Recording Secretary – Carolyn Hawkins

Publications Sales Directors – John and Kay Ludi

APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS:

R. Epperson moved, and J. Jones seconded the motion to appoint the following members as RVPs for

the terms indicated. Motion passed.

First Year RVPs: Third Year RVPs:

Region 6: Judy Hollingworth Region 1: Robert Sawyer

Region 8: Marianne Schumacher Region 2: Donna James

Region 9: Ernie Henson Region 3: Jay Holcomb

Region 11: Ann Violette Region 5: Joyce Thrift

Region 14: Betty Coyle Region 15: Jim Giles

Region 16: Cathy Boyko Region 17: Keith Smith

Region 18: Rita Gormley Region 19: Mary Townsend

Region 22: Carol Goldsberry Region 20: Betty Roberts

Region 21: Eugene Kalkwarf

Second Year RVPs:

Region 23: Patricia Randall

Region 4: Ginny Spoon

Region 7: Linda Browning

Region 10: Julian Wells

Region 12: Thomas Miller

Region 13: Bruce Filardi

Region 24: Janice Tate

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

J. Plank made a motion and J. Jones seconded it to appoint the following members as Standing

Committee Chairs. Motion passed.

Affiliates – Gerry Snyder
Affiliates Contest – Nancy Pocklington/Bob Keup
Awards – E. Roy Epperson
Calendars – Olive Rice Waters
Convention Liaison – Paul Gossett
Donations Secretary – Jeanne Plank
Electronic Services – John Jones
Exhibitions – Jason Leader
Foundation Liaison – Roger Mazur/Claire Honkanen
Honorary Awards – Clarence Mahan
Insurance – Michelle Snyder
Judges – Judy Keisling
Judges Handbook Revision – E. Roy Epperson
Librarian – Keith McNames
New Historical Iris Chronicles – Clarence Mahan
Policy & Historical Resource – Mike/Anne Lowe (until December 1, 2003)
Public Relations and Marketing – Joyce Poling
Registration – Keith Keppel/Mike Lowe
Robins – Libby Cross
RVP Counselor – Louise Carson
Scientific – Dr. Chandler Fulton
Grants for Scientific Research – Dr. William Shear
Section Liaison – Maureen Mark
Silent Auction – Rita and Tom Gormley
Slides – Bill Mull
Symposium – Gerry Snyder
AA.Youth – Jean Morris
The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m. and resumed at 1:10 p.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Affiliates: Chair G. Snyder reported two more clubs have been established.

Affiliate Contest: Chair Keup/Pocklington .N.Pocklington announced the Affiliates Award winners for

2002 (presentation in 2003) were: First Place - Capital Hudson Iris Society (Region 2),
Second Place -

Hi Desert Iris and Daylily Society (Region 15), and Third Place - Ft.Worth Iris Society (Region 17).

They will receive iris donated by Cadds, Cooleys, Lauer, Schreiners, Burseen, Superstition Gardens and

Aitken. She expressed appreciation for the rhizomes from the hybridizers for these winners.

Awards: Chair Epperson reported that on the 2003 Official AIS Ballot there were 1,956 eligible cultivars

listed with 78.9% as bearded iris (54.6% tall bearded), and 21.1% beardless. 1,381 cultivars were eligible

for honorable mention. He reported on the balloting process and advised the Board there were 677

eligible voting judges. 87.3% returned ballots.

He stated that he has received expressions of concern that the early return date for the AIS Ballots

excludes the later blooming irises. J. Jones moved, M. Mark seconded that we change the postmark date

for turning in AIS Ballots from July 1 to August 1. Motion failed.

R. Epperson recommended the following:

1. Special Medals: In any given year in which there are fewer than two (2) eligible cultivars for any

Special Medal, that Special Medal will not be placed on the Official AIS Ballot for vote until there are

at least two (2) eligible cultivars for that specific Special Medal. Each eligible cultivar will continue on

the printed Ballot for the full three years of eligibility.

2. Award of Merit: In any given year in which there are fewer than three (3) eligible cultivars for

any Award of Merit, that Award of Merit will not be placed on the Official AIS Ballot for vote until

there are at least three (3) eligible cultivars for that specific Award of Merit. Each eligible cultivar will

continue on the printed Ballot for the full three years of eligibility.

This will become effective January 1, 2004. Epperson moved the adoption of these recommendations. J. Plank seconded it. Motion passed.

Calendars: Chair Olive Rice-Waters (Absent): T. Aitken reported that he talked with Rice-Waters and

the calendars are on track for release early in 2004.

A discussion on calendars and the methods of promotion and publication followed. The mailing

by Rice-Waters of the new calendar to each affiliate and board member was applauded

Mahan moved that we prepare a letter of commendation and vote of thanks to commend Rice-

Waters for her outstanding work and dedication for many years on calendars and especially on the 2004

calendars. Seconded by J. Plank. Motion passed.

Convention Liaison: Chair Gossett discussed the hosting of Fall Board Meetings. He requested

comments from the Board concerning questions of obligations and procedure. C.

Mahan moved that the

policy of the board will be that there is no obligation to provide meals or entertainment for anyone

attending a Fall Board Meeting. It should be clearly explained to any prospective host and changed in

the convention handbook. The motion was seconded by G. Snyder. Motion passed.

R. Epperson moved and J. Jones seconded the motion that we accept the invitation from the

Central Arkansas Iris Society in Little Rock, Arkansas for the Fall Board Meeting on

November 5-7,
2004. Motion passed.

J. Jones moved that we accept the invitation for the Fall Board Meeting in 2007 in Tulsa, OK from the Tulsa Area Iris Society. R. Epperson seconded the motion. The motion passed. The convention handbook needs reprinting. Gosset reported that the costs will be approximately \$900 and he will present it for approval at the spring meeting. Discussion of an AIS convention emergency relief fund will be on the agenda for the spring Board Meeting.

The next AIS Convention will be in Fresno, CA on April 19-24, 2004. Future conventions will be:

2005 in St. Louis, MO, 2006 in Portland, OR and 2007 in Oklahoma City, OK. Future spring conventions for 2008 and 2009 are open.

R. Epperson announced that Region 4 will host a Japanese Mini-Symposium "Ensatia Extravaganza," Virginia Beach, VA from June 3-5, 2004.

Donations Secretary: Chair J. Plank provided a report showing the donations for the fiscal year October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003. The General Fund receives the most consistent donations and memorial tributes comprise 89.5%. She encouraged members to continue to gift AIS and to honor and memorialize friends and family.

Electronic Services: Chair Jones announced that the 1999 Check List is online with a subscriber service.

1989, 1979, or 1969 have only been downloaded. \$710 has come in for subscriptions. Chair Jones moved that the AIS adopt the policy of allowing the R and I list to be placed on the online database a year after the hardbound publication is issued. Seconded by Jay Hudson. Motion passed.

Chair Jones moved that the AIS grant him permission to purchase an LCD projector to show images to be used for conventions and for training programs where needed in the AIS, with a cost of up to \$2500. Seconded by G. Snyder. Motion passed.

Membership for Electronic Access was discussed and Chair Jones moved that there be a fee

structure as follows: 1 year for \$10, 3 years for \$28, 5 years for \$45, and 10 years for \$85. Seconded by

M. Mark. Motion passed.

Webmaster C. Hollinshead - no report

Exhibitions: In Chairman Jason Leader's absence R. Epperson gave the report. There were 176 shows with only two cancellations in 2003. 'CONJURATION' is the 2003 winner of the Nelson

Award, winning in 4 shows and 'CELEBRATION SONG' won in 3 shows. The following were awarded best specimen in accredited shows over the year: Tall bearded in 90 shows, Louisianas in 13 shows, MTBs in 7 shows, Siberians in 6 shows and all others in 5 shows.

Chair Leader did not acquire a postage machine as they are only available by lease which is not cost efficient.

R. Epperson reported the Bronze and Silver Medal stock was low and moved that we purchase

200 medal sets at a cost of \$4,000. Seconded by B. Roberts. Motion passed.

Chair Leader recommended and Roy Epperson so moved that effective January 1, 2004, one free

set of adult medals be provided for AIS accredited shows sponsored by AIS Regions (that are not officially affiliates of AIS). Seconded by B. Roberts. Motion passed.

Foundation Liaison: R. Mazur/C. Honkanen - No report

Honorary Awards: President Aitken announced the Honorary Awards selected during the Executive

Session:

Emeritus Judges: Everette Lineberger, Jim Morris and Shirley Pope

Warburton Medal: B. C. Baughen

Hybridizer's Medal: Kenneth Fisher, Larry Lauer, Vernon Wood, Graeme Grosvenor

Distinguished Service Medal: Mike Lowe, Jean Morris, Melody Wilhoit

Appointment of Overseas Judges: Gisela Dathe, Valeria Roselli and Tomas Tamberg

Insurance: - Chair M. Snyder reported that when requesting a Certificate of Insurance to be sure to

indicate whether it is a single event (where dates and/or venues change) or an annual event (which is not

date specific and changes each year). She provided a copy of the AIS Insurance Coverage with the

instructions for securing the coverage. She requested that this information be printed in the Bulletin

twice a year.

Judges: Chairs Bonnie/Hooker Nichols were absent and R. Epperson gave the report. He stated he had

a list of accredited judges who did not vote the Ballot this year if anyone needed that information. The

Nichols provided a list of the judges to be approved, by region, for 2004. R. Epperson moved that we

approve this list of judges, with necessary corrections to be made. J. Jones seconded. Motion passed.

Judges Handbook Revision Committee: Chair Epperson, Crick, H. Nichols and J. Keisling. Jim Morris supplied some of the suggested changes. Chair Epperson read the following

changes for **The Handbook For Judges and Show Officials**, Sixth Edition, 1998.
Item 1. Chapter 22: SELECTING THE BEST SPECIMEN OF THE SHOW, p. 206.

Replace Paragraph 2 with the following:

A candidate for Best Specimen of Show must be a named, introduced variety or properly identified Species (SPEC) or Interspecies Cross (SPEC-X) which best exhibits the characteristics most typical and nearly perfect in its classification. The choice is made from single specimen classes.

The candidate for

Best Specimen of show must have won a blue ribbon and Best of Section (when Section requirements

are met) and should be displayed within the size limits of its official registration. All Youth horticultural

entries are equally eligible as adult entries for Best Specimen of Show. Should two specimens be judged

equal after point scoring all characteristics, the newer variety by year of introduction should be placed

higher because it represents to the public the closest current standard of perfection.

G. Sutton moved we accept this change. G. Snyder seconded it. Motion passed.

Replace Paragraph 3 with the following (these are the current guidelines)

- The following exhibits are **not** eligible for Best Specimen of Show:

- English Box or individual blossom entries

- Bulbous entries

- Seedlings, including named and registered but non-introduced irises

- Collections

Chair Epperson requested that the Board approve in principle Paragraph 3 (per the discussions)

and direct the Revision Committee, working with Jim Morris, to formulate a complete Paragraph 3 that

is as comprehensive as is logical within the framework of **The Handbook**. J. Jones moved we accept the

proposal in principle. Seconded by G. Snyder. Motion passed.

Item 2. Chapter 24: Collection Classes, p. 212 (Paragraph 2)

The ideal collection will consist of three to five stalks of the same type (but not necessarily the same

cultivar) of iris, all of which are of **Blue Ribbon** quality. Stalks should be identical in all physical respects,

i.e., size, form, freshness, etc. All stalks should be cut to the same length. **Only one**

blue ribbon may be

awarded per collection, if warranted.

J. Plank moved we accept this recommendation. P. Randall seconded. Motion passed.

Item 3: Chapter 1:Accreditation of Judges, pg. 5,The Student Judge, paragraph 2.

Background:Fully accredited Garden judges are required to demonstrate 5 hours of training each three year

period. Master Active judges are required to demonstrate 3 hours of training each three year period. It is of concern

that there is no explicit time frame for a student judge to acquire the minimum required ten hours of training.

Insert in paragraph 2 after sentence 1, the following:

The ten (10) hours of required training must have been completed within the three year period

immediately preceding recommendation for appointment as an Apprentice Judge.

J. Plank moved we accept the recommendation. Seconded by G. Sutton. Motion passed.

Item 4. The Handbook appears to be silent on reinstatement of judges who have been dropped for failure

to vote a timely ballot for two consecutive years. It is the intent that these judges cannot be reinstated?

Or do we need to craft guidelines for reinstatement? The Board asked to have guidelines for reinstatement.

Item 5. Reinstatement of Judges, page 11, paragraph 1.

Add a paragraph to read:

If an accredited judge is dropped from the judges' roster for failure to complete the required training

hours in a timely manner or resigns, he/she can be reinstated upon the completion of the required five

(5) hours of training in an approved school and upon the recommendation of the RVP and five (5) other

judges in his/her region, **who are familiar with the activities of the accredited judge seeking**

reinstatement.

J. Plank moved we accept the addition, P. Randall seconded. Motion passed.

Chair Epperson provided two more recommendations concerning changes for MDBs and the

height of MTBs in **The Handbook**. He was encouraged to proceed with his contact with the respective

Sections involved.

Librarian: Chair McNames was absent and J. Bonino read his report. Projects are underway and the

following new books have come into the inventory:

Flora of North America, Volume 26, Iris, Iris: The Classic Bearded Varieties, Irises RHS Wisley

Handbooks, **Irises** by Judith M. Berrisford, **Growing Irises** by Graeme Grosvenor, **Siberian Irises** by

Currier McEwen, **Rainbow Fragments** by J. Marion Shull and **The New Handbook for Iris Growers**

by Florence Stout.

Bulletins are also being received directly from the British, German and Russian Societies.

New Historical Iris Chronicles: Chair Mahan discussed this during the Publications Sales Directors

Report. He will serve on the new Publications Committee.

Policy & Historical Resource: Chairs Mike/Anne Lowe:A.Lowe reported on the historical queries that she receives, indicating the importance of managing this committee. She is announcing that since she will be working on a new committee this will be her last report on the Historical Resource Committee.

Policy per M. Lowe has been provided with a CD with all the minutes back to 1987 with several

versions so it will be easily opened. Thanks went to Mike for all of his efforts and time.

Public Relations & Marketing: Chair Poling announced that the **Invitation to Join** has been a successful

program. She asked for contacts in every region so she can send out the brochures.

She listed her plans

for promoting iris and AIS in all major flower shows across the U.S.

J. Ludi discussed the display board for AIS and recommended that we establish guidelines for

shipping the board to shows. It was moved by B. Roberts that AIS will send the display board and the

recipient will be responsible to return it at their expense. Seconded by P. Randall.

Motion passed.

The meeting was dismissed at 5:15 p.m. for dinner to reconvene at 7:30 p.m.

Robin: Chair Cross was absent and J. Bonino read her report. The Robins are all running satisfactorily.

One Robin (Region 4's "Wild Ones") has become inactive.

RVP Counselor: Chair Carson – The RVPs were approved as listed previously.

RVP Representative:RVP Rep Randall provided a report to the Board listing some of the activities from

various regions. She included specifically information from Regions 2, 13 and 23. She is requesting more

information from activities in all of the regions that she can include in her published report.

Scientific: In the absence of Chairman, Dr. Chandler Fulton, J. Bonino read his report. He mentioned

the important contributions that activities of Dr. McEwen have made to iris and the American Iris

Society. Sharon Hayes Whitney and Dr. Fulton have worked on an evaluation of Hensler's putative

hybrids. Andrew Wheeler has an ongoing mutation project and expects to see a few second-generation

flowers next spring. Renewed activity in making chromosome counts to better define some crosses is a

project of Dr. John Heimke at Russell Sage College.

Grants for Scientific Research Committee (formerly Scholarship/Grants): Chair Shear's report

proposed the following changes to the guidelines for Grants:

1. Applicants must be U.S. or Canadian citizens enrolled as graduate students at an American or Canadian institution for the 200_ - 200_ academic year, or employed by an academic institution or research agency as a researcher or faculty member.

Justification: The previous guidelines restricted the grant to students. "Research agencies" are listed to recognize that not all worthy research is done at academic institutions. However, it is believed that grants should not be made to unaffiliated individuals.

R. Epperson moved that we approve the guidelines on grants to be refocused relative to persons who may apply for grants. Seconded by G. Snyder. Motion passed

2. Change the structure of the grant to provide the option for grantees to apply for more than one

year of funding, up to \$15,000 for 3 years. Note that if such a grant were made, it would preclude other

grants for the following 3 years, unless the Society was to increase the budgetary allocation to the

committee. If a full 3-year grant were to be made on an annual basis, the committee would, in the third

year and onward, require an annual budget of \$15,000 to fund all grants.

Note: It is possible, given the small number of applications in the last few years, to make grants for

a longer period of time without an increase in funds, IF that should be the decision of the board.

R. Epperson moved that we approve the recommendation of the Grants Committee report relative

to a 3-year total continuing grant of \$15,000. Seconded by N. Pocklington. The motion was amended

to include grant money being distributed contingent on receiving an annual report. N. Pocklington as

the second approved the amendment. Motion passed.

Section Liaison: Chair Mark provided a list of the AIS Section presidents, membership secretaries and editors. A list of conventions and activities were included. She reported that the sections are looking

forward to receiving the updated **The Handbook For Judges and Show Officials.**

Silent Auction: Chair Gormley's report was read by J. Bonino. The silent auction is being set up for the

2004 Convention. She has the support of Kitty Loberg and Char Holte, computer experts, to prepare

record-keeping sheets for the silent auction. The initial announcement/solicitation for the 2004 Silent

Auction will be in the October 2003 and the January 2004 AIS Bulletins. She urged everyone to send

the details of their donations as early as possible.

Slides: Chair Mull provided a list of slide programs available and reported 108 requests for sets with

2,160 people viewing them in 2003. He has upgraded some sets and added new sets of popular programs.

He reported that he has been unable to obtain all the slides to complete a set of new introductions and

requested assistance from hybridizers with these iris.

He addressed the addition of the programs on CDs or DVDs. He is willing and ready to work

with the sections to create these for the individual classifications or groupings of iris. He suggests that

some policies should be set. T. Aitken appointed a committee of Chairman J. Jones, B. Mull, G. Snyder,

R. Plank and M. Lowe to meet and report at the Spring Board Meeting.

Surplus Bulletins: Chair Violette - No report

Symposium: Chair G. Snyder submitted a report listing the winners of the Symposium from 1961-1994.

He advised that symposium data is on a web site at <http://irisarian.dynip.com/cgi-bin/symp.cgi>. It was

suggested that we retire the winning iris each year when it wins this award so it will not be repeated each

year as it has in the past. A discussion followed but the Symposium format will remain as it is for the

time being.

Youth: Chair Jean Morris reported as of 2003 there are 349 youth members (211 regular youths and 138

classroom iris project (CIP) members). She welcomed the new Regional Youth

Chairs: Norine Veal (1),

JoAnne Maier (2), David Stoll (4), Randell Bowen (5), Sue Ann Barnes (7) and Paul Gossett (22).

Regions 2, 7, 13, 14, 15, 18 and 22 have CIPs in place.

Rhizomes were sent to many AIS youth members and everyone is encouraged to send and donate

irises. She thanked John Jones and the Westbay Iris Society, and the Greater St. Louis and Kirkwood

Iris Societies for donating iris to the youth. She also thanked everyone for the various types of donations

that are given to the youth movement.

Announcements: Betty Coyle, Chairman of the 2004 AIS Convention requested the names of newly

registered seedlings be sent to Region 14 by February 1 and that instructions be sent for disposition of

guest iris. The Spring Convention and Board Meeting will be in Fresno, California on April 19-20, 2004.

The host hotel, Radisson (\$88 per night), is located at 2233 Ventura Street, Fresno, CA

93721. Phone:

590-268-1000. **Call the hotel direct and mention the American Iris Society for the \$88 rate**). Chair

Betty Coyle can be reached at (707) 834-0750. Email: theirislady2@aol.com.

Many thanks were extended to Lucille Skerston and her Committee members from the Tucson

Area Iris Society as hosts for the Fall Board meeting in Tucson, Arizona.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m., November 8, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Hawkins

Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE AIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA
MAY 12 and 13, 2003**

The Spring Meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Iris Society was called to order by President, Terry Aitken at 1:00 PM on Monday, May 12, 2003.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President Aitken, 1st Vice President J. Plank, 2nd Vice President Epperson, Secretary Bonino; Immediate Past President C. Mahan, **Administrative Officers:** Editor Filardi, Recording Secretary Hawkins, Membership Secretary Brown, Publication Sales Directors John and Kay Ludi; **Directors:** Carson, Gossett, Jones, J. Ludi, Mark, Jean Morris, Mull, G. Snyder, G. Sutton, Weixlmann; RVP Representative: M. Sutton (14); **Committee Chairs:** Carson, Cross, Gossett, Jones, Leader, Mike and Anne Lowe, Mahan, Mark, Jean Morris, Mull, G. Snyder, M. Snyder, G. Sutton, Waters, Weixlmann; RVPs: Sawyer (1), Donna James (2), Holcomb (3), Thrift (5), Sandy Ives (16), R. Keisling (18), Roberts (20), Randall (23); Legal Advisor: R. Plank; Guests: R. James (2), Keup (2), Figge (4), Duke, (5), Honkanen (5), Jim & Jill Copeland (6), Holte (8) Boyce (12), B. Aitken (13), Craig (13), Reid (13), Silverberg (13), Coyle (14), J. Keisling (18), Jim Morris (18), Trio (18), McMartin (22).

President Aitken welcomed all attendees. All Board Members and guests introduced themselves. Rosalie Figge was appointed Parliamentarian.

President Aitken explained that logistics and expense prevents distributing copies of committee reports to members of the audience, including RVPs. It was emphasized however, that RVPs may request and make arrangements to receive copies of reports through the RVP Representative to the Board who receives a complete set of all reports...

The minutes of the last meeting at Fort Worth, Texas, November 1-3, 2002 have the following corrections:

1. On Pages 96-97 of the January 2003 Bulletin, under Proposed Bylaw Changes, note that the Article, Section and some Paragraph numbers were changed during the Ballot preparation to correct references and make such other technical and conforming changes as were necessary. Article, Section and Paragraph numbers used in the Ballot are the correct references.
2. Also under Bylaws changes, on page 97 of the January, 2003 Bulletin, the word "fiscal" was inadvertently left in Article VI, Section 2(b). It should have read: One director who is a Regional Vice President in the second year of that office shall be elected by the AIS Board of Counselors at its annual spring meeting and shall hold office for the succeeding year and until a successor is duly elected and qualified. The term shall be from the adjournment of the AIS Board of Directors meeting in the Spring to the adjournment at the next Spring AIS Board of Directors Meeting.

3. On page 98 of the January 2003 Bulletin, M. Sutton reported that Region 14 is a "mutual benefit" and not a "public benefit" organization.

Epperson moved to accept the minutes with the corrections, Jones seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President: Terry Aitken announced that Keith Keppel is resigning as Registrar. Mike Lowe will assume this position effective December 1, 2003. J. Plank moved, G. Snyder seconded to accept this change. Motion carried.

The following interim Board actions were approved via email between November 2002 and the Spring Board meeting.

1. George Sutton to be appointed as Advertising Manager
2. Reprinting of 25,000 "Invitation to Join" brochures
3. Carolyn Hawkins to be appointed as Recording Secretary to take office May 12, 2003
4. The Claire B. Barr Library Endowment Fund to be created. Further discussion will be under New Business.
5. Because of logistics, timing and costs the AIS Bulletin will no longer be included in the new member packets.
6. Purchase of office equipment at the cost of \$2,600 for the Membership Secretary for conversion of current system to meet FILEMAKERPRO software requirements. This includes a model HP4200DTN printer and an office copy machine.

Mahan moved, Gossett seconded that these actions be reaffirmed. Motion carried.

First Vice President: J. Plank advised she has moved and the new address is in the **AIS Bulletin**.

Second Vice President: No report

Secretary: Bonino advised that the location of doing AIS business has been changed with the U.S. Post Office. Also endorsement stamps have been made for those who send checks to her for deposit. These will provide additional security for mailing.

Treasurer: Treasurer Hudson was not present but Bonino distributed and discussed his report. It included the List of Assets and Restricted Funds as of March 31, 2003, a Profit and Loss Statement for the period October 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003, and a proposed Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003.

Revenue, membership and storefront sales are lower with expenses being lower also.

The Iris Society of Dallas donated \$10,000 to a Restricted Fund for the benefit of AIS youth members.

Also, while interest rates are down, Certificates of Deposit have been purchased in staggered terms to obtain the best rates possible.

A request was made by Hudson to increase and cap the Life Membership Fund from \$112,842 to \$115,000. After discussion the Board decided not to make this change at this time.

The Mego Iris Fund is to be reimbursed to the Suttons. It was originally funded by them with the agreement of reimbursement.

Epperson moved, Jones seconded that the budget for October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003 be approved. Motion carried.

Editor: Bruce Filardi

1. Mahan requested that a recent article in the SLI Newsletter written by Pat O'Connor on Florida iris, including some unique species iris, be republished in the **AIS Bulletin**.

2. Flight Lines was not printed in the April issue pending a ruling of using quotes from Iris Talk. Jones moved, G. Sutton seconded that after consulting with R. Plank and M. Lowe, that permission should be obtained before printing quotes. Motion carried.

3. Bruce thanked specifically Mahan, Epperson, Jim & Jean Morris, Rita Gormley, Barbara and Terry Aitken and the Suttons for assistance with recent issues.

Advertising Editor: George/Margaret Sutton reported. There are 34 advertisers at the present time. Color ads are desired and encouraged. Mahan moved, Jones seconded that the ad time frame be adjusted to the fiscal year of October 1st-September 30th with October 1st being the cutoff date. Ads that do not fit into this time frame will be prorated to adjust to the new procedure. This will allow the ads to begin with the January issue of the **AIS Bulletin**. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Membership Secretary: The Board thanked M. Lowe for his help in converting to the new computer equipment. Mahan moved and Epperson seconded that the information on the old hard drives with membership information be destroyed with the remaining items donated to an appropriate charity at the discretion of M. Brown. Motion carried.

The total individual memberships number 6,072 as of May 2003.

The number of memberships was discussed and how to tally them. G. Sutton moved, Jones seconded that each individual membership be the rule, not the household addresses. Motion carried. G. Sutton amended his motion with a second from Jones, to use the membership numbers on April 1st and October 1st of each year to be presented at the Fall Board meeting for comparison and discussion. Motion carried.

A life member who's Bulletins is returned, and after investigation of their whereabouts, will move to the inactive file.

Brown reported that the Membership Secretary Manual must be completely redone.

Renewal grace periods were discussed. A committee of Brown, G. Snyder, Epperson, M. Sutton, and Carson met and agreed that the date for club affiliation of April 1st will be in effect immediately. The renewal grace period for all members will be 30 days. Epperson moved, Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Registrar: Keppel was absent and Bonino distributed and read his report. There have been 1,051 registrations with introductions of 788 varieties. Thirty two percent of the registrations were for irises originating outside of North America. Three hundred and eighty three names had been cleared by May 1, 2003. Nine hundred copies were printed of the Registrations and Introductions booklet at a cost of \$1,730.20.

Recording Secretary: Bonino distributed her report which included corrections to the November 2002 minutes presented previously.

Publications Sales Director: John/Kay Ludi.

1. Authorization to reduce of price of "**World of Iris**" for large orders and for new and youth members will be discussed at the Fall Board Meeting.
2. Total retail (postpaid) inventory on hand as of April 1' 2003 was \$220,072.50.
3. Gossett reported that the LA Iris Society will publish a historical booklet of past hybridizers with biographical information and color pictures. Discussion followed and it was decided that this book and the current Louisiana, Siberian and Japanese Society books also should be listed and sold through the Storefront. A list of these books, plus other iris publications will be listed in the October 2003 Bulletin and how to purchase them.

RVP Representative: M. Sutton reported.

Judge's cards were discussed. G. Sutton moved, Mark seconded that passing out judges cards be eliminated except when the judge's status changes. These would be distributed by the Chairman of Judges. Motion carried. A recommendation followed for an attractive card with the AIS logo be developed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. The final vote tally for the revision of the AIS Bylaws was: Yes-399 votes and No-4 votes. Secretary Bonino will store all original ballots for future reference. Current Bylaws are available upon request from the AIS Secretary. Epperson will send copies to the Storefront and electronically to all Board members.

B. **Standing Rule Committee:** Chair Epperson, R. Plank, Bonino, Jones and M. Lowe. In order to protect and ensure the deliberative process when Board decisions are made via electronic means, the amended Standing Rules follow:

1. Full delineation of the topic (item) under discussion shall be presented by the AIS President via electronic mail to each and every member of the Board of Directors.
2. Any member of the Board who wishes to do so shall present his/her comments by electronic mail to each and every member of the Board. Unless otherwise specified by the AIS President, these comments must be transmitted within seven (7) days of the initial electronic call for discussion and input.
3. The AIS Secretary, or designee, shall formulate the proposed motion and transmit it by electronic mail to each and every member of the Board. A second for the motion shall be requested by the AIS Secretary.
4. A member of the Board shall second the motion immediately, restating it and transmitting it electronically to each and every member of the Board.
5. Each Board member shall copy the full text of the seconded motion and vote YES or NO and submit that vote by electronic mail to each and every member of the Board. The vote shall be transmitted within 7 days unless otherwise specified by the AIS President.
6. The AIS Secretary shall tally the electronic votes and transmit this number to the AIS President.
7. Approval of a motion discussed and voted on by electronic mail shall receive a minimum of 12 positive votes (based on 18 voting members- the President votes in a tie only).

Mahan moved and G. Snyder seconded that 12 positive votes must be received for action. Motion carried.

Epperson moved and Gossett seconded with some changes in wording, clarification of the time frame, and who introduces the topic for the email message. The Standing Rule was restated in his motion as above. Motion carried. It was mutually agreed that this procedure would be on a

trial basis for a year.

C. G. Sutton moved, M. Sutton seconded that all new RVPs get a RVP Handbook, AIS Bylaws and a welcome letter from the President. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 4:45 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 7:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. J. Plank explained The Claire B. Barr Library Endowment Fund. The purpose of this Fund will be to develop an endowment for improving the existing Library facilities providing financial aide for above and beyond monthly expenses such as telephone and electricity, etc. Nine Hundred dollars has been received from donations which began arriving shortly after Claire Barr's death in January 2003. A special committee of J. Plank as Chairman, Mahan, R. Plank, Epperson, Hudson, and McNames will meet to set up guidelines and formulate the fund. A report will be given at the Fall Board Meeting.

B. A policy for authorizing AIS representatives to enter contracts (i.e., Hotel or other arrangements) in the name of the American Iris Society, was discussed. The Future Conventions Liaison Chairman Gossett, will notify all future regional and local iris societies immediately, by letter, that the American Iris Society as a national organization will not assume monetary responsibility for the national conventions and the Fall Board Meetings. Gossett will also prepare an insert with this information for the Convention Handbook.

C. Mahan moved, Epperson seconded that the AIS purchase Volume 26, one of the volumes comprising the multi-volume set **Flora of North America North of Mexico** by the Oxford University Press. Volume 26, which deals with information on the Iridaceae Family, will cost approximately \$150 plus postage and handling, and will be added to the AIS Library. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Operations Manual: Epperson reported that this manual is only about 50% ready. It is to be presented at the Fall Board Meeting.

Ad-hoc Committee, RVP Handbook Revision: R. Probst, Moller, R. Plank, B. Rinehart. This handbook is completed and being distributed and will be in the Storefront.

Non-profit Incorporation Tax Exempt Status (501(c)(3)): Chairman, R. Plank reported that if an affiliate, region or section wishes to apply for exempt status this year the information is due by the August, 2003 deadline. As it is an annual ongoing process, those affiliates, regions and sections not yet having achieved tax-exempt status can continue to send in their applications through August of each succeeding year. Status

applications are accepted once a year by the IRS and must be received for consideration by August 1.

Ad-hoc Committee, Racetrack Design for AIS Logo: No report

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Affiliates: Chair G. Snyder reported there are 170 affiliates in good standing. A list was provided with the current presidents. Affiliates requested that their meeting be scheduled on the day of the Welcome Banquet or a later day when feasible.

Affiliate Contest: Chair Keup stated that December 31, 2002 was the end of the two-year trial period for this contest. Affiliates were asked to report flower shows, newsletters, meetings, iris programs, exhibits, newspaper articles, etc. Each category had a point score. Each RVP has received information regarding this contest and are strongly encouraged to share this information within their regions, and support activities in any way possible. Bonino moved, Jones seconded that the contest continue as a permanent program. Motion carried.

Awards: Chair Epperson reported that 743 ballots and supplements were mailed. There have been 116 orders for supplies for Accredited Shows in 2003. New adult silver and bronze medals have been ordered.

Calendars: Chair Waters stated that by mid-July calendars will be available for 2004 with the price the same as last year (10 calendars for \$33). The 2005 calendar will be the Twentieth Anniversary Iris Calendar and 35mm or 60mm slides are welcome and encouraged from everyone for this special edition.

Convention Liaison: Chair Gossett provided a list of conventions that are scheduled through 2007. The Fall Board Meeting in 2004 is open-- 2005-2006 are set. Discussion of an AIS emergency relief fund will be on the agenda for the Fall Board Meeting. The next AIS Convention will be in Fresno, CA on April 19-24, 2004.

Donations Secretary: Chair J. Plank explained that donations from October 1, 2002 to April 30, 2003 were about \$14,500. These are broken out as: Memorials 87%, Simple gifts 12% and Honorariums less than 2%. Youth funds have received the bulk of the donations. All donations are most welcome and encouraged. See your latest **AIS Bulletin** for a more complete choice of donation categories.

Electronic Services: Chair Jones said there are currently 714 subscribers for the On-line Registration Checklist Database. The 1969 Checklist has been uploaded and the 1999 Checklist is ready to be uploaded. A fee for

lifetime access will be on the agenda for the Fall Board Meeting.

The On-Line AIS Gift Shop has been successful and soon the AIS Index Bulletin web site will be available.

It was requested that the Webmaster be listed in the Bulletin. Any changes other than clerical errors must be approved by John Jones. Jones moved and G. Snyder seconded that quoting of information from the electronically transmitted materials will require permission of the author. Motion carried.

Bulletin Indexing will have a separate web reference and will be ready in about a month under AIS Index.com. It will be cross referenced on the AIS and the Iris Register web sites.

Exhibitions: Chair Leader reported 171 approved shows. Mahan moved, Gossett seconded to purchase a postage metering machine for no more than \$200 for the Exhibitions Chairman. Motion carried. Epperson and Leader will look into the various forms required for shows and the duplication and distribution possibilities. They will report at the Fall Board Meeting.

Foundation Liaison: C. Honkanen reported in Chair R. Mazur's absence. There are grants with some work completed from Russia, St. Petersburg, and from Mongolia. Honkanen had information from several of these for review.

The AIS Foundation has had predominantly memorials for the monetary funding. Ninety percent of this foundation's work is done electronically.

Honorary Awards: Chair Mahan announced all awards are in his possession. Names of candidates being suggested for honorary medals should be sent to Mahan with full documentation. The committee will confer and present candidates at the Fall Board Meeting.

Insurance: - Chair M. Snyder reported the new Hartford package policy is working well and many clubs are taking advantage of the coverage. A question was raised about who is covered under the policy. Again, only the AIS, its regions, sections, affiliates and members thereof, whether or not AIS members, are covered. M. Snyder recommended that upon renewal the fire legal liability on the Hartford policy be increased to \$1,000,000. There would be an additional premium charge of \$100. Epperson moved, Bonino seconded to accept this recommendation. Motion carried.

M. Snyder reported that the Directors and Officers policy has been moved to a new carrier with the same coverage, _ the deductible, and _ the premium. She also advised that she will be the **only** person that can make changes to the insurance policies.

Judges: Chairs Bonnie/Hooker Nichols requested that the following corrections be listed. These judges will get credit for the year 2003:

Region 1 - James R. Welch should be listed as a RM

Region 7 - David Mohr should be listed as an AM, reinstated from RM to AM
Janet L. Wilson should be listed as a G

Region 8 - M Lynne Fell should be listed as a G

Region 15 - Marge Larson is reinstated and listed as a G

Jim Puckett is reinstated and listed as a G

Region 19 - Raymond Blicharz was listed as an RM in error and the correction has been made. He is now listed as an AM

Judges Handbook Revision Committee: Chair Epperson, Crick, H. Nichols and J. Keisling. A change in the current training requirements for Active Master Judges on page 9 in the Handbook is as follows:

ACTIVE MASTER JUDGES who are required to earn credit totaling three (3) hours during each three-year period. This credit <may> **must** be earned by attending or teaching an approved judging school. **When an Active Master Judge tutors an apprentice judge, the apprentice receives training credit, the Active Master Judge does not.** (Bold indicates the changes) These changes will become effective August 1, 2003.

On the behalf of the Committee Epperson moved, Gossett seconded to accept these changes. Motion carried.

Any major Handbook changes will be suggested and presented at the Fall Board meeting. Major classification updates, sections, cooperating societies and any other special area of iris (such as space age, or variations on form of iris) are encouraged and may submit changes.

Librarian: Chair McNames was not present but his report was distributed. Epperson moved, Jones seconded to approve the list of items to go in the 2003 Silent Auction. Motion carried. McNames also reported that all items are being inventoried and filed away properly as they come in. Foreign Societies that are furnishing their bulletins to the AIS Library are: British, German and Russian.

New Historical Iris Chronicles: Chair Mahan proposed that a historical chronicle of hybridizers be published by the AIS. It would be approximately 100 pages with color pictures. He also requested help with this undertaking. The expense was discussed but no action taken.

Policy & Historical Resource: Chairs Mike/Anne Lowe: A CD had been prepared for policy and minutes from past meetings. M. Lowe has also researched historical information on notable persons formerly members of AIS, and it is recorded on a CD also.

Public Relations & Marketing: Chair Poling was absent but her report was distributed. Commercial gardeners were contacted concerning distributing "Invitation to Join" brochures.

Report of the Nominating Committee: R. Kiesling, M. Vanderbrake, J. Plank, J. Morris, and C. Brown. Chair Ray Keisling read the list of proposed nominees for Director:

Brad Kasperek (12)	Hooker Nichols (17)
Judy Keisling (18)	Joyce Poling (15)
Jason Leader (3)	Betty Roberts (20)
Jim Morris (18)	Bill Shear (4)

There were no nominations from the floor.

The open meeting was recessed at 10:05 p.m. Monday, May 12, 2003.

The Executive Committee went into session to select the Directors nominees.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2003.

President Aitken announced the results of the Executive Board meeting.

Director nominees selected for terms which expire in 2006 are:

Judy Keisling, Jason Leader, Joyce Poling, and Betty Roberts.

Robin: - Chair Cross reported that all robins were flying well. She mentioned a new Fragrance Robin. A list has been prepared with info from the 60s and 80s concerning Fragrance Robin letters and it seems interest is again renewed. Any questions and copies of the Fragrance List can be ordered from her at cost.

Flight Lines: Cross read Chair Weixlmann's report. Flight Lines is published as a service to the public with no requirement for permission of copyright from previously published articles. Explanation of the process of preparing Flight Lines was given. Robin rules of travel explains that if no one wants their comments repeated they must state so. R. Plank reported that we should seek approval in every case and identify the source in these electronic forms. John Jones spoke about the Iris Talk List. Subscribers will be advised in this list that anything they write will be public and available to all.

RVP Counselor: Chair Carson announced the results of elections held at the Board of Counselor's meeting. The 1 Year RVP Board Representative is Patricia Randall (23). The 2004 RVP Board of Counselor Chairman is Jim Giles (15), and the Secretary is Ginny Spoon.

Scientific: Dr. Chandler Fulton: No report

Scientific & Research Committee (formerly Scholarship/Grants): Chair Shear

was not present and his report was distributed. Two applications were received. Karst of Portland will continue to work on "Phylogeny of *Sisyrinchium*: Genetic and Morphological Evidence." She has submitted a poster via PDF that was presented to the Monocot Congress. This URL can be obtained from Dr. Shear if anyone wants to download it. G. Snyder moved, Gossett seconded to endorse Karst's services for 2003-2004. Motion carried. Issues of grant amounts and control of the reports will be considered at the Fall Board Meeting.

Marc McPherson, the second applicant, has not made a report.

Section Liaison: Chair Mark announced that the Section Representative elected to the Nominating Committee was Hugh Thurman (Dwarf Iris Society). She then reported that the section presidents have requested that there be no overlapping meetings of sections at conventions, if feasible. Allow 1_ hours, 1 hour for the meeting, _ hour to change rooms. She requested that this be added to the Convention Handbook and Gossett, Convention Liaison Chair will make this addition. Discussion followed that most conventions do not have the availability of the large number of rooms it would require to eliminate overlapping, due to varying circumstances.

Mark's report listed every section and co-operating societies and their contacts. The available conventions and activities of these groups were also listed.

Silent Auction: Chair Gormley's report listed some of the ways she solicited auction items and the schedule of the auction at the Falls Church Convention. She reported that the final results from the 2002 Silent Auction were \$4,631 received from 325 items.

Falls Church has received 308 donations from 34 donors. Recommendation from the Board is that shipping will not be paid by the AIS but the winner will continue to add this fee to the amount bid.

Thanks were extended to all those who donated items for the auction.

Slides: Chair Mull passed out CDs of iris cultivars with pertinent information on each that he had prepared. He pointed out that the time would be coming when slides would be obsolete and to be aware that CDs and DVDs are on the horizon. The consensus was that at the present time slides are the favorite and will continue. The price will also remain at \$10 to rent a slide set. Also proposed was assembling the slides of various hybridizers into a historical chronicle.

Mull provided a list of slide programs available and reported 167 requests in 2002. So far this year 54 requests have been received.

Surplus Bulletins: Chair Violette submitted a report that 380 AIS Bulletins have been shipped requiring mailing expenses of \$76.65 with total income of \$73.00.

Symposium: Chair G. Snyder reported that the Symposium ballot has been sent to the Webmaster and will be published in the AIS Bulletin.

Webmaster: Jones reported for Chair Hollinshead. He reported the statistics in several different formats. The web site is active with 270,253 hits for 10 months. Hollinshead reported his activities involve keeping the web site current. It was suggested that selected international news and the AIS Bulletin Index (listing only the article titles) be included on the web site.

Youth: Chair Jean Morris listed the Youth Achievement Award Contest winners:
1st Place - Stephanie Strauss of Midland Texas (Region 17),
2nd Place - Joe Devous, Cedar Hill, MO (Region 18) and
3rd Place - Kristen Laing, Midlothian, VA (Region 4).
Nominations were submitted from 19 different AIS members in Regions 2, 4, 5, 15, 17, 18, 21 and 22.

She reported that Claire Honkanen, AIS Foundation Essay Chairman, submitted the following winners of the Ackerman Essay Contest:
Christian Moore (Region 9) Younger-age category
Matt Brooks (Region 18) Older-age category.
These two will receive \$100 each. All those who entered the contest will receive free iris rhizomes this summer. Jean was again commended for her work with youth.

The meeting was recessed at 9:36 a.m. The meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.

Nominating Committee Appointments: President Aitken announced the appointment of Directors Maureen Mark (16) and Gerry Snyder (15) to serve on the Nominating Committee. Members of the committee representing RVPs will be Bob Sawyer (1) and Donna James (2) and representing Section leaders will be Hugh Thurman (DIS).

Announcements: President Aitken reminded everyone that the Fall Meeting - Tucson, AZ., November 7-9, 2003 at the Best Western Inn-Airport, (520) 746-0271. The Chairman is Lucille Skerston (520) 751-1696 Lrskerston@aol.com

A request for any changes in addresses, phone numbers and emails must be made to the Editor, Bruce Filardi and to the Webmaster, Chris Hollinshead.

Many thanks to Clarence Mahan and his Committee members as hosts for this National Convention held in Falls Church, Virginia.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Hawkins
Recording Secretary

MINUTES
AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 1-2,2002

The Fall Meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Iris Society was called to order by President Terry Aitken at 7:40 PM on November 1, 2002.

Present during the various sessions were **Officers:** President Aitken, 1st Vice President J. Plank, 2nd Vice President Epperson, Treasurer Hudson; **Administrative Officers:** Recording Secretary Bonino, Membership Secretary Brown, Registrar Keppel, Publication Sales Directors John & Kay Ludi,; **Directors:** Carson, Gossett, J. Ludi, Mark, Jean Morris, B. Nichols, Pocklington, G. Snyder, G. Sutton; **RVP Representative:** M. Sutton(14); **Committee Chairs:** Mike & Anne Lowe, H. Nichols, J. Poling, Probst, M. Snyder; **RVP's:** Sawyer (1), Thrift (5), Ives (16), Smith (17), R. Keisling (18), Roberts (20), M. D. Faith (22), Randall (23); **Legal Advisor:** R. Plank; **Guests:** Dorothy & Tony Willott (6), Hugh & Mary Thurman (7), B. Aitken (13), A. Poling (15), Spears (17), J. Keisling (18), Jim Morris (18), Trio (18), I. Faith (22), McMartin (22).

President Aitken welcomed the group and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may vote. All Board members, Committee Chairs, and audience members introduced themselves. In the absence of Sara Marley, G. Snyder moved, G. Sutton seconded to elect 1st Vice President J. Plank as **Secretary pro tem** for this meeting. Motion carried. By Board consensus M. Lowe was appointed as **Parliamentarian** for this meeting.

Minutes: Bonino handed out her report of corrections to the minutes of the Spring Board Meeting held in Memphis, Tennessee as published in *AIS Bulletin #326*. Following is a list of all corrections received:

1. Following the STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT for ELECTRONIC SERVICES, minutes should read 'Meeting *recessed* at 10:30 PM to be resumed on April 25, 2002 at 8:15 AM. Following the REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, minutes should read 'Meeting *recessed* at 11:30 AM to be resumed at approximately 9 PM following Executive Session to be held at 8 PM.

2. Under STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT for CONVENTION LIAISON the first

sentence of paragraph two should read '*Gossett reported*' rather than Probst. Also the last sentence of paragraph two should read '*Gossett moved, Pope seconded to accept this invitation.*'

3. Under the STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT for RVP COUNSELOR item #4 should be modified as follows:

'The conflict between the dates shown in the bylaws and when the RVP Representative term actually begins and ends should be clarified. Currently, the new RVP Representative begins his/her term on October 1st and the term runs until September 30th of the following year. It was recommended that a bylaws change be effected to correct this. Epperson suggested taking this out of the bylaws and adopting a Standing Rule to set the RVP term of office.'

J. Plank moved, Gossett seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President: Seven items of business were discussed that had been previously handled via phone and email between the Spring 2002 and Fall 2002 Board Meetings. All issues have been approved by a majority of Board members via email, but all issues must be re-affirmed by voice vote at this Board Meeting:

1. Janna Middleton (AIS Gift Shop) requested permission to discount the AIS logo polo-shirts and sweatshirts. J. Jones proposed that for the length of this sale, that AIS forgive the payment of royalty on the sale of these items. Epperson moved, J. Plank seconded to affirm this item. Motion carried.
2. Epperson proposed that free-standing acrylic awards be purchased as 'Keeper Trophies' for winners of the Walther Cup, President's Cup, and Franklin Cup each year. The initial numbers would include those in arrears (9) for the past three years, cost to be approximately \$400. Epperson moved, J. Plank seconded to affirm this item. Motion carried.
3. Due to Sara Marley's resignation as Secretary (to take effect December 1, 2002), a motion is needed to approve the appointment of Jill Bonino to the Office of Secretary. Early approval prior to the meeting of the Board was needed to allow some of the files to be shipped directly to Jill when Sara and Walter moved from New York to Ohio in mid September. J. Plank moved, G. Snyder seconded to affirm this item. Motion carried.
4. Motion to authorize leaving the office equipment with S. Marley, rather than shipping it to California (the copier/file cabinet are bulky and are easily found in discount stores) and for Jill Bonino to purchase a copier and file cabinet. Bonino already has the needed computer equipment. J. Plank moved, Gossett seconded to affirm this item. Motion carried.

5. The new Member Secretary is more familiar with MAC computer systems and is requesting equipment for her use in that capacity. Motion to authorize Mary Brown to purchase an I-MAC computer and FILEMAKER-PRO (budgeted item of \$2,500) program. J. Plank moved, Gossett seconded to affirm this item. Motion carried.

6. Epperson proposed that the AIS purchase 21 Wister Medals for a cost of \$676.20, plus presentation boxes. Not budgeted. Epperson moved, Pocklington seconded to affirm this item. Motion carried.

7. Motion to appoint current Slides Chair Bill Mull to fill the unexpired term of Director's position left by the death of Carryl Meyer. G. Snyder moved, Gossett seconded to affirm this item. Motion carried.

First Vice President: Report tabled until later in the agenda

Second Vice President: Report tabled until later in the agenda.

Secretary: J. Plank read the report from Sara Marley into the minutes. Sara thanked everyone for their support and patience during the prolonged illnesses of her husband and son and expressed her pleasure working with the Officers and Board members during the past 3 years.

Treasurer: Hudson distributed his Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2002. This included his Report to the Board, Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement along with other financial data for the last year.

Membership income shows a slight drop, but the Storefront shows improvement in spite of the change in location and management. Interest income on investment and general fund monies is still excellent due to the longer terms of certificates of deposit purchased a couple of years ago at higher rates than today.

The accounting for the Life Membership Fund held in reserve was discussed at length. Bonino recommended in her audit earlier in the year that this account seems overstated, and that an amount of an annual amortization of this account be determined in order to approximate a more accurate figure for this reserve account. After much discussion of the work it would take to do this, the Board by consensus decided not to pursue this project. The monies kept in certificates of deposit for the life memberships earn enough interest to cover the annual costs of these memberships.

Bulletin Editor: In the absence of Filardi, President Aitken reported that the budget for the *Bulletin* will be at least \$90,000 per year. This is for a 128-page *Bulletin*. Each 32-page reduction of an issue would save approximately \$2,000 per issue but the 128-page size

seems to be the most cost effective.

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Membership Secretary: Brown distributed her report and summarized it.

On October 31, 2002 the total membership of the Society stood at 7,499. Region 14 continues to lead in the number of AIS members at 624. Region 18 is in second place with 596 members and Region 4 now occupies third place with 577 members.

Brown highly complimented former Membership Secretary Anner Whitehead for the very well organized and labeled files and materials that she received to start the job. Brown also suggested that Whitehead receive a special commendation for the excellent Operating Manual that she wrote. It is complete, detailed and readable.

The preparation of wallet-size Life Membership cards was again discussed. The Board agreed by consensus that the wallet-size Life Member cards are not needed, but a nice Life Membership Certificate should be designed and sent to all new Life Members.

M. Lowe reported on the status of the conversion of membership reports from Whitehead's system to Brown's MAC system.

Due to the volume of mail going out of the Membership Secretary's office, Brown requested that a postage machine be purchased for her use. Hudson moved, Gossett seconded purchasing a postage machine for the Membership Secretary. Motion carried.

Registrar: Keppel distributed his report and summarized it.

For the Registrar's operating year (December 1 to November 30), more than 800 names have been researched and reserved, and 737 registrations completed to date. An added 94 applications just received from Russia await processing.

Keppel presented several quotes for prices to print the 2002 Registrations and Introductions. After some discussion, Pocklington moved, J. Plank seconded and all approved printing 900 copies of the 2002 R&I at a cost of \$1,618.70.

G. Sutton commended Keppel for all of his hard work as Registrar.

Publications Sales Directors: J. Ludi distributed his report for the Storefront activity as of September 30, 2002. This included a detailed inventory of goods on hand and a list of sales by item.

With the purpose of finding a use for the quantity of unsold 2002 AIS Calendars, a discussion produced several suggestions, such as sending some to Ann Violette to

send out with the surplus *Bulletins* and sending some to J. Poling to use with her Public Relations work. J. Ludi suggested putting an ad in the *Bulletin* to sell them in blocks of 10 calendars for \$3.

With regard to the price of the 2003 Calendars, the Board agreed by consensus to reduce their price at the May 2003 convention to \$3 each or 10 calendars for \$20.

Meeting recessed at 10:40 PM and reconvened at 8 AM on November 2, 2002.

RVP Representative: Deferred until later in the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Revision of AIS ByLaws:

Epperson distributed the ByLaws Revision Committee 'Working Draft of AIS ByLaws dated 10-25-02" to the Board.

Epperson proposed a resolution from Robert's Rules of Order page 580 Newly Revised Edition as follows: 'Be it Resolved that the ByLaws Revision Committee be authorized to correct Articles, Section designations, punctuation, and cross references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the Society.'

M. Sutton moved, Epperson seconded to adopt this resolution. Motion carried.

Each of the following five items were discussed and approved by the Board and will go to the General Membership for approval. Proposed new wording is in **bold** and wording to be deleted is struck out. These proposed changes to the AIS ByLaws will be printed in the January 2003 *Bulletin*.

1. Article III MEMBERSHIP

Section 2 (e) youth membership, which shall be limited to individuals under 19 years of age, who shall be entitled to full membership privileges at a reduced rate. Youth members living with an adult **another** AIS member who receives the *AIS Bulletin* shall be eligible for additional rate reduction, provided the youth desires no personal copy of the *Bulletin*.

Epperson moved, J. Plank seconded to approve the change to Article III Section 2 (e). Motion carried.

2. Article VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2.(NEW) **The AIS Board of Directors shall have the authority between regularly scheduled meetings of the Board to conduct business via electronic mail provided there are adequate standing rules in place to protect the integrity of the deliberative process.**

Each Board Meeting will still include all email votes, so minutes are complete as to all Board votes during the year.

M. Sutton moved, G. Snyder seconded to add new Section 2 to Article V. Motion carried.

3. Article VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2(b) One director who is a Regional Vice President in the second year of that office shall be elected by the AIS Board of Counselors at its annual spring meeting and shall hold office for the succeeding fiscal year and until a successor is duly elected and qualified. The term shall be from the adjournment of the AIS Board of Directors meeting in the Spring to the adjournment at the next Spring AIS Board of Directors Meeting.

G. Sutton moved, Mark seconded to approve changes to wording of Article V Section 3(b). Motion carried.

4. Article VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3(d). Any additional nomination shall thereafter be by petition signed by forty members, with not more than fifteen from any one AIS Region, and such petition shall be submitted to and received by the AIS Secretary on or before September 1 **August 15** of the same year. A ballot including the names of the original nominees and any additional nominee or nominees shall be mailed to all AIS members on or before October 1 **September 15** of each year, and returned ballots received by the AIS Secretary or the Election Committee, if one is appointed, on or before November 1 **October 15** of the same year.

Pocklington moved, G. Sutton seconded to approve changes to wording of Article V Section 4 (d). Motion carried.

5. Article VII - OFFICERS

Section 2. (NEW) The AIS Board of Directors at its annual spring meeting in those years that the incumbent president is completing the last year term shall elect a President-elect to take office following the official elections at its annual fall meeting.

G. Snyder moved, Gossett seconded to approve adding new Section 2 to Article VIII. Motion carried.

Epperson proposed several other cosmetic changes to the ByLaws in order to relocate already approved sections where they are more logical and to renumber other sections accordingly. These were approved by Board consensus in accordance with the previously approved Resolution from Roberts Rules of Order.

Proposed Executive Committee of the Board:

Epperson distributed a proposed Standing Rule to protect and ensure the deliberative process when Board decisions are made via electronic means. This would support the proposed ByLaw change #2 listed above. The alternative to a Standing Rule would be to have an Executive Committee to decide issues of operations between Board meetings.

Epperson then distributed and read into the minutes a proposed resolution to create an Executive Committee of the AIS Board to consist of the President as Chair, the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and the RVP Representative as members. This resolution had been researched and prepared by Legal Advisor R. Plank in accordance with Pennsylvania law.

The question for discussion became 'Do we need an Executive Committee or a Standing Rule for electronic communications or both?' Several Board members commented that the Board has made a conscious effort to open up the Board meetings so they are more accessible to the general membership. The proposed resolution is clear that the Executive Committee authority would be limited and that the Board still would have the power to prescribe the manner in which a proceeding of the Executive Committee would be conducted. Minutes would be kept of all Executive Committee meetings. B. Aitken commented that if the membership turns down the electronic mail ByLaw amendment, then the Executive Committee would be the only alternative to carry on business between Board meetings.

Epperson read a report sent by Electronic Services Chair Jones where he offered support for M. Lowe's proposal that an Internet mailing list be used as a medium of communication between Board meetings. No action was taken on this item.

President Aitken asked for a hand vote of those in favor of creating an Executive Committee of the Board. Only one person voted 'Yes'. J. Plank moved, G. Sutton seconded not to establish an Executive Committee of the Board at this time. Motion carried.

Epperson recommended creating a Committee to establish the Standing Rules (based on his proposal) for implementing electronic mail communications. With no objection, a Standing Rules Committee was formed and President Aitken appointed the following people to serve on this Committee: Epperson, R. Plank, M. Lowe, Jones, and Bonino.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Operations Manual: Epperson reported that a draft will be brought to the Spring 2003 Meeting.

Bulletin Indexing: M. Lowe reported that this project is still progressing.

RVP Handbook Revision: Probst presented a list of changes to the previously distributed draft. Probst moved, Pocklington seconded to approve the RVP Handbook changes as presented. Motion carried. Following the incorporation of these changes, copies of the Handbook will be distributed to all new Board members and all RVPs. J. Ludi will hold the remaining copies in the Storefront. G. Sutton moved and G. Snyder seconded to put the RVP Handbook and the ByLaws (following updating) on the AIS website for downloading. Motion carried. Any future changes to the Handbook will go through the RVP Counselor.

Non-profit Incorporation Tax Exempt Status: Regions 2,3,4,5,6,9,11,13,15,18,19,24, SIGNA, SJI, and SPCNI have completed their requirements. Region 14 as a 'public benefit' has different requirements. Regions 8,10, 22, and Section Reblooming Iris Society are in the process and others have been

invited to start.

AIS Logo: Work is still ongoing to render the original Racetrack form (with the date corrected) as the official AIS logo and to formulate a policy for use of the seal.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President:

Gossett moved, G. Snyder seconded to nominate Terry Aitken for President. Epperson moved that nominations cease and the Secretary be directed to cast a unanimous vote. M. Sutton seconded. Motion carried.

First Vice President:

G. Snyder moved and Gossett seconded to nominate Jeanne Plank for First Vice President. Epperson moved that nominations cease and the Secretary be directed to cast a unanimous vote. G. Sutton seconded. Motion carried.

Second Vice President:

J. Plank moved, Gossett seconded to nominate Roy Epperson for Second Vice President. Mark moved that nominations cease and the Secretary be directed to cast a unanimous vote. J. Plank seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary:

J. Plank moved and G. Snyder seconded to nominated Jill Bonino for Secretary. Epperson moved that nominations cease and the Secretary be directed to cast a unanimous vote. J. Morris seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer:

Mark moved, J. Plank seconded to nominated Jay Hudson for Treasurer. Epperson moved that nominations cease and the Secretary be directed to cast a unanimous vote. Gossett seconded. Motion carried.

Bulletin Editor:

G. Sutton moved, Gossett seconded to nominate Bruce Filardi for Editor. J. Plank moved that nominations cease and the Secretary be directed to cast a unanimous vote. G. Sutton seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 11:30 AM for Executive Session to discuss and vote the Honorary Awards for 2002 and reconvened at 1:20 PM on November 2, 2002.

HONORARY AWARDS FOR 2002

Emeritus Judges: Barbara Aitken, Terry Aitken, Joan Cooper, Sterling Innerst, Jean Morris, Rosa Belle Van Valkenberg, Anthony Willott, and Dorothy Willott.

Warburton Medal: Dr. Maria Antonietta Colasante of Italy

Hybridizer's Award: Paul Black, Lynda Miller, and Lorena Reid

Distinguished Service Award: Keith McNames and Sara Marley

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

G. Sutton moved, and Gossett seconded to appoint the following members as Administrative Officers. Motion carried.

Registrar - Keith Keppel
Membership Secretary - Mary E. Brown
Recording Secretary -
Publication Sales Directors - John & Kay Ludi

APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

Epperson moved, J. Plank seconded to appoint the following members as RVP's. Motion carried.

Region	RVP	Region	RVP
1	Bob Sawyer	13	Bruce Filardi
2	Donna James	14	Margaret Sutton
3	Jay Holcomb	15	Jim Giles
4	Ginny Spoon	16	Sandy Ives
5	Joyce Thrift	17	Keith Smith
6	Sandra Rawlings	18	Ray Keisling
7	Linda Browning	19	Mary Townsend
8	Marsha VandeBrake	20	Betty Roberts
9	Jerry Wilhoit	21	Eugene Kalkwarf
10	Julian Wells	22	M. D. Faith
11	Eileen Allison	23	Patricia Randall
12	Thomas Miller	24	Janice Tate

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

G. Sutton moved, Gossett seconded to appoint the following members as Standing Committee Chairs. Motion carried.

Affiliates - Gerry Snyder
Affiliates Contest - Nancy Pocklington
Awards - Roy Epperson
Calendars - Olive Rice-Waters

Convention Liaison - Paul Gossett
Donations Secretary - Jeanne Plank
Electronic Services - John Jones
Exhibitions - Jason Leader
Foundation Liaison - Roger Mazur
Honorary Awards - Clarence Mahan
Insurance - Michelle Snyder
Judges - Bonnie & Hooker Nichols
Judges Handbook Revision - Roy Epperson
Librarian - Keith McNames
New Historical Iris Chronicles - Clarence Mahan
Policy & Historical Resource - Mike & Anne Lowe
Public Relations & Marketing - Joyce Poling
Registration - Keith Keppel
Robins - Libby Cross
Flight Lines - Peter Weixlmann
RVP Counselor - Louise Carson
Scientific - Dr. Chandler Fulton
Scientific Research - Dr. William Shear
Section Liaison - Maureen Mark
Silent Auction - Rita Gormley
Slides - Bill Mull
Symposium - Gerry Snyder
Webmaster - Chris Hollinghead
Youth - Jean Morris

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Affiliates: G. Snyder read Shirley Pope's report. As of November 2, 2002 there are 178 affiliates. Region 16 now has two affiliates, the Ottawa River Iris Society and Toronto Iris Society.

Chair B. Keup's report on the 2002 AIS Affiliate Award Program was distributed. It has also been mailed to all affiliate Presidents. Nominations are due no later than January 31, 2003 and can be submitted to Keup as soon as 2002 activities are complete.

Awards: Chair Epperson reviewed his report. Since the Spring Board meeting the Committee has accomplished the following: (1) preparing, mailing, receiving and tabulating the Official 2002 AIS Ballot, (2) printing and mailing of the 2001 and 2002 AM and HM Award Certificates, (3) preparing and mailing keeper trophies for 2000, 2001, and 2002, and (4) preparation and receipt of a six-year supply of Wister Medals.

Calendars: No report.

Convention Liaison: Chair Gossett reported that the list of upcoming Spring and Fall meetings has not changed from the one passed out at the Spring Board meeting.

Electronic Services: Chair Jones's report was distributed.

Currently, there are 617 subscribers to the On-line Registration Checklist Database. The annual subscription fee of \$10 can now be paid by credit card through the Storefront.

Special promotions in the Gift Shop are moving the AIS logowear and orders are up significantly in October.

General discussion occurred concerning details of our credit card contract. It was agreed that the Treasurer should hold copies of all contracts.

Exhibitions: Epperson reported for Chair Leader.

There were 183 sanctioned shows this past year.

Epperson proposed changing the prices on several of the Show supplies. J. Plank moved, Gossett seconded to increase the sale price of Entry Tags (pack of 200) from \$10 to \$11. Motion carried. J. Plank moved, Gossett seconded to increase the sale price of Standard Award Ribbons (pack of 25) from \$9.50 to \$10. Motion carried. Gossett moved, G. Snyder seconded to decrease the sale price of the Large Purple Rosettes (each) from \$6.25 to \$6. Motion carried. G. Sutton moved, Gossett seconded to increase the price of Section Rosettes (each) from \$4.75 to \$5. Motion carried. G. Sutton, moved, Gossett seconded to increase the price of Small Rosettes (each) from \$4.75 to \$5. Motion carried.

Epperson proposed purchasing new Adult Silver and Bronze medals. The new medals will cost approximately \$7.50 each versus \$2.50 each. There are very few medals left from the previous batch. J. Plank moved, G. Snyder seconded to spend no more than \$4,000 for the die and casting of 200 each of the Adult Silver and Bronze medals and to increase the sale price of individual medals from \$10 to \$15. Motion carried.

Foundation: D. Willott, Vice President of the AIS Foundation, read Chair Mazur's report.

Several grants awarded in the past have shown some progress. Nina Alexeeva from Russia traveled to the Transbaikal region and collected some 53 specimens belonging to 12 iris species along with some seeds. Enkhtuya Luvsanbaldan from Mongolia completed her Mongolian expedition and sent back several specimens. They were packed poorly and Will Plotner was only able to save two of them. Ms. Luvsanbaldan will send more plants in the future using better shipping methods outlined by Will. Dr. Seisums from Latvia completed his trip to Syria and collected many specimens of iris in the *Oncocyclus* group. He promises a full report by the end of the year. Erin Riggs from Oregon completed her master's degree and sent a copy of her thesis on *I. hartwegii* which will be available through the AIS Library. Yuval Sapir from Israel has

begun his study to count the number of specimens of each iris species in certain areas of Israel, then go back repeatedly to see if that number is the same or has increased or decreased.

Insurance: Chair M. Snyder distributed her report. New coverage has been obtained from a new carrier at a much lower price than in previous years. In addition, the name insured on the policy is The American Iris Society, all Regions, Sections, Affiliates and all members thereof. The policy has primary coverage of \$1,000,000 and an additional \$4,000,000 under an Umbrella policy. There will be a special endorsement added each year for the national convention gardens with an extra charge which will be paid by the AIS. A clear explanation of AIS insurance coverage appears in an article by Chair M. Snyder in the October 2002 *Bulletin* on page 108.

M. Sutton moved, Gossett seconded to expand the coverage approved at the Memphis Board meeting, i.e., for AIS to pay for insurance coverage for the duration of the national convention each year, not just the tour gardens. Motion carried.

The Directors and Officers coverage will expire in March 2003. M. Snyder would like to switch this to our new carrier.

G. Sutton thanked M. Snyder for all of her work in taking care of this very important issue. This item alone shows how AIS helps the local clubs.

Judges: Co-chairs B. and H. Nichols distributed a list of Judges by Region to date. Board members supplied information to update the list, i.e., judges recently deceased or those who have changed addresses etc. B. Nichols asked for volunteers to present Judges Training at the next convention and to do JTs and programs around the country to fill Region needs.

The group discussed the 'quota' of judges set for each Region shown on the report. Four regions are close to having the quota of judges allowed for these Regions. B. Nichols moved, G. Sutton seconded to abolish the quotas for judges by Region. Motion carried.

Epperson moved, J. Plank seconded to approve the list of Judges as presented. Motion carried.

Judges Handbook: M. Lowe distributed his proposal for a change in the Judges Handbook to prevent more than one blue, red or white ribbon from being awarded to any given cultivar during a Show.

After much discussion, Epperson moved, J. Morris seconded to change page 41 of the Judges Handbook (Revised 1/2000) SECTION C - THE IRIS SHOW, Chapter 4: Rules and Regulations of an Iris Show, AWARD RIBBONS to state: 'Only one first place award ribbon (blue), one second place ribbon (red), and one third place ribbon (white) may be awarded to each cultivar *in any given section.*' Motion carried.

Epperson received a written request for permission to reproduce Section C of the Judges Handbook. It would be used for training purposes at garden shows. Board agreed by consensus to grant permission.

With Board consent, President Aitken appointed the following members to the Judges Handbook Revision Committee: Epperson, B. & H. Nichols, and Hilda Crick.

Library: Chair McNames' report was distributed.

All incoming materials are being inventoried on the computer and filed properly. Ongoing projects remain the inventorying of the Foreign Section and completing Individual Biographical information. The AIS Library currently receives bulletins from the British, Danish, French, New Zealand, and Russian iris societies.

Policy & Historical: Chair M. Lowe distributed his report. Requests have been dealt with as time and resources permit.

Public Relations: Chair J. Poling reported that she is helping Membership Secretary Brown with new member packets. Additionally, she requested pictures of iris on CDs that she can use to send with magazine articles or other promotional materials for publication.

Robins: Chair Cross's report was distributed.

With the help of RVPs, Section Heads, Robin Directors, and many individual Robin members, AIS has 19 active robins, with an average membership of nine. These figures do not include e-robins which enjoy healthy memberships in the hundreds. At present, all iris categories are covered with the exception of spurious, space age iris, Arts & Crafts, and iris photography.

Scientific: Chair Fulton's report was distributed.

Dr. Currier McEwen's involvement in the AIS Disease Project is coming to an end and excess funds from this project have been returned to the AIS treasury. Please refer to the October 2002 *Bulletin* page 59 for a report on Christy Hensler's putative JI x SIB hybrids growing in Dr. McEwen's garden.

Scholarship: Chair Shear's report was distributed.

Lisa Karst, Portland State University, has received the first installment of her award, following unanimous Committee approval.

The Committee would like to formally designate monies given out as a 'Grant' and change the Committee's name to the Scientific Research Committee.

The Board by consensus agreed to the use of the word 'Grant' instead of 'Scholarship' and to change the Committee's name to 'Scientific Research Committee'.

Secretary of Donations: Chair J. Plank distributed her report along with the reports for the Silent Auction and the Geek Auction held during the Memphis Convention.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2002 AIS received a little more than \$4,000 in donations. Most donations are memorial tributes and the General (Unrestricted) Fund receives the most attention.

The 2002 Silent Auction produced total income of \$4,654, slightly down from last year. Younger and smaller in operation nonetheless, the Geek Dinner Auction brought in total income of \$865.

Section Liaison: Chair Mark distributed her report listing the names and address of current section and cooperating society leaders.

Slides: Chair Mull's report was distributed.

Since January 1, 2002, 152 requests for slide sets have been received showing a growth in popularity. New slide sets titled 'Iris of the Millennium', 'Iris of the Fabulous 90's', 'Aril Irises', and 'The Memphis Convention' are in the works. There is a critical need for slides of new introductions, of award winning irises, and of the gardens from the Memphis 2002 Convention.

Surplus *Bulletins*: No report.

Symposium: Chair G. Snyder reported that some results are still outstanding from some RVPs. Snyder plans to post next year's ballot on the AIS website for international response.

Webmaster: No report.

Youth: Chair J. Morris distributed and summarized her report.

There are currently 402 total youth members, 245 are regular youths and 157 are Classroom Iris Project (CIP) members. There is a Regional Youth Chairman (RYC) in every region except 4, 5, 10, and 16. Regions 7, 14, 15, and 18 have CIPs in place, and Regions 5, 15, 17, 18, and 22 offer a regional Youth award.

Hundreds of iris rhizomes were sent to AIS youth members this summer, thanks to the generosity of John Jones and the Westbay Iris Society, Ron & Donna James, Mike Theissen, Roy Epperson, Terry & Barbara Aitken, Schreiner's Garden, Bennett Jones, Dave Silverberg, Bruce Filardi, Linda Browning and the Jackson Area Iris Society, Eleanor Boyson and the Middle Tennessee Iris Society, and Jim Morris and the Greater St. Louis Iris Society. Also, Janna Middleton of the AIS Gift Shop donated gift certificates to some of our Essay winners. Thank to all.

Currently, Region 18 maintains a website with information about the youth programs of the AIS. Region 18 feels it is now time for the website to be funded through the AIS Youth Committee budget. Proposed fees would be \$142.40 annually. The proposed name for the Youth website would be iris-youth. The whole address would be <http://www.iris-youth.com>.

J. Plank moved, M. Sutton seconded to approve adding funds to cover the cost of the Youth website. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

Treasurer Hudson distributed his Proposed Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003. This included a Profit and Loss Budget Comparison for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2002.

By consensus, the cost of three mailing label machines at \$250 each for the Membership Secretary, the Storefront, and the Exhibitions Chair was approved.

The previously approved cost for silver and bronze medals will be added to this budget.

Much discussion was spent on whether the Society needed to have a separate capital expenditures budget. Currently, all capital expenditures (computer equipment, office machines, etc.) are expensed in the year purchased. Bonino recommended during her audit that these costs could be capitalized and expensed over their useful life in order to better reflect the value of AIS assets, income and expenses. The consensus of the Board was to leave the accounting policies as they are for now.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Aitken made the following announcements:

1. The Spring Meeting of the AIS will be held May 12 - 17, 2003 in Falls Church, Virginia. Convention Chair is Clarence Mahan. Epperson described the gardens in the area that will be on the trek.
2. The Western Australia Iris Society Convention will be held in Perth October 20-26, 2003.
3. Many thanks to Joe Spears, Chairman and The Fort Worth Iris Society Committee members for hosting the AIS Fall Board Meeting.

Epperson moved, G. Sutton seconded to adjourn the Board Meeting at 8:45 PM on November 2, 2002. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted;
Jill Bonino, Recording Secretary

MINUTES--FINAL
AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
APRIL 24-25, 2002

The Spring Meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Iris Society was called to order by President Terry Aitken at 1:05 PM on April 24, 2002. Aitken welcomed the group and asked each person, both Board and audience members, to introduce themselves.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President Aitken, Immediate Past President Mahan, 1st Vice-President J. Plank, 2nd Vice President Epperson, Treasurer Hudson **Administrative Officers:** Editor Bruce Filardi, Recording Secretary Bonino, Incoming Membership Secretary M. Brown, **Directors:** Gossett, Jones, M. Lowe, Meyer, Jean Morris, N. Pocklington, Pope, Probst, G. Snyder, Weixlmann; **Committee Chairs:** Leader, A. Lowe, J. Poling, M. Snyder, **RVPs:** Sawyer (1), D. James (2), Thrift (5), Rawlings (6), Boyson (7), M. Sutton (14), Ives (representing 16), R. Keisling (18), Roberts (20), Kalkwarf (21), Randall (23); **Legal Advisor:** R. Plank; **Parliamentarian:** R. Figge; **Guests:** R. James (2), G. DeQuoy (4), C. Warner (4), Honkanen (5), Gardner (6), T. & D. Willott (6), A. & E. Henson (9), I. Pocklington (9), Abrego (13), B. Aitken (13), L. Reid (13), Shinn (13), Silverberg (13), G. Sutton (14), A. Poling (15), L. Begley (17), V. Christopherson (17), Rosen (17), J. Keisling (18), A. R. Kinnard (18), Jim Morris (18), Price (18), Trio (18), G. White (21).

Mahan moved, Pope seconded that Rosalie Figge be appointed as Parliamentarian for this meeting. Motion carried.

M. Lowe moved, Pope seconded to approve the request of President Aitken to appoint Jeanne Plank as pro-tem Secretary in the absence of Sara Marley. Motion carried.

Minutes: There were no corrections to the minutes of the Fall 2001 Board Meeting as published in *AIS Bulletin #324*. Epperson moved, J. Plank seconded that minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President: Eight items of business were discussed that had been previously handled via phone and email between the Fall 2001 and Spring 2002 Board Meetings. All issues have been approved by a majority of Board members via email, but all issues must be re-affirmed by voice vote at this Board Meeting.

Epperson moved, J. Plank seconded to affirm the following three items. Motion carried.

1. The move of the Storefront from New Mexico to Oregon which occurred in early December and cost less than \$1,000.

2. The appointment of John and Kay Ludi as the new Storefront Managers.
3. The initiation of a promotion campaign to bring more copies of The World of Iris to AIS members. Discounts of 20% and 40% for an order of 10 and 100 copies respectively will be instituted.
4. Mahan moved, G. Snyder seconded to grant authorization to the Membership Secretary to use discretionary measures in issuing dues adjustments with documentation. Motion carried.
5. Epperson moved, Gossett seconded to award dual Life Memberships to Elizabeth and Currier McEwen in honor of Dr. McEwen's 100th birthday. Motion carried.
6. Mahan moved, N. Pocklington seconded to appoint Mary Brown (Region 4) as Membership Secretary to take office August 4, 2002, the day that Whitehead leaves office. Motion carried.
7. Mahan moved, M. Lowe seconded to authorize Treasurer Hudson to purchase two books by Robin A. Fenner: (1) A Genius Undeclared and (2) Guernsey : My Heaven on Earth for the AIS Library. Motion carried.
8. Hudson moved, Mahan seconded that the date of joining AIS be reinstated as the date of record for membership renewal with renewal notices sent out monthly. Motion carried.
Mahan moved, Gossett seconded that this membership renewal change be effective January 1, 2003. Motion carried. Discussion of how to administer these changes ensued.

First Vice President:

1. Past RVP pins: Pins, ordered as authorized at the November, 2001 Board meeting, have been shipped to the Storefront.
2. The Invitation to Join brochure: J. Plank distributed the color multi-fold brochures. J. Plank noted that the back panel, a tear-off page, can be printed on demand as dues, addresses or other information changes. The Board and members of the audience applauded a job well done.

Second Vice President: No separate report for this office.

Secretary: J. Plank read the report from Sara Marley.

1. The paperwork required by the State of Oregon (due to AIS non-profit status) was accomplished in about a month's time thanks to the perseverance of the new managers, John & Kay Ludi.
2. The mission of transporting AIS artifacts from Ponca, NE to Salem, OR by the Marley's was accomplished by November 13, 2001 with expenses amounting to

\$811.37.

Marley thanked the incoming Directors and RVPs for their patience in the late receipt of stationary, due to the trip.

Treasurer: Hudson distributed copies of the most recent financial report for The American Iris Society as of March 31, 2002. Total current assets are \$297,846 up from \$274,932 at the end of March, 2001. Net Income for the period ended 10-01-01 through 3-31-02 is \$42,389 versus only \$24,045 for this same period last year.

1. Hudson referred to the Ludi's Report of Sales and Inventory and discussed Storefront activity. Total Sales for January - March, 2002 were \$9,678.50.

2. Hudson pointed out that good rates are still coming in on the certificates of deposit, and that no large expenses are foreseen other than perhaps insurance.

Hudson moved, Jones seconded to approve the proposed Budget for the 2001-2002 fiscal year as included in the March 31, 2002 Report. Motion carried.

Comments concerning the Audit Report:

Bonino distributed copies of the Audit Report for The American Iris Society for the fiscal year ended 9-30-01. The Report consisted of audit procedures performed and recommendations for improvements. Overall, the financial condition of the AIS is good and record-keeping is up to date. The Board discussed the four recommendations in the report:

1. Recommendation to add the value of the current and the cost of future Storefront Inventory to the assets of The Society. Also discussed adding the cost or appraisal of the Library materials and the new Membership Secretary computer system/database program. This would make the financial statements reflect closer the total value of The Society.

2. Recommendation to expand AIS website or link it to the AIS Gift Shop site so that members can buy storefront items online. Board discussed this at some length.

Mahan moved, J. Plank seconded that recommendations to implement #1 and #2 be completed and presented at the Fall Meeting by Hudson (#1) and Jones (#2), respectively. Motion carried.

3. Recommendation that all Petty Cash bank statements (being handled by the Storefront, Membership Secretary, and Secretary) be copied and forwarded to Hudson, so he has complete records of all bank accounts. Hudson reported that this is being done.

4. Recommendation to check into insurance coverage over the Library and Storefront items. Insurance Chair M. Snyder reported that this is in place in the amount of \$150,000 at each place.

Mahan moved, Jones seconded that Board give a unanimous commendation to Bonino for the Audit Report. Motion carried. Mahan stated that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit.

Editor: Filardi distributed copies of his report. President Aitken commented that we may be \$2,000-\$3,000 over budget this year. *Bulletin* pages could be cut, but the 128-page issue best accommodates AIS needs. Mahan moved, Probst seconded that we budget funds for at least a 128-page July 2002 issue. Motion carried.

There was no Ad Editor Report. Filardi explained that Ad Manager Peters has been dealing with family illness during the past year. Filardi will follow-up with a reminder of the need for an advertising report at the Fall 2002 meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS

Membership Secretary: Pope read the Whitehead report.

1. On March 31, 2002, total active members as of March 31, 2002 are 6,572, a net loss of 298 members or approximately 4% over the last 12 months. At this time Region 14 continues to lead with 597 AIS members. Region 18 (546), and Region 4 (529) hold second and third places respectively. Regions 3, 5, 15, and 18 have shown growth over the past twelve months.

2. The Life Member Census program, a cooperative effort between the RVPs and the Membership Secretary, was highly productive.

3. The Membership Office recently embarked upon a program encouraging groups to consider ongoing sponsorship of an AIS membership at a local library, so that the *Bulletin* may be available to library patrons who may become AIS members. The Logan Iris Society of Region 12, Dr. Jeffrey Walter, President, was commended for adopting the Logan Library of Logan, Utah and for supporting the *Adopt a Library!* program.

Additional Membership topics:

Life Membership Cards:

Hudson stated that he has the computer equipment and laminating machine to reproduce the AIS Life Membership cards which will have the logo and a pre-printed signature of the President.

Membership Record-keeping:

President Aitken described the three concepts that have been proposed for updating the Membership Secretary record-keeping system. The first two concepts come from Gary Pfingsten of Pfingsten Computing Service, whom Aitken has worked

with in the past with good results.

Concept #1: Regional officers would be able to go directly to a website to access information that would apply only to them. There would be security codes for access to this proposed website.

Concept #2: The AIS database would be converted from Paradox to Access 2000 or some other modern database management system. After completing Phase 1 of this project (which included learning about the existing database, the various tables of data to be included and the types of information that would be stored in order to accomplish the objective of record-keeping and reporting to the membership), Pfingsten's proposal for Phase 2 is the actual programming work to complete the conversion.

The Cost Summary for this work is below:

	Programmin g fees (without help system or user manual)\$5,850 - \$7,350
User manual	\$1,200
Help System	\$1,200
Adobe Acrobat 5.0 at the office	\$200
Adobe Acrobat reader at the regional sites	\$ 0
PcAnywhere remote control software (optional)	\$ 139
Website hosting for business site purpose at Platinum Web	\$ 50
per month	
Website hosting for general website (if separate one used)	\$ 40
per month	
Internet Service Provider	Varies with type

Concept #3: Jones and M. Lowe suggested and discussed a stock program called FileMaker Pro. This program can be loaded to do the same database functions, but without the web access described above. The software costs about \$200 - \$250. Jones suggested that the main priority is to get the current records (which are on a 10-year old system) onto new technology and then look at the choices of how to distribute reports. Mahan moved, Hudson seconded that the FileMaker Pro software be installed and its report capabilities to meet AIS needs be investigated further. Motion carried.

Registrar: J. Plank read the report from Keppel.

1. Eight hundred copies of the 2001 Registrations & Introductions booklet were printed.
2. For the 2001 Registrations Year (12-1-00 to 11-30-01) there were 964 irises registered and 683 varieties introduced. Forty percent of the registrations were for irises originating outside of North America.

3. Hybridizers and introducers should be aware that when the Registrar is home, names can be cleared within 48 hours of phone, email or mail requests. The fastest and best way to clear names is via email.

Recording Secretary: No report.

Publications Sales Director: See Storefront information given under Treasurer Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. AIS ByLaws: Epperson distributed a Working Draft dated 4-21-02 of the ByLaws. Proposed changes were marked for discussion and involve doing business by electronic communications, relocating various sections within the ByLaws to a more logical place, defining a Board Executive Committee, and resolving the disparity between the ByLaws and the RVP Handbook description regarding the term of office of the RVP Representative. Active discussion ensued. Epperson asked for input of any other changes the group thought should be considered, so that a revision of the entire document by the Committee can be done at one time. Epperson stated he hopes that recommended revisions can be presented at the Fall Meeting. Board members will receive proposed revisions in advance of this meeting.
- B. Pesticide/herbicide ads in the *Bulletin*: R. Plank discussed the questions raised at a previous Board Meeting about the decision to accept/reject pesticide/herbicide ads in future issues of the *Bulletin*. Plank did some legal research and determined that publications are under no duty to investigate any ads and/or their claims prior to printing them. There also is no law that the 501(c)(3) designation (because it is a public benefit corporation) would trump the ability of a publisher to reject advertising.
- C. Status of New Display Screens. J. Plank read the report from Olive Rice Waters. Two new display screens are in place with new headboards reflecting The Society's 1920 beginning date.
- D. Mahan reported that we received reimbursement from the insurance firm of Berens & Berens on March 12, 2002 in the amount of \$425.00 for the porcelain *Boehm* iris that broke during shipping to the Library.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- A. **Operations Manual:** Epperson reported that the Operations Manual will be a looseleaf, 3-ring binder format and will include the following topics:
- History of The American Iris Society
 - List of all AIS Presidents
 - Organizational Chart of AIS
 - Current ByLaws of AIS
 - Standing Rules of AIS

- Position Descriptions of all Officers
- Position/Task Descriptions of each Standing Committee
- RVP Handbook
- Convention Handbook

As of April 24, 2002 the Manual is approximately 50% complete. A full draft will be available at the Fall 2002 Board Meeting.

- B. **Bulletin Indexing:** President Aitken reported this is substantially done, and it should be loaded and up and running shortly.
- C. **Ad-Hoc Committee--RVP Handbook Revision:** Probst reported that 100 copies have been printed for distribution at this meeting, one to each Board member and each RVP at the Convention. It was pointed out that the minutes of the Fall Meeting reflect that a draft was to be distributed to the Board for review prior to final distribution. Epperson confirmed this. R. Plank suggested that the 100 copies be marked as *Working Draft* and distributed to Board members and RVPs. RVPs were asked to forward their suggested changes to M. Sutton (pro-tem RVP Rep) before the end of the bus tours in Memphis.
- D. **Non-profit Incorporation Tax Exempt Status:** R. Plank reported that Regions 2,3,4,5,6,9,11,13,15,19,24, Sections: MIS, SJI, SIGNA, and SPCNI have completed their requirements for Internal Revenue code Section 501(c)(3) status. Regions 8, 10, 18, 22, and Section RIS are in the process, and others have been invited to start.
- E. **Surplus Bulletins:** C. Meyer distributed copies of and read her report. The cost of mailing out surplus *Bulletins* is almost the same as the revenue generated from their sale. Meyer moved, Pope seconded that a new fee schedule for purchase of surplus *Bulletins* be instituted effective July 1, 2002, as follows: \$7.00 for 25 *Bulletins* and \$10.00 for 50 *Bulletins*. Motion carried.
- F. **Ad-Hoc Committee--Racetrack Design:** Jones will report status at the Fall Meeting. Jones is working on scaling down the AIS logo so anyone can download and adjust it to any size for any publication.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Affiliates: Chairman Pope distributed copies of her report showing the approved affiliates by Region. She pointed out that there are 178 affiliates to date, Region 16 now has two affiliates, three affiliates have disbanded, three affiliates decided not to affiliate this year, and two affiliates have not renewed yet.

Affiliate Contest: Pope read Chairman Keup's report. A total of 21 affiliates nominated their clubs. The winner, Elmohr Iris Society from Region 20 scored 440 points. First runner up was the Capital Hudson Iris Society from Region 2, and the second runner up was the Ft. Worth Iris Society from Region 17. All winners will receive 2002 iris

introductions. Keup looks to a greater participation rate this year. The goal will be to receive at least one nomination from each Region.

G. Snyder related the interaction of the new membership renewal policy (approved earlier) and the affiliation process. He stated that all officers of affiliates must be AIS members, and this status currently is checked only at the beginning of the year. President Aitken observed that affiliates elect officers at all times of the year, and it has been policy that the Affiliates Chair checks AIS membership status only at affiliate renewal. With email, clubs and affiliates can contact the Member Secretary regularly to check on member status as needed. President Aitken tabled this discussion by stating that the current system seems to work best for now. No further action taken.

Awards: Chairman Epperson read his report. Official Ballots have been mailed to 695 Accredited Garden, Active Master, and Emeritus Judges. The total cost of the preparation and mailing of 760 Official Ballots (65 were marked VOID and sent to Apprentice Judges) was \$1,076.69.

There is still no data on HC awards for the JI iris for the 2001 voting year. All of the JI ballots went to the former Awards Chairman and contact with him has been difficult. Epperson requested copies of an AM and HM certificate be sent to him for reproduction and he will check on whether any of these certificates were previously sent out. If not, he will do so.

Keeper Trophy: Epperson will bring one or all of the *trophies* with the AIS racetrack seal to the Fall Meeting. *Trophies* will actually be an 8" x 11" plaque that will be given to the winners of the permanent cups (President Cup, Franklin Cook Cup, and Walther Cup).

Calendars: J. Plank read the report from Waters. Work proceeds on schedule for the 2003 calendars, and Waters requests submissions of photos for the 2004 calendar. A total of 3,500 calendars for 2003 have been delivered to the Storefront, and Whitehead has sent labels for announcement letters to affiliates, RVPs and Board members.

Convention Liaison: Chairman Gossett handed out a schedule of future National Conventions and Fall Board Meetings. He reported that the hotel for the 2003 National is now the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church, VA. Hudson mentioned that the distance from the airport to the hotel in Santa Rosa (for the 2004 Convention) is 45 minutes from the Oakland airport and also from the San Francisco airport. Both airports will have a bus or shuttle to get people to the hotel.

Probst reported that he has received an invitation from the Greater Kansas City Iris Society to host the Fall Board Meeting November 3-5, 2006. Probst moved, Pope seconded to accept this invitation. Motion carried.

Electronic Services: Chairman Jones reported that the Gift Shop business has been up and down.

There are no new issues concerning the Webmaster. Chris Hollinghead is doing an excellent job with the information he gets and there is good turnaround on updating the website.

Work continues on the on-line checklist. Editing of the 1969 checklist and

formatting the 1999 checklist also continues. Jones has a very supportive team assisting him and progress is being made.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM to be resumed on April 25, 2002 at 8:15 AM.

President Aitken brought the meeting back to order on April 25, 2002 at 8:15 AM.

Exhibitions: Chairman Leader reported that there have been 173 Shows to date and two cancellations due to weather.

Epperson read the status report of the Exhibitions Committee (Show Supplies). As of April 22, 2002, ninety-eight (98) orders for supplies for Accredited Shows for 2002 have been received. Ninety-five have been shipped. The total income amount is \$9,748.25.

Foundation Liaison: Foundation Trustee Honkanen summarized the report by Chairman Mazur. The Foundation has been fortunate in receiving many new worthy requests from talented researchers in the field.

A grant of \$5,000 went to Dr. Arnis Seismus to study Juno irises in Syria. His work would include: proposed studies in the field, collecting herbarium, and molecular and cytogenetic work on living material that would likely contribute significantly to the future monograph on subgenus Scorpiris as well as a taxonomic revision of them for Flora of Syria.

A second grant for \$5,260 went to Yuval Sapir for the study on Oncocyclus populations in Israel. Many of the areas that are home to various Oncocyclus species are being destroyed because of the human population growth.

Dr. Rodionenko been preparing many articles for publication in the last year, and the foundation continues to support him in his work.

Other funding requests for various projects have been approved.

As a result of the death of Jim Loveland, a foundation trustee from Missouri, his wife, Doris, has accepted his post. She will handle all matters relating to the incorporation of the Foundation in that state.

Honorary Awards: Chairman Mahan stated that all medals and awards were on hand for the Awards Banquet at the close of this Convention.

Insurance: Chairman M. Snyder summarized her report. Since September 11th, people are paying higher insurance premiums. Traveler's Insurance sent notice that if AIS renews with them, the annual premium will be approximately \$28,000 vs. the \$7,000 now being paid. This, however, will not affect the Directors & Officers coverage which is separate. Group discussed the options available such as dropping the coverage on the Library and/or the Storefront and just keeping the liability and umbrella coverage. Snyder will get quotes with or without various combinations of the above. She also may look into a higher deductible. Snyder notified the Board that a decision will need to be made before the July 1st policy renewal date, which is before the next Board meeting, so she will pass along information as she gets it. Despite the above, Traveler's has agreed to cover the gardens on tour at the National at

a cost of \$300 for the three days. Snyder recommended that this cost be borne by AIS and not the local Club hosting the National. Epperson moved, Gossett seconded that AIS pay the coverage for the tour gardens at Memphis and at all future National Conventions. Motion carried.

Snyder has also informed Traveler's to amend the named insured on the AIS policy to read *The American Iris Society, its Regions, Sections, Affiliates and all members thereof*. This should eliminate the need for clubs to get separate insurance for non-AIS members. The named insured will be shown as above if AIS moves to a new carrier.

Judges: Gossett read the report from Co-Chairmen B. & H. Nichols. The Report listed by Region those Judges that have deceased since the last report. The list also included by Region those Judges who have been deleted from the Roster for failure to renew their AIS membership as of 4-1-02.

G. Snyder brought up a problem with a Judge in Region 15, Jim Puckett, who was told by the ARVP from Region 15 that he had been dropped from the rolls for not voting the last two consecutive years. Puckett had also been told that because of the mix-ups during the 2001 voting year, that no Judge would be dropped for failing to vote during the last two years because the records may not be accurate. After some discussion, Mahan moved, M. Lowe seconded that Judge Puckett be reinstated to the Judges Roster as an active Judge retroactive to January 1, 2002. Motion carried.

Board went into a lengthy discussion about the Jeanette Graham issue. Ms. Graham, a Judge trainee, is in disagreement with former AIS RVP and Board member C. Meyer and present AIS Region 11 RVP E. Allison over what paperwork she is required to have to advance to the position of Apprentice Judge. Detailed paperwork has been gathered on this issue from the parties involved. After further discussion Mahan moved, Jones seconded that the Judges Chair has the authority to decide this issue. Motion carried.

Judges' Handbook: Chairman Epperson reported that the last Judges' Handbook was published in 1998 and that the Board voted at that time to review and revise the Handbook every five years. Epperson has not received sufficient changes to warrant a revision in 2003 and suggests delaying this until 2004.

Library: J. Plank read the report from the absent Chairman McNames. Epperson moved, G. Snyder seconded that the list of items included in the report to be donated by the Library to the 2002 Silent Auction be approved. Motion carried.

Report detailed the number of boxes (71) received from the previous Historian. All boxes have been gone through and relevant materials have been input on the computer database and filed away. There are 13 boxes of AHS materials that remain. The AHS does not want them. McNames will contact other flower societies to see if they are interested in them. He also has 8 boxes full of various Garden Magazines (mid 1990's to 2001) that await disposition. Mahan moved, Gossett seconded that the boxes of magazines and AHS materials be gone through for future Silent Auctions over the next several years. Motion carried.

Membership Contest: No report at this time. The contest was described in detail on

page 94 of issue 324 of the *Bulletin*, and the winner for 2001 for the affiliates was the Bluegrass Iris Society, Region 7, with 250 points. The runner-up was Columbus Iris Society, Region 6, with 140 points. The Youth Division winner was Nicole Grzeskowiak, Region 18 with 340 points.

New Historic Iris Chronicles: J. Plank read Chairman Whitehead's report. Multiple invitations have been sent out seeking knowledgeable people to prepare a chronicle on a particular hybridizer. Opal and Henry Wulf have agreed to chronicle Alan Ensminger. Mrs. Willott is working on the Welch New Chronicle. Anne Lowe is working on Orville Fay. Nancy Nies has made great progress with her work on a chronicle of her grandfather, Eric Nies. C. Mahan, who is chronicling Dr. Currier McEwen, hopes to have a first draft for review within a few months. Phil Edinger has dropped out of doing a chronicle on Ben Hager due to professional commitments. M. Sutton suggested that Sid Dubose may be a good contact for completing the chronicle on Ben Hager.

Policy/Historic Research: Co-Chairman M. Lowe distributed copies of the report along with a CD of the Board minutes from 1988 to 2001. Co-chairman A. Lowe summarized the report. The Lowe's are still exploring the means of making AIS policy available in a format that is both user friendly and comprehensive.

Public Relations/Marketing: Chairman J. Poling reported that she is working on an AIS PR pack that will include a letter from the President, an Invitation to Join brochure, back *Bulletins*, and back calendars. Poling has prepared a list of ad agencies, magazines, and TV shows where she might pass out this information. Poling requested that all possible promotional contacts be sent to her.

Rare Iris Study Center: No report.

Robins: J. Plank read the report for absent Chairman Cross. The new Robin brochures are working well, and more robin members are signing up. Cross gathered the following information on the Robin Program:

- 3 Regions of the responding RVP's have Regional Robins.
 - 1 Region has a Robin for board members only.
 - 9 have no Regional Robin, nor do they belong to a Robin.
 - 8 Sections/Societies do have Robins, 4 of which are e-Robins.

The Section Robins currently operating are Aril, JI and 2 Siberians ones. Cross hopes to have further information about individual participation in Robins in the Fall.

Flight Lines: Chairman Wiexlmann reported that currently he just takes excerpts from the email Robins and, under topic headings, he puts these in the *Bulletin*.

RVP Representative and RVP Counselor: M. Sutton, pro tem RVP Representative for JaNeice Mull, reported the points brought up at the RVP meeting held earlier.

1. RVPs would like email addresses to be included in membership lists.

2. RVPs would like a RVP email-Robin set up.
3. Three RVPs have no RVP Handbook at all--old or new. Epperson responded that he could send copies of the old one to them.
4. The conflict between the dates shown in the ByLaws and when the RVP terms actually begin and end should be clarified. Currently, the new RVPs begin their term at the close of the Spring Board Meeting and the terms run until the close of the next Spring Board Meeting. It was recommended that a ByLaws change be effected to correct this. Epperson suggested taking this out of the Bylaws and adopting a Standing Rule to set the RVP term of office.
5. The RVPs did not support the idea of an Executive Committee of the Board.
6. The RVPs requested that all RVPs who attend the Board meetings get copies of the reports.
7. RVPs believe that all Show Schedules should state that approved AIS Shows be held in venues that are handicap accessible if the Shows are held in a public place. Epperson was not sure that the AIS had that power. He was not sure that the AIS could require that all shows be held in handicap accessible places.
8. RVPs believe that there should be a separate Artistic Division approval for that part of the Show Schedule so that National requirements are met. Epperson commented that the Show Schedule should state which rules are being followed, since the AIS has rules for artistic competitions in the Handbook are different from the rules used by state garden clubs.

Chairman Probst continued with additional points. He suggested that the *Board of Counselors* be renamed the *RVP Meeting*. After some discussion no motion was made. A. Lowe commented that the 2003 Convention Schedule will show *RVP Meeting* in parenthesis following the term *Board of Counselors* to help alleviate some of this confusion. This item was referred to the ByLaw Revision Committee at the consensus of the Board.

Probst will keep the new draft of the RVP Handbook open for revision until July 1st. N. Pocklington commented that those who have no changes to the Handbook as drafted should let Probst know that, so that he hears from everyone, with or without comments. Probst will send revised email copies of the Handbook to all Board members and RVPs after July 1st, after which time it will be considered a final draft.

On a housekeeping note, JaNeice Mull is still RVP Representative until 9-30-02 and she will remain on email and regular mailing lists until then. M. Sutton will be kept aware of activity in this area as well.

For next year the RVP Chair to the Board of Counselors will be Ray Keisling, Region 18 and Sandy Rawlings, Region 6, will be Secretary.

Scientific: J. Plank read the report from Chairman Fulton.

Dr. Currier McEwen has completed a draft of a report on the long-term AIS *Disease Project* and this report should be ready for publication soon. In collaboration with Dr. McEwen and Sharon Hayes Whitney, Christy Hensler's putative JI X SIB hybrids growing in Dr. McEwen's garden have been evaluated. A report describing observations and conclusions, as well as an introduction to the genetic expectations if there were true hybrids, has been submitted to the *Bulletin*.

Scholarship/Grants: Epperson read the report from Chairman Shear. The Committee received two applications for the 2002-2003 award. The Committee unanimously recommends funding Lisa Karst, Portland State University, to aid her study of 'Phylogeny of Sisyrinchium (Iridaceae): Genetic and Morphological Evidence.' J. Plank moved, G. Snyder seconded to grant Lisa Karst \$1,500 to continue her work. Motion carried.

The Committee also received and approved a progress report from Marc McPherson, the 2001-2002 grantee. His final report is expected in May, 2002.

Mahan suggested that Bill Shear investigate the academic community to find more people interested in applying for scholarship monies. President Aitken will ask Dr. Shear to be an accumulator of potential projects for further discussion and review by the Board. Mahan moved, G. Snyder seconded that the Board increase the Scholarship Budget to a \$5,000 annual amount. Motion carried.

Secretary of Donations: Chairman J. Plank summarized her report. Donation activity for the last six months is much the same as the previous six months. Donations remain slow in much the same manner as over the past two years. Contributions from all sources totaled less than \$4,000. Jeanne & Bob Plank, Treasurer Hudson, and Rosalie Figge will work together to see how more activity can be generated.

Section Liaison: The report by Mark was distributed. It listed all Sections and Cooperating Societies with names of the current President, Membership Secretary and Editor. Mark also included a list of Section Conventions scheduled from April 2003 through May 2006.

Silent Auction: Chairman Meyer summarized her report. Tall Bearded donations were up this year, and there were lots of excess copies of the *Bulletin* from the 1940's and 1950's. Several first time donors were included in the list of people donating this year.

Slides: J. Plank read the report from Chairman Mull which was for activity during the months of January - March 2002. Seventy seven requests for slides have been received to date. Biggest challenge is getting contributions of slides from the hybridizers of their recent introductions. Most popular sets for rent are for the 2001 introductions, Trivia, and The Iris Family. Mull is starting on the program for 2002 introductions. A list of the slide sets available is on the AIS website. Board tabled until the Fall Meeting whether to promote/how to promote requests from outside The Society from people who are interested in using AIS slides.

Symposium: Chairman G. Snyder distributed copies of his report which included a list of 459 irises that will be on the 2002 Symposium Ballot. This report also included comments and issues that have come to the Chairman's attention.

1. Comments from the New England area mentioned that their favorite irises never make the list. Perhaps an independent regional popularity poll could be instituted.

2. The best iris hybridized will never be on the ballot if it was introduced outside North America. Perhaps the winners of foreign Dykes Medals could be added to the

ballot for three years, if they are TBs.

3. One means of getting newer iris in the top 100 would be to re-instate the Iris Hall of Fame. Perhaps any iris that was in the top 100 for 10 years in a row or in the top position for 3 years could be put in the Hall of Fame and deleted from the Symposium.

Chairman Snyder had no specific proposals to make about these items at this time.

Youth: Chairman Jean Morris summarized her report.

Clark Cosgrove Memorial Award: There were 13 youths nominated for the award this year for Youth Achievement. First place went to Nicole Grzeskowiak of Herman, Missouri, Region 18. Second place went to Elizabeth Rocha of Ramona, California, Region 15. And in third place was Christopher Rust of Union, Missouri, also of Region 18. The winner receives \$400, the second place receives \$50 and the third place receives \$25. Group discussed the amounts of the prizes for this award and the fact that there is no General Youth Fund for donations. G. Snyder moved, Jean Morris seconded that the first runner up prize be increased to \$100 and the second runner up be increased to \$50 for the Clark Cosgrove Award. Motion carried.

Jay Ackerman Essay Contest: There were over 50 entries in the contest this year. The winner in the age 13 and older group was Amanda Cummings of Region 2. First and second runners-up were Nicole Pedersen of Region 21 and Charity Thompson of Region 22. The winner in the age 12 and under group was Kristen Laing of Region 4. First and second runners-up in this group were Stephanie Strauss of Region 17 and Allison Grzeskowiak of Region 18. Each of the winning youths will receive \$100 from the Foundation. The four runners-up will receive special prizes and all entrants will receive a free iris rhizome this summer. Mahan moved, Jean Morris seconded to commend Claire Honkanen for her work on the Essay Contest. Motion carried.

As of March 31, 2002, AIS youth members total 351, 241 regular youth members and 110 students in Classroom Iris Projects (CIP). Regions 2,4,5,10, and 20 still need a Regional Youth Chairman.

Morris commented that the youth can always use rhizomes. She requested people email her and she will send the names and addresses of youth needing the rhizomes. The Board and audience applauded Jean following her report.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman M. Sutton distributed folders with biographies of the potential nominees to the Board. She reported that 30 names had been suggested as possible nominees. Out of 12 finalists, the Committee picked 8 names as nominees for the four expiring Director positions:

Louise Carson, Region 22

Bill McVicker, Region 22

Ernie Henson, Region 9
Bill Mull, Region 4

John Jones, Region 14
(incumbent) George Sutton, Region 14

John Ludi, Region 13
Bob Terpening, Region 5

Candidates were not notified specifically that they would be expected to take on significant responsibilities as a Director. Committee decided to let President Aitken do this. The Board thanked M. Sutton and her Committee for all of their work.

President Aitken called twice for additional nominations from the floor. Tom Abrego placed the name of Rick Ernst in nomination as a write-in candidate. J. Plank called a third time for any added nominations from the floor. Epperson moved, Gossett seconded that nominations cease. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM to be resumed at approximately 9 PM following Executive Session to be held at 8 PM.

Meeting resumed at 9 PM following Executive Session..

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOMINEES:

President Aitken announced that the following four people will be the nominees for the four expiring Board of Director position:

Louise Carson, Region 22
John Jones, Region 14, incumbent
John Ludi, Region 13
George Sutton, Region 14

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President Aitken announced the following members of the Nominating Committee:

Jean Morris, AIS Director
Jeanne Clay Plank, AIS Director & First VP
Ray Keisling, RVP Region 18
Marsha VandeBrake, RVP Region 8
Charlie Brown, Section Representative
Sandy Rawlings, Alternate, Region 6

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Storage of Tapes of Board Meetings:** J. Plank brought up the question of what to do with the cassette tape recordings of previous Board Meetings. If they should be kept, for how long and where? Discussion revolved around how many tapes are involved and what information may be on the tapes that was not included in the approved written minutes, and that may be of value in the future to resolve issues that come up. Mahan proposed that they be disposed of. He felt that the printed minutes in the *Bulletin* are the official record. After further discussion, Mahan moved, J. Plank seconded that the Recording Secretary keep the tape recordings as long as he/she feels necessary and then destroy them. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. President Aitken announced the Fall Board Meeting will be hosted by the Ft. Worth Iris Society, Chairman Joe Spears, and will be held at the Wilson World Hotel in Irving, Texas from November 1-3, 2002.

2. President Aitken expressed many thanks from all of the Board to Elke Longworth and her Convention Committee members.

3. Mahan moved a special note of thanks, G. Snyder seconded to commend with great appreciation Second VP Epperson for filling in at the last minute as the Regional Judges Training Chairperson among other unexpected jobs that were not anticipated. Motion carried and the audience applauded.

J. Plank moved, Epperson seconded that the meeting adjourn at 10:05 PM. Motion carried.

Jill Bonino
Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Greensboro, North Carolina

November 2–3 2001

The Fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society was called to order by President Clarence Mahan at 7:40 P.M. on November 2, 2001. Mahan welcomed the group and noted the support and sympathy from irisarians worldwide following the events of September 11th. He commented on the sad occasion of Larry Harder's death, noting that AIS had lost one of its most staunch supporters.

Mahan thanked Director Epperson, the Eastern North Carolina Iris Society and Region 4 for hosting this meeting. Introductions of AIS officers, Directors, Committee Chairs and guests followed.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President Mahan, Immediate Past President Niswonger, 1st Vice-President and Editor Aitken, 2nd Vice-President J. Plank, Secretary Marley, Treasurer Hudson; **Administrative Officers:** Registrar Keppel, Recording Secretary A. Lowe, incoming Recording Secretary Bonino; **Directors:** Epperson, Gossett, J. Jones, M. Lowe, Mark, Meyer, J. Morris, B. Nichols, Pope, Probst, G. Snyder; **RVP Representative:** JaNiece Mull (4); **Committee Chairs:** Cross, B. Mull, M. Snyder; **RVPs:** Boyson (7), Ludi (13), M. Sutton (14); **RVP-Elect:** B. Sawyer (1), J. Thrift (5); **Legal Advisor:** R. Plank; **Parliamentarian:** R. Figge; **Guests:** W. Marley (2); Brown, G. & S. Grigg (4); Honkanen (5); B. Aitken (13); H. Nichols (17); Trio (18).

Secretary Marley announced that since there were no additional nominations, Maureen Mark, Carryl Meyer, Nancy Pocklington and Gerry Snyder were duly elected and qualified as Directors with terms expiring in 2004.

Mahan's appointment of Rosalie Figge as Parliamentarian for this meeting was approved by consensus.

Minutes: The following correction was made to the minutes of the 2001 Spring meeting

as published in AIS *Bulletin* #322: change spelling of Rodienko to Rodionenko in the Foundation Liaison report. J. Plank moved that the minutes be approved as corrected; Gossett seconded. Carried.

Reports of Officers

President:

- Mahan requested reaffirmation of the following authorized interim actions:
 1. drafting and signing of a 10 month contract with Membership Secretary Whitehead who will continue in her position until August 2002 at which time a new Membership Secretary will be appointed. Whitehead's annual salary will be paid for the 10 month duration of the contract. Jones moved affirmation; Probst seconded. Carried
 2. since no one has been able to contact Awards Chairman Campbell, current status of judges voting the 2001 Ballot is not available. Judges Chairman Mullin has been instructed to submit his report without any deletions based on non-voting of this Ballot.
 3. partial dues refund to AIS member by officers
 4. change of effective postmark date for Awards ballot to July 2, 2001 as July 1 deadline fell on Sunday
 5. purchase of UPS system with surge protection for Membership Office
 6. waiver of deadline for two judges due to lost ballot
 7. decision to let stand the awards given to 3 irises of foreign origin which were erroneously placed on the 2001 ballot
 8. purchase of a new computer for the office of the AIS Secretary
 9. a transition audit of the books by Jill Bonino

Probst moved approval of all interim actions; J. Morris seconded, Carried.

- Mahan reported that Walter and Sara Marley have volunteered to drive to the home of Larry Harder in Ponca, Nebraska; assist his family in assembling and packing items belonging to AIS, and transport this material to Librarian McNames in Salem, Oregon. Marleys have requested that AIS reimburse them for expenses incurred one way. Epperson moved that the trip costs one-way be underwritten by AIS; M. Lowe seconded. Carried.

Mahan noted that McNames will determine which items are appropriate for placement in the Library and which ones might be donated to the AIS Silent Auction.

- Mahan reported that the Boehm porcelain iris traditionally in possession of the AIS President, in accordance with the directive of the Board, was shipped to the AIS Library during the summer. Although a reputable professional packer was used, the iris was broken when it arrived in Oregon. Mahan cited difficulties he and McNames are encountering in trying to collect the insurance. He stated that he will continue to pursue this matter.
- Mahan reiterated an earlier warning that tough financial times are ahead and suggested that the Board might want to seriously consider a dues increase in the near future. He also noted that many of our procedures are so complex that volunteers are unwilling to take on certain positions and he emphasized the need to simplify policies in all areas.

First Vice President: No report.

Second Vice President: J. Plank noted that, following consultation with Treasurer Hudson, she has not yet complied with the Board decision to order 100 RVP pins at a cost of \$32 each. Since this represents a 15 year supply and ties up a large amount of AIS funds over a long period of time, she suggested that this decision which was made following a recommendation by the Board of Counselors at the Spring meeting, might need to be reconsidered. Epperson moved that the Board reconsider its prior action to purchase 100 RVP pins at \$32 each; Gossett seconded. Carried. Discussion followed during which it was emphasized that this is purely a matter of finances and that the Board is in no way criticizing the RVP recommendation.

Epperson moved that the prior action to order 100 pins at \$32 each be rescinded; Marley seconded. Carried. It was suggested that AIS might subsidize the cost and sell the pins to the regions at a reduced price.

Epperson moved that the Board of Directors authorize purchase of 25 RVP pins to be sold from the Storefront to regions at \$32 each; G. Snyder seconded. Carried. Pins will be ordered from: J. B. Trophies, 1348 Coleman Place, Santa Clara, CA 95050.

Plank reported that the mockup of the proposed *Invitation To Join* brochure is nearing completion and will be mailed to Board members for review. Bids for printing are being finalized. The Exhibitions Chair will use previously printed forms until the new brochure is available in early spring 2002.

Secretary: Marley reported that the new computer system is working well and has made her job much easier.

She noted that the Decennial Report form accompanied by the \$52 fee has been filed with the Pennsylvania Department of State to comply with the incorporation laws under which the AIS was formed. To ensure validity, a Pennsylvania resident must be the contact person. Vince Lewonski will serve in that capacity until September 2011.

She announced that the Secretary's office will be closed during the month of November due to the upcoming trip to Nebraska and Oregon. She requested that submission of all bills be held until her return.

Treasurer: Hudson distributed a comprehensive annual report which showed an overall increase in revenue despite a decrease in donations to restricted funds. The drop in interest rates for renewal of one CD was noted. The fiscal year ended with a positive balance despite several major expenses, and, even with the economic problems facing our country, AIS finances have performed in a very positive way. Hudson stated that there is good diversification in our investments and accounts and he expects growth in revenues and reserves to continue.

Editor: Aitken reported that the *Bulletin* is currently on budget. He presented the proposed *Bulletin* budget for 2002, noting that it is considerably less than the 2001 budget due to decreased printing costs.

Aitken initiated discussion as to the feasibility of binding the Symposium into the *Bulletin* with the ballot as a tear-out. He noted that printing this as a part of the *Bulletin*

would be a considerable saving over the current separate printing of the Symposium and it would eliminate the mailing service cost of including it in the envelope with the July *Bulletin*. During discussion it was decided that this matter should be presented to those directly involved (RVPs and members of their affiliates) before any action is taken. Symposium Chair G. Snyder will contact RVPs re this and will bring their input to the Board in Memphis.

Election of new Editor: A written report from Assistant Editor Bruce Filardi was presented by Aitken who noted that Filardi has been involved in all areas of *Bulletin* production during the past 2 years and is willing to assume the Editor's position as an independent contractor at a salary of \$6000/year. Mahan suggested that the new Editor be elected at this time. Epperson moved that Bruce Filardi be elected Editor of the *Bulletin of the American Iris Society* with an annual compensation of \$6000; Plank seconded. Carried unanimously.

Advertising Editor: No report was received from Chairman Peters. Hudson noted an increase in 2001 Advertising revenues. However he stated that, although Peters has deposited checks during the year, no records for these deposits or accounting of expenses incurred have been received. Following discussion, Mahan instructed the Editor and 1st V-P to contact Peters regarding submission of timely reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS

Membership: Chairman Whitehead was not present and her written reports were distributed by the Secretary. The Membership report noted that on September 30, 2001, the total membership of AIS was 7402 which is 334 fewer than a year ago. Leading regions are 14 (681), 4 (649), and 18 (601 which includes 126 youth members). There are 215 Overseas memberships.

Whitehead presented the results of the Life Member Census. She reported that currently there are 445 Life Memberships with 109 being Dual. There are 22 Life Memberships in 10 foreign countries.

She listed by region those Life Memberships which she has been unable to verify and requested assistance in obtaining information about these persons.

Whitehead requested clear articulation of any existing policy governing refunds of dues and suggested possible wording for a policy to deal with this. M. Lowe reported no existing policy. J. Plank moved that AIS issue no refunds of dues; Probst seconded. Carried.

Whitehead suggested eliminating *Bulletin* exchange with several foreign iris societies due to non-reciprocity. The Board felt that every effort should be made to continue publication contact with these countries. Mahan and International Editor M. Sutton will work with Membership on this.

Whitehead addressed the need to reprint Life Member Gold Cards if issuance is to be continued. Probst moved that AIS continue to issue a Gold Life Membership card and that the card be redesigned to eliminate the printed name of the Membership Secretary but providing space for the signature of the Secretary; Meyer seconded. Carried. It was stated that any current Life Member who has never received a card may

obtain one by contacting the Membership Secretary.

In discussing generalities, Whitehead suggested that AIS might be better served by returning to the twice yearly enrollment periods. Discussion and action was deferred to the Spring meeting.

Registrar: Keppel distributed his report which presented estimated figures for printing the *2001 Registrations and Introductions* booklet. Keppel requested Board action re the number of copies to print. Niswonger moved that 1000 copies be printed; M. Lowe seconded. A tie vote resulted and Mahan broke the tie by voting Nay. Motion defeated. Aitken moved that 800 copies be printed; M. Lowe seconded. Carried.

Keppel reported that the Benson records have not been received by the Registrar's office.

Following discussion it was decided by consensus that no increase in the Registration fee was needed at this time.

Recording Secretary: A. Lowe announced that she plans to distribute these minutes electronically since all involved have e-mail.

Storefront Sales: Chairman N. Pocklington has been ill and is currently in hospital. Irv Pocklington has informed Marley that all matters of the Storefront are up-to-date. Treasurer Hudson noted that sales revenues are listed in the annual financial report.

Surplus *Bulletins*: Meyer reported 1580 *Bulletins* have been sent out during 2001. Since *Bulletins* must be a year old before they can be considered surplus, Meyer reported very few on hand and she questioned whether this activity can be continued with the reduced number of *Bulletins* currently available. Editor Aitken noted that this activity was set up originally to reduce stock of extra *Bulletins* acquired as a result of over-runs and that currently 500 extra copies of each issue are being printed. Aitken asked for input on reducing this number. The Board felt that distribution of surplus *Bulletins* was an excellent PR tool and that no changes should be made at this time.

Meyer requested Board permission to send out Membership brochures from the Sections and Cooperating Societies (if they request it) when she ships surplus *Bulletins*. Agreement by consensus.

RVP Representative: Mahan welcomed JaNiece Mull who stated that she had no issues to bring before the Board.

Reports Of Special Committees

Operations Manual Draft: Epperson reported that 60% of the material had been received and formatted. The remainder will be completed prior to the spring meeting at which time the complete Operations Manual will be presented to all Officers and Directors and pertinent sections will be given to all Committee Chairs and Administrative Officers. In the interest of economy it was recommended that the pages be punched for a 3-ring binder and shrink wrapped for distribution.

Bulletin Indexing: Aitken reported that the group plans to work the *Bulletins* from the 1980s during the winter and hope to complete these by spring. A list of missing earlier *Bulletins* needed to complete the project is being compiled.

RVP Handbook Revision: Probst reported that the handbook was ready for the printer and presented estimated costs for printing. He requested guidance re number of copies to be printed. Hudson moved that 100 copies be printed in 3-ring binder format; Mark seconded. Carried.

It was noted that this document has not been distributed to Officers and Directors for review and approval of all policies contained therein prior to publication. Probst was directed to distribute draft copies to officers and directors for review and to set a timely date for submission of revisions so that the final copy can be printed and ready for distribution at/before the spring meeting.

501(c)(3) Status: Epperson noted that R. Plank is handling all the applications and that the process is ongoing.

AIS Logo: John Jones stated that he has not completed redrawing the AIS logo as directed at the spring meeting and that he and M. Lowe have not completed formulation of the requested policy for usage of the logo. A report will be forthcoming in Memphis.

Storefront Shipping Fees Review: Hudson reported that the committee had met and that revised dual shipping fees have been established. [*Note: new shipping fee schedule to be approved by the Board.*]

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Affiliates: Chairman Pope distributed a list of 182 affiliates and moved that the list be approved; Epperson seconded. Carried.

Affiliate Project Chairman Bob Keup submitted a written report in which he noted that information packets had been sent to all affiliates and RVPs and that the first nominations for the award were due in January. He requested direction from the Board re the type of award that should be presented to the winning affiliate. Following discussion, Marley moved that the winner of the Affiliate Contest be awarded an appropriate certificate; Gossett seconded. Carried.

Awards: Mahan reported that he has been unable to contact Chairman Campbell and that no Awards report has been received. He mentioned several other committees whose functions were impacted by the lack of response from this committee.

With reference to the awards given to 3 uncertified foreign irises erroneously placed on the 2001 ballot, Registrar Keppel noted the frustrations and extra work involved in verifying that an iris bred in a foreign country has been first introduced (offered for sale) in North America. He defined the Certification Process as follows: "a signed statement from the foreign hybridizer to the Registrar stating that an iris has not been distributed for sale outside of North America during the first shipping season." He stated that the 2001 ballot was not submitted to the Registrar for verification as it usually is and that

subsequently 3 foreign irises not eligible for inclusion had received awards. Lengthy discussion ensued concerning whether foreign originated irises should be included on the AIS Awards ballot at all. Consensus was that they should be if qualifications for eligibility are met, but that the certification process was a duty of the Awards Committee not the Registrar. J. Plank moved that the function of certification of foreign irises for eligibility for AIS Awards be transferred from the Registrar's office to the Awards Committee; Pope seconded. Carried.

It was noted nothing has been done in the ordering of the keeper trophies. This matter is referred to the incoming Awards Chairman.

Calendars: Chairman Rice-Waters reported that work was in progress on the 2003 calendars and her report detailed expected costs and expenses. She expressed concern over not knowing how many 2002 calendars remain in the Storefront.

Convention Liaison: Chairman Gossett distributed an updated list of upcoming Spring and Fall meetings. Concern was expressed about the distance of Santa Rosa (Fall 2004) from the area airports. Gossett will contact the club for information re availability and costs of transportation to/from the airports in the region.

Electronic Services: Chairman Jones announced that the *1969 Check List* will soon be uploaded to the Online Database which currently has 472 subscribers. Jones' report included monthly sales figures for the online AIS Gift Shop.

In response to many requests to provide the Check Lists in downloadable form, Jones moved that AIS allow the *1989* (and older when available) *Check Lists* in electronic form to be downloaded at no charge. He further proposed that we maintain a \$10.00 annual subscription fee for the *1999 Check List* and the individual *Registrations and Introductions* (starting with the *2000 R&I*) until the sales of the hard copy versions recover the cost of printing, at which time they become downloadable at no cost. G. Snyder seconded. Carried.

Jones presented a report from webmaster Hollinshead who listed his initial goals and stated that these had all been accomplished. The group expressed pleasure at the current format and content of the AIS website.

Re listing of commercial advertisers on the website, Hollinshead requested definition of the term "current AIS *Bulletin* advertiser" and suggested some guidelines. Jones moved that a Current AIS *Bulletin* Advertiser be defined as "a commercial concern that has published one or more paid advertisements, (either as a display or Shopping Section ad) in the *Bulletin* in the preceding calendar or current year, such to be listed in the appropriate section of the website. Epperson seconded. Carried. Implementation will begin at the end of 2001. Jones noted that the website was an accurate and useful PR tool providing an adjunct to the *Bulletin* as well as another avenue for increasing membership.

Exhibitions: Chairman Epperson reported evaluation/approval of 182 Show Schedules for 2001. Region 22 was commended for mounting 19 shows and Epperson noted the excellent participation of Youth members in both horticultural and design sections.

At this time the 2001 Nelson Award which honors the iris most often selected Best

Specimen of Show has been won by **Conjuration**. Since several final reports have not yet been received, this may change.

Epperson reported that the medals reported on in the spring were not of the former quality nor were they exactly the same design. He passed around samples of these medals which received mixed reaction. The new medals will be used beginning in 2002.

Foundation Liaison: Foundation Trustee Claire Honkanen distributed a comprehensive Foundation report which will be published in the April *Bulletin*.

Honorary Awards: Following the Executive session, Mahan announced the following Honorary Awards recipients: Distinguished Service Medal: Bob Plank; Hybridizers Medal: Marvin Granger, Hooker Nichols; Warburton Medal: Brian Mathew; Emeritus Judges: Glenn Corlew, Clarence Mahan, Barbara Schmieder, John Weiler.

Insurance: Chairman M. Snyder reported that within the past few days, efforts to obtain a reasonable quote for a package policy have fallen through. This policy must contain coverage for the AIS, Sections, Regions and all their members; \$5,000,000 liability coverage; and most importantly, coverage for the gardens being used in conjunction with an AIS function. AIS will continue to deal with Travelers Insurance Co. and Snyder will investigate getting an umbrella policy to cover tour gardens in time for the Memphis Convention.

New Historical Iris Chronicles Project: Chairman Whitehead's written report requested attention to the following:

(1) that the New Historical Chronicles Project has permission to publish...any materials protected by copyright held by AIS.

It was noted that since this Project is an internal matter, no permission is required.

(2) that the monetary charge for access to and use of the Electronic Website or other AIS electronic research facilities be waived for primary compilers and their staff while they are working on their Chronicle.

Deferred pending report of Electronic Services Committee. No further action taken.

Judges' Handbook Revision: Chairman Epperson moved that the Board endorse the action taken in the spring regarding crediting of Awards and Ballots training; Gossett seconded. Carried unanimously.

Epperson's report detailed the flower sizes for Median irises in both the 1985 and 1998 *Handbooks*, noting that the statements in the 1998 *Handbook* were recommended by the Median Iris Society to underscore proportion in the BB, IB and SDB classes. Epperson moved that AIS endorse the flower sizes as stated on pages 74, 84 and 100 of the 1998 *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials*; J. Morris seconded. Carried.

Keppel requested that the definitions for the iris classes be corrected and revised. He noted that height and bloom season should be part of the definition while the bloom size should be listed as the class standards.

Epperson directed attention to the incorrect statement on p. 27 in the *Handbook* which states that: "...the American Dykes Medal is restricted to irises first introduced in the United States or Canada *regardless of origin*." These last words are not in line with

the BIS rules for awarding of this medal and should be stricken. Niswonger moved that the words “regardless of origin” be removed from the statement; Morris seconded. Carried.

Since it was previously recommended that revisions be made every 5 years, Epperson stated that 2003 was the year in which the next revisions would be made.

Judges and Judges’ Training: Gossett presented Chairman Mullin’s written report to which the list of qualified judges was appended. Mullin stated that the voting records from the 2001 Ballot were not available from the Awards Chairman, therefore no judges were dropped for failure to vote for a second consecutive year. Of the 929 judges approved for 2002, 696 will be qualified to vote the official ballot. No action was taken on issues presented for possible future consideration.

Mullin noted that this report completes his term in office and he expressed thanks for being allowed to serve AIS in this capacity. Gossett moved approval of the list of judges; Epperson seconded. Carried.

Library: Chairman McNames’ written report was distributed. He listed the foreign bulletins presently being received by the Library. He also noted the impending arrival of material from Larry Harder which is being delivered by the Marleys. This material will be sorted and cataloged by McNames with contributions to the Silent Auction as appropriate.

Membership Contest: No report.

Policy: Chairman M. Lowe outlined the difficulties encountered in the present method of preparation and distribution of Policy. He offered CDs containing ‘Minutes 1988–Spring 2001’ to those who wanted them, and requested input regarding usefulness of this means of dissemination. Lowe will furnish copies of the CD as needed.

Public Relations and Marketing: No report.

Rare Iris Study Center: No report from Chairman Waddick. Niswonger reported receipt of seeds from Nina Alexeeva in Leningrad, most of which have been sent to SIGNA for distribution.

Registrations: Keppel reported more than 700 registrations completed to date and noted that although the past year has brought some unique problems with international registrations, most interactions with registrants have been accomplished peaceably. He also noted that he has been serving as the Acting Registrar for the past seven years while the Board finds a permanent Registrar.

Robins: Chairman Cross distributed a written report. She noted the need to update and reprint a new Robin *Invitation To Join* brochure which is included in the AIS New Member packet, and she presented the updated revisions, options for paper and costs. Following discussion, J. Plank moved that the robin brochure be updated as described, and that 1000 copies be printed on 60 pound stock; Epperson seconded. Carried.

Cross requested that she receive advance payment for this project. Request approved by consensus.

RVP Counselor: B. Figge was not present and the complete list of recommended RVP appointments for 2002 was not received during the meeting. The following list was assembled by those present and later confirmed when Paul Gossett contacted Figge by telephone:

Terms expiring in 2002

Region 4	JaNiece Mull	Region 13	John Ludi
7	Eleanor Boyson	24	Hazel Jones
12	Leon Robertson*		

Terms expiring in 2003:

Region 6	Sandra Rawlings	Region 14	Margaret Sutton
8	Marsha VandeBrake	15	Gerry Snyder
9	Jerry Wilhoit	16	Sandy Ives
10	Charles J. Walkowiak	18	Ray Keisling
11	Eileen Allison	22	M. D. Faith

Terms expiring in 2004

Region 1	Bob Sawyer	Region 19	Mary Townsend
2	Donna James	20	Betty Roberts
3	Jay Holcomb	21	Eugene Kalkwarf
5	Joyce Thrift	23	Patricia Randall
17	Keith Smith		

* unable to contact; status uncertain as of 11/3/01.

Gossett moved approval of the list; Pope seconded. Carried

Scientific: Chairman Fulton submitted the following report:

Dr. Currier McEwen is completing the AIS "Disease Project" which started in 1992. The study has focused on scorch-like diseases in apogons. Dr. McEwen is preparing a detailed report on the study for publication and I have worked with him on this report. The report examines each possible cause of the scorch-like diseases, including insects, nematodes, bacteria, mycoplasma-like organisms, viruses and fungi. It describes attempts to treat affected plants and to induce scorch by inoculation of healthy plants. While it has not been possible to reach a firm conclusion about a cause or excuses for the disease(s) this careful study serves as a model for analysis of such syndromes in irises.

In collaboration with Dr. McEwen and Sharon Hayes Whitney, I have evaluated both plants and flowers among Christy Hensler's putative JI X SIB hybrids growing in Dr. McEwen's garden. I also attempted systematic crosses between JI-like and SIB-like plants. A report on this work will be forthcoming.

No report has been received from Andrew Wheeler on the "Mutation Project" which you funded in 1998. In any case, it will be another 2-3 years before the offspring of

treated plants flower.

Mahan noted that Fulton is concerned about the current policy re publishing scientific articles as stated in the *Bulletin*. He feels that this might discourage submission of interesting articles to the Editor. He recommends that the following statement in the front of the *Bulletin* be removed: "Technical articles reporting the results of research will be summarized as news reports, with references made to specialized journals where more complete information can be found." Niswonger moved removal of the statement; G. Snyder seconded. Carried.

Scholarship: Mahan reported that Chairman Shear has suggested that the name of this committee might be changed to 'Scholarship/Grant' as our Scholarship Fund functions as a grant. He further suggested that the use of the term 'grant' in the academic canvass letter might clarify our position and increase response. Following discussion it was decided by consensus to retain the present Scholarship Committee title and to authorize Shear to phrase the letter as appropriate to the academic world.

Secretary of Donations: Chairman J. Plank noted that donations to AIS continue "flat" with the primary factor being the lack of a stimulating, broadly appealing cause. Plank suggested that interest might be stimulated via articles in the *Bulletin* spotlighting the work of a given fund and what help donations have provided for this work. Rosalie Figge was complimented on her recent *Bulletin* article dealing with bequests to AIS. She distributed several examples of other ways in which one might make bequests to AIS. It was felt that these would be valuable 'fillers' in the *Bulletin* and Figge and Plank will collaborate on writing up these options.

Section Liaison: Chairman Probst presented a current list of Section officers along with a copy of the form he uses to update this information. He also distributed a list of scheduled Section and Cooperating Society Mini-Conventions which was updated from the floor.

Silent Auction: Chairman Meyer presented the statistics from the 2001 auction and reported on the problems encountered during this auction. She made the following recommendations for Silent Auction 2002: try for more variety in items donated; encourage convention attendees to patronize this sale; open the Silent Auction a day earlier in the convention and close earlier in the evening. It was suggested that lesser known hybridizers be contacted for donation of rhizomes. Meyer will follow up on this.

Meyer presented a request from a section regarding the possibility of a "piggy back" auction in conjunction with the AIS silent auction in order to raise monies for publication of the Section Check List. Following discussion it was decided by concurrence that any section fund raiser should be carried out as a part of that section meeting.

Slides: Chairman Mull presented a comprehensive report detailing actions undertaken during the past year. The most popular slide set continues to be *Newest Introductions*. and plans for several new slide sets are in the works. Mull emphasized the ongoing need for slides from hybridizers and members and he stressed the importance of slides as a tool to publicize the iris to general gardening groups. Mull noted that, despite

recent problems with anthrax, the current policy of using USPS priority mail will continue.

Symposium: G. Snyder gave an oral report in which he stated that those problems which had arisen had been satisfactorily solved. During discussion it was agreed that no changes should be made to the current voting deadline with exceptions being allowed for Canada and Overseas ballots at Snyder's discretion.

Youth: Chairman Jean Morris read her report. AIS youth members total 413 of which 239 are regular youth members and 174 are CIP members. She noted the recent project in Region 3 where youth members planted historic irises at Woodville Plantation as well as several other youth projects which have received significant recognition. She noted much youth activity in Region 14 and reported a suggestion that a major Youth Conference be held during the 2004 Convention in Region 14. Mahan asked that the list of those who have donated irises to youth members be published as part of the Youth Report in the *Bulletin*. Morris reminded Jones that she needed the Youth Certificates he was working up; Jones will deliver in November.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Pesticide/herbicide ads in future *Bulletins*:** During the Spring meeting, much discussion centered around the ad on the outside back cover of the April *Bulletin* which featured a product advertised as an iris borer deterrent. At that time, "Hudson moved that, effective immediately, AIS not accept any ads for pesticides or herbicides in the *Bulletin*; J. Plank seconded. During discussion Bob Plank was asked to research the legal implications of such an action. Subsequently, Epperson moved that Hudson's motion be tabled until the Fall meeting; Pope seconded. Carried." At this meeting Plank stated that he had not prepared a report of the legalities involved but that he would do so for the meeting in Memphis. However, as the motion was not removed from the table during this meeting, this motion died.
- **Bylaws Revision Committee:** Appointment of committee deferred until after elections.
- **Display Screen Replacement:** A new company has been chosen to make the replacement AIS Display Screens. Since many of the existing photographs can be reused, the cost will be less than that allotted at the 2001 spring meeting. The logo on the new headboards will show the correct year (1920) of founding.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **hiring of a computer consultant to assist in the transfer of membership data to a new computer:** Aitken explained the need for an expert in PC programs and conversions to tell us what is needed to convert from the current membership program to a new and more manageable way of doing the job. He emphasized the need to get conversion in place before a new membership secretary takes over in August 2002. During discussion Jones stated that the consultant should first develop the specifications for an appropriate program to handle the job and that Aitken

should oversee the process. Following presentation of projected costs, Jones moved that AIS budget \$10,000 for conversion of the membership database and authorize an initial expenditure of not more than \$1000 for the consultant to provide specifications for a new database—the President to be in charge of this project; G. Snyder seconded. Carried. Jones will serve as in-house consultant.

- **non-cashing of AIS checks for section renewal dues:** The Section Liaison Committee will contact the section involved.
- **Anthrax concern:** Hudson reported that membership Secretary Whitehead is concerned about the danger of anthrax in the mail she is required to handle. She is considering taking the anthrax inoculation and has asked that AIS pay half the cost of this immunization. Agreement by consensus.

Election of Officers

Mahan called for nominations for President:

Epperson moved that President-Elect Designee Terry Aitken be nominated for President; Niswonger seconded. Epperson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Aitken; Plank seconded. Carried.

Epperson moved that J. Plank be nominated for First Vice-President; Marley seconded. Epperson moved that nominations be closed and that the Secretary be directed to cast a unanimous vote for Plank; Niswonger seconded. Carried.

Hudson nominated R. Epperson for Second Vice-President; Niswonger seconded. Hudson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Epperson; Niswonger seconded. Carried.

J. Plank nominated S. Marley for Secretary; J. Morris seconded. Epperson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be directed to cast a unanimous ballot; Plank seconded. Carried.

Plank nominated J. Hudson for Treasurer; Morris seconded. Epperson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Hudson. Carried.

Mahan thanked the Board for all their help and support during the past three years. He praised the group for meeting issues head-on and for making decisions rather than deferring action on many issues. He stated that he perceived an overall harmonious working relationship within AIS at the present time. He feels that AIS is strong and, under the leadership of the new President, will continue to prosper in the days ahead. He reiterated the need to simplify administrative procedures. He then turned the Chair over to President Terry Aitken.

Jeanne Plank displayed the first AIS Gold Medal which was awarded to John Wister many years ago. She stated that this important part of AIS history would be given to each incoming AIS President to be held by him/her during the time in office. She presented the medal to Aitken.

Aitken thanked the group for supporting him and stated that he would be calling on them for help in the future. He echoed Mahan's call to simplify procedures, adding that the workload of those involved in running AIS needed to be lightened. He stated his intention to use e-mail and other forms of electronic communication as much as possible during his administration.

President Aitken requested approval of the following appointments:

Administrative Officers:

Registrar: Keith Keppel
Membership Secretary: Anner Whitehead
Recording Secretary: Jill Bonino
Publication Sales Director: Irv and Nancy Pocklington

Standing Committee Chairmen

Affiliates: Shirley Pope
Awards: Roy Epperson
Calendars: Olive Rice-Waters
Convention Liaison: Paul Gossett
Electronic Services: John Jones
Exhibitions: Jason Leader
Foundation Liaison: Roger Mazur
Honorary Awards: Clarence Mahan
Insurance: Michelle Snyder
Judges: Bonnie & Hooker Nichols
Judges Handbook Revision: Roy Epperson
Librarian: Keith McNames
Membership Contest: Lynda Miller
New Historical Iris Chronicles: Anner Whitehead
Policy and *Historical Resource: Mike & Anne Lowe
Public Relations & Marketing: Joyce Poling
Rare Iris Study Center: James Waddick
Registrations: Keith Keppel
Robins: Libby Cross
RVP Counselor: Riley Probst
Scientific: Dr. Chandler Fulton
Scholarship: Dr. William Shear
Secretary of Donations: Jeanne Clay Plank
Section Liaison: Maureen Mark
Silent Auction/Surplus *Bulletins*: Carryl Meyer
Slides: Bill Mull
Symposium: Gerry Snyder
Youth: Jean Morris

*Aitken noted that the position of Historian has been eliminated, the committee retitled and combined with Policy.

Director:

Peter Weixlmann to fill the Director's position vacated by Epperson's election as 2nd Vice President
Epperson moved approval of all appointments; Gossett seconded. Carried.

Honorary Awards Committee: Aitken, acting on the advice of the incoming Honorary Awards Chairman, recommended the appointment of Hilda Crick, Bennett Jones and Adele Lawyer as members-at-large to the Honorary Awards Committee. Niswonger moved approval; Probst seconded. Carried.

Epperson reminded the group that committee chairs may not appoint their committee members without approval of the President.

Bylaws Revision Committee: Aitken appointed Roy Epperson, Bob Plank, Everett Lineberger and Mike Lowe; Epperson to chair. Niswonger moved approval; Mahan seconded. Carried.

Epperson listed several matters which will be addressed during the revision and asked that further items be directed to his attention.

Budget: Treasurer Hudson distributed budget work sheets and the proposed budget was reviewed in detail. Estimated revenues and expenses were discussed line by line with appropriate changes being made as needed. Hudson will prepare the revised budget and send copies to all Board members via e-mail.

Marley asked that the Standard Banking Practice Resolution be approved. Plank moved that AIS approve the Standard Banking Practice; Niswonger seconded. Carried.

Announcements:

RVP Eleanor Boyson of Region 7 invited all to the 2002 National Convention in Memphis.

The group was reminded of the British iris Society meeting in May 2002.

Aitken thanked Roy Epperson and the Eastern North Carolina Iris Society for providing such comfortable surroundings for this meeting. Epperson noted that the hosting of this meeting was a joint effort of the ENCIS and Region 4. He saluted ENCIS members Glenn and Susan Grigg for their operation of the Hospitality room and Region 4 for underwriting the cost of the meals.

Adjournment:

J. Plank moved adjournment; Gossett seconded. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M. on November 3, 2001.

Anne S. Lowe
Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Spring meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society was called to order by President Clarence Mahan at 1:10 P.M. on May 21, 2001. Mahan welcomed the group and thanked Region 3 for hosting this convention. Introductions followed.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President Mahan, Immediate Past President Niswonger, 1st Vice-President and Editor Aitken, 2nd Vice-President J. Plank, Secretary Marley, Treasurer Hudson; **Administrative Officers:** Membership Secretary A. Whitehead, Recording Secretary A. Lowe, Publication Sales Director N. Pocklington; **Directors:** Epperson, B. Figge, Gossett, M. Lowe, Jean Morris, Jones, N. Pocklington, Pope, Probst; **Committee Chairs:** Harder, B. Mull, Meyer, Rice-Waters, G. Snyder, M. Snyder; **RVPs:** Weixlmann (2), Lewonski (3), J. Mull (4), Rawlings (6), Boyson (7), J. Wilhoit (9), Ludi (13), M. Sutton (14), G. Snyder (15), Ives (16), R. Keisling (18), Lingenfelter (21), B. Figge (23); **Section Presidents:** Jill Copeland, Craig, Lineberger, Spears; **Foundation President** R. Hollingworth; **Legal Advisor** R. Plank; **Parliamentarian:** R. Figge; **Guests:** A. & E. Gallagher (1); G. & S. Grigg, Goethals, Gregory (4); Honkanen, Pat Bowen (5); A. & D. Willott, J. & J. Copeland, Miller, J. Hollingworth (6); A. & E. Henson, M. Wilhoit (9); Abrego, B. Aitken (13); Joanne Jones, Loberg, Messick, G. Sutton (14); Mark (16); J. Keisling, Jim Morris, Trio (18); Reuter, Stanek (21); Lack (22).

Mahan announced that there was a quorum present. He requested Board approval of the appointment of Rosalie Figge as AIS Parliamentarian. Plank moved approval; Marley seconded. Carried.

Minutes: There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the 2000 Fall meeting as published in AIS *Bulletin* #320. Pope moved that the minutes be approved; Gossett seconded. Carried. Mahan thanked C. Meyer and V. Lewonski for recording the fall minutes in the absence of the Recording Secretary.

Mike Lowe stated that an advertising policy approved by the Board during the 1996 Fall meeting had never been entered into the minutes of that meeting. He moved that the following policy on advertising be added to the 1996 Fall minutes:

“The American Iris Society bylaws require our publicizing irises and offering cultural and other information to the public. Our commercial gardens are a strong, important part of this service, so to further their advertising in the quarterly *Bulletin* is to our advantage. The need to be selective in accepting those with good business practices is obvious. The decision to deny space to advertisers in the American Iris Society *Bulletin* cannot be capricious nor can it be a formula decision. It must be a judgment based on experience and common sense. Denying it should not be done lightly and without thought. The final decision to accept or reject advertising will be left to the judgment of the Advertising Editor.” Plank seconded. Carried.

Reports of Officers

President:

- Mahan requested reaffirmation of the following interim Board actions:
 1. Pricing of the 1999 *Check List* at \$17

2. Purchase of new computer system for Editor's office
 3. Appointment of William Shear as Scholarship Chairman following resignation of Dr. John Taylor
 4. Change of printing firm from Imperial to Edwards Bros. for *1999 Check List*
 5. Change of effective date for increase in annual membership dues from 01/01/02 to 10/01/01
 6. Honorary Life Membership plus past *Bulletins* and any AIS publications he does not have to Milan Blazek of the Czech Republic
- M. Lowe moved that all Board decisions made since the Fall meeting be reaffirmed; Pope seconded. Carried.
- Mahan noted the need for clarification of the term Executive Committee, currently understood to be comprised of the officers and immediate past president. Epperson stated that the bylaws make no provision for an Executive Committee and such committee can only be established by amending the Bylaws. Following discussion it was decided by consensus that the term Executive Committee was passé and will not be used in conducting business of the AIS.
 - John Jones was appointed to chair an *ad hoc* committee to determine the correct AIS logo from among the several versions currently in use.
 - An email letter from Scientific Chairman Fulton re certain articles in the April *Bulletin* and current AIS policy re publishing scientific articles was distributed. The matter will be placed on the Fall meeting agenda.
 - Mahan stated that Keith Keppel had requested that the Board approve presentation of a copy of the *1999 Check List* to Mike Lowe in recognition of all his efforts in preparation and production of the *1999 Check List*. Epperson moved approval; Jones seconded. Carried. Lowe reminded the group of the debt owed to Kay Nelson Keppel for her preparation of the 1969, 1979 and 1989 Check Lists as well as the first several years of this Check List.

First Vice President: No report.

Second Vice President: J. Plank distributed the results of her investigation of a source for RVP pins, noting that the price has nearly doubled since AIS last ordered them. During discussion of the need for controls on the issuance of pins, Epperson moved that a region may request purchase of an RVP pin by a letter to the AIS Secretary who will then notify the Storefront that the purchase is legitimate; Pope seconded. Motion defeated.

The general feeling was that the regions should decide when and to whom they will award the pins and Probst moved that the RVP or Assistant RVP may submit a request to the Storefront as they need the pins; J. Morris seconded. Carried.

The matter was referred to the Board of Counselors who agreed that the mechanics of awarding RVP pins should be the decision of the individual regions and they recommended that 100 pins be ordered. Aitken moved approval of the recommendation; B. Figge seconded. Carried.

As a member of the Committee to revise the ITJ, Plank reported that Epperson had to print a simple interim brochure since the demand for ITJ was more than anticipated and currently there are less than 600 left of this printing. An interesting design for a new brochure is pending and Plank will work with Hudson and Epperson in finalizing the format. By consensus the Board approved Hudson's request to list the Gift Shop in the ITJ brochure.

Secretary: Marley reported that the Dykes medal had been received.

She reviewed the mechanics of the salvage of iris memorabilia from the estate of the late Cliff Benson by Region 18 irisarians Ray Keisling and Cindy Rust. Keisling reported on the visit to the home in Hermann, Missouri and the rescue of the personal iris records, photographic material and stud books, all of which were destined for the dump. He noted that there may still be some material forthcoming. The breeding records have been sent to Keppel; slides were forwarded to B. Mull and *Bulletins* are to be shipped to Mahan. Mahan thanked all concerned for their part in avoiding the loss of this irreplaceable material. It was suggested that hybridizers be encouraged to include disposition of their iris records in their estate planning.

Treasurer: Hudson distributed the semi-annual report, noting that, while profits had dropped, income was adequate and AIS is in good financial shape. Following requests from several RVPs for copies of the report, Epperson made the point that all RVPs should receive a copy of each Treasurer's Report whether present at the meeting or not.

Editor: Aitken reported that the new computer was used primarily for scanning. The *Bulletin* is on budget. He noted that Asst. Editor Filardi was assuming greater responsibility for production of the *Bulletin*.

The following problems with the *Bulletin* were presented:

- Whitehead reported a number of incidents in which either the January *Bulletin* envelope arrived minus the *Bulletin* or the *Bulletin* was sufficiently damaged to require replacement. The January issue appeared to be too heavy for the envelope and she suggested that heavier mailing envelopes be used. Aitken will implement this.
- Mahan noted the lack of *Flight Lines*: in the January and April issues. Aitken stated that he had not received them. B. Figge stated that she had many demands on her time and suggested that it might be easier if Flight Lines were not featured in every *Bulletin*.
- Although the new advertising rates were printed in the January *Bulletin*, the old advertising rates were printed in the April *Bulletin*. Editor aware of this error.
- Epperson noted that the list of 2000 HC winners had not been published in either the January 2001 or April issues. Aitken stated that he was unaware that they were in the Awards Report distributed at the Fall meeting. They will be in the July issue.
- The ad on the outside back cover of the April *Bulletin* featured a product advertised as an iris borer deterrent. This engendered much discussion. Hudson reported that he had researched the product and its advertiser, coming to the conclusion that the ad was not entirely accurate in its claims, and he stated that he felt it gave the impression that AIS endorsed this product. Aitken noted that there was presently no policy precluding ads of this type and the content of ads is left to the discretion of the Advertising Editor. M. Lowe pointed out that in the past 2 decades, the outside back cover of the *Bulletin* had been devoted to either irises or notable irisarians. It was suggested that if this type of ad is accepted, it be confined to inner pages of the *Bulletin*. Hudson moved that, effective immediately, AIS not accept any ads for pesticides or herbicides in the *Bulletin*; J. Plank seconded. In discussion it was noted that this might have legal implications (B. Plank to research) and that this might be too restrictive. Epperson moved that Hudson's motion be tabled until the Fall meeting; Pope seconded. Carried.

J. Plank moved that the outside back cover of the *Bulletin* be restricted to promotion of irises and prominent irisarians; Jones seconded. Carried.

It was felt that an appropriate disclaimer in the *Bulletin* would take care of future problems of this type. Aitken will provide this for the July issue.

Advertising Editor: No report received from Peters.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS

Membership: Chairman Whitehead reported that on March 31, 2001, the total membership of the society was 6870 which is 267 fewer than a year ago. The March 2001 drop of 1135 members reflects an overall decrease of 4% for the past year. Leading regions are 14, 4, and 18, followed by 7, 17, and 15.

To achieve steady growth, Whitehead believes that we must actively seek to make increased numbers of prospective members aware of the society and the benefits of membership. The AIS webpage has been helpful here. We must also, collectively and individually, work to ensure that the experience of every new member, and every continuing member, is positive and rewarding.

Whitehead cited AIS policy which states that the mailing address of record determines the region to which a membership is assigned. An Affiliate membership is the exception to the rule in that the address of record is the mailing address of the current president. Since some affiliates have members from more than one region, the mailing address may change from one region to another with the change of president. Lowe moved that the regional assignment of an affiliate will not change if the mailing address of the affiliate president is in an adjacent region; Epperson seconded. Carried.

Following a brief outline of current practice, Whitehead recommended that all persons whose memberships expire 31 December, but who have renewed before the mailing list for the January *Bulletin* is finalized, will be included in that mailing list. Those who renew thereafter but before 31 March will not receive the January *Bulletin* unless they request it. Hudson moved approval of the recommendation; Jones seconded. Carried.

The review of Whitehead's policy brief governing the sale of membership information with recommendations for affirmation or change was deferred to the Fall meeting. On behalf of the Board, Mahan expressed gratitude to Whitehead for the time and effort she has expended on behalf of AIS.

Registrar: Written report. Keppel reported that 1000 copies of the *2000 Registrations and Introductions* booklet were printed, and he noted that getting the 1999 Check List printed in time for this convention had been a long and arduous process. He commended Mike Lowe for his help in completing this project. He also noted that the proximity of the Library and the cooperation of the Librarian were invaluable helping him to carry out the duties of the Registrar's office.

Recording Secretary: A. Lowe announced that she has asked the incoming President to replace her following the 2001 Fall Board Meeting.

Storefront Sales: N. Pocklington provided information concerning the high cost of shipping

orders, especially books, to foreign countries. Following discussion, she moved that the *1999 Check List* be advertised at \$17.00 for the U. S. and Canada and \$25.00 for overseas orders; Epperson seconded. Carried.

Pocklington further suggested that a two-tier price list for other items might be in order and indicated her willingness to implement this. Epperson moved that the President appoint an *ad hoc* committee to review the pricing and shipping fee schedule of the AIS Storefront; Gossett seconded. During discussion Epperson moved that the motion be amended to read as follows: the President appoint an *ad hoc* committee to review the shipping fee schedule of the AIS Storefront; Gossett seconded. The amendment was approved and the amended motion carried.

Mahan appointed Pocklington, Hudson and Gossett; Pocklington will chair. The appointments were approved by consensus.

Pocklington stated that her new home in New Mexico has a second garage which is large enough to house all AIS materials on site. This eliminates hauling boxes to and from off-site storage units. The storage bill in Illinois was \$100/month. She asked the Board if they would consider paying that amount to the Publication Sales Directors in lieu of renting commercial storage. The question arose as to whether Pocklington would forfeit her vote as a Director if this payment were made. It was decided that this charge could be invoiced as a storage fee incurred in operation of the Storefront. Marley moved that AIS pay the Publication Sales Directors \$100 per month for storage of Storefront materials; Epperson seconded. Carried.

Surplus *Bulletins*: Meyer reported 1580 *Bulletins* mailed since the Fall 2000 meeting. A list detailing the number of *Bulletins* and to whom they were sent was distributed. No freight charge is incurred as Meyer will personally pick up year 2000 *Bulletins* from Aitken.

RVP Representative: No report. Fran Evers was unable to be present due to illness of her husband.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Operations Manual Draft: Epperson gave an update, noting that approximately one third of the job descriptions had reached his desk. He presented the format to be used and stated that the completed Operations Manual will be forthcoming at the Fall Board meeting.

***Bulletin* Indexing:** Aitken reported that while he had no recent update, it was his understanding that the project is completed from present issues through *Bulletin #88* with only a few index entries remaining to be uploaded.

RVP Handbook Revision: Probst reported an essentially completed draft document of 65–70 pages and stated that he had e-mailed this draft to Board members the day before this meeting. It was noted that the Board and the RVPs must see the draft prior to printing the final version. All corrections must be submitted to Probst prior to 1 July, 2001. Epperson stated that he can have the document printed at a reasonable price. All remaining copies of the old *Handbook* should be destroyed.

501(c)(3) Status: R. Plank stated that the second group of letters requesting tax exempt status for those regions and sections who have completed the required paperwork have

already been approved by the IRS. This includes Regions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 15, 19, 24, and SJI, Signa, and SPCNI. In progress are Regions 8, 10, 18, 22 and RIS. Invitations to participate in the 501(c)(3) tax exemption program and requirements which must be met have been sent to all regions and affiliates.

AIS Logo: John Jones presented three versions of the AIS logo (seal) which are in current use, and moved that AIS adopt the oval form as used on the AIS seals; M. Lowe seconded. During discussion, Jones amended the motion to read that AIS adopt the original Racetrack form with the date corrected to 1920 as the official AIS seal, the rendering to be approved at the Fall Board meeting; Epperson seconded. Amendment and motion carried.

Discussion addressed the transition from the oval form now in use and it was agreed that existing art work and AIS seals may be used/sold until the supply is exhausted at which time the official version will be used in all instances. Jones and M. Lowe were charged with formulating a policy for usage of the seal for presentation at the Fall meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Affiliates: Chairman Pope distributed a list of 182 affiliates and moved that the list be approved. Epperson seconded. Carried.

There was no report from Affiliate Project Chairman Bob Keup.

Awards: Chairman Campbell has been ill and sent no report. Epperson, who has been in touch with Campbell, reported that the plans for tabulation were in place and there were no anticipated problems in that area. Mahan noted that there are mistakes on the ballot which will need to be corrected. He also stated that a new Awards Chairman is needed to replace Campbell.

Epperson will stand in for Campbell at the Awards Banquet.

Calendars: Chairman Rice-Waters requested submission of slides for *Calendar Irises 2003*. Her report included a letter of thanks for assistance to Region 5 in making available slides and pictures for several iris displays during a convention in/around Jacksonville, Florida.

Rice-Waters led discussion regarding the need to replace the two AIS Display Screens and their cases which are now 16 years old. The greatest single expense involves replacement of pictures used. Since these screens are a valuable recruiting tool and are heavily used, the estimated replacement cost was not considered unreasonable. Niswonger moved that AIS authorize Rice-Waters to proceed with the replacement of the 2 display screens and their cases; J. Plank seconded. Carried.

Mahan commended Rice-Waters for the beautiful cover photo on the 2002 calendar, and he reminded the Board that the Calendar and the Display Screens are important elements of the AIS Public Relations program.

Convention Liaison: Chairman Gossett distributed an updated list of the sites of upcoming Spring and Fall meetings. The Santa Rosa Iris Society elected not to swap the 2001 Fall meeting with Region 4 and will host the Fall Board Meeting in 2004. An invitation from Region 8 to host the 2005 Fall Board Meeting has been received. Epperson moved acceptance; Marley seconded. Carried. The Fall 2001 meeting will be in Greensboro, N. C.

A written proposal from Elke Longsworth (7) suggesting changes in scheduling of Spring Conventions was distributed. RVP Lewonski (3) noted that he had received a similar request. Epperson stated that this matter was on the agenda for the meeting of the Board of Counselors. By consensus the Board agreed that action would be considered following discussion of the matter by the RVPs.

Electronic Services: Chairman Jones announced that the *1979 Check List* has been successfully uploaded to the online database. He hopes to have the *1969 Check List* online by July, soon to be followed by the *1999 Check List* which is already in electronic form. When the *1999 Check List* is added to the database, the charge of \$10 per annual subscription (previously approved by the Board) will be initiated. Currently there are 374 subscribers to the database.

Jones detailed the progress of the AIS Gift Shop since it came online in February and introduced Janna Middleton who owns the Gift Shop. Janna noted that in April, the website received the 5 star Excellent/Top Service rating from Yahoo based on customer feedback reports. She has instituted a number of marketing programs which have resulted in increased exposure and use of the Shop, thus increasing revenues for AIS. Jim Morris passed around a brass door knocker in the shape of an iris which he felt might be an appropriate item for the Gift Shop.

Jones reported that the Iris Auction website was a dead issue.

Jones announced the appointment of Chris Hollinshead from Region 16 as the new AIS webmaster. Hollinshead has executed a new design for the website and brought it online. A official letter thanking Scott Aitken for his years of work in designing and maintaining the AIS website will be sent.

Exhibitions: Chairman Epperson reviewed the activities of his department, reporting evaluation/approval of 176 Show Schedules to date. He noted that a number of affiliates are staging more than one approved show each season and he reported that the company casting our show medals can now provide them at a much decreased cost.

Epperson moved that effective January 1, 2002, each affiliated society will receive one free set of medals (silver and bronze) for each accredited show; Niswonger seconded. Carried.

Epperson then moved that effective January 1, 2002, the price of a medal (adult silver and bronze, youth silver and bronze, currently \$12.50), be reduced to \$10.00; Niswonger seconded. Carried.

Epperson stated that the Show Application forms would be reprinted to reflect these changes and noted that both of these actions should be considered as added benefits for affiliates.

Epperson distributed the updated ITJ that he has had printed to include with show materials.

Foundation Liaison: Foundation President R. Hollingworth distributed the Treasurer's report for the calendar year 2000 and noted that overall donations were down. He reported that the Foundation has changed its awards policy in the Ackerman Essay contest and will now give two \$100 prizes: one to the winner in age group 12 and under and one to the winner in age group 13–18. He listed the projects now being funded by the Foundation and commented that

several proposals are presently being considered for future funding. Niswonger suggested that the Foundation might consider funding the printing of Dr. Rodienko's booklet on *Spurias*.

Historian: No report. Mahan announced that Harder has resigned effective Fall 2001 and suggested that, because of the over-lap in duties, the office of Historian might be eliminated and combined with the AIS Librarian position at that time. It was decided to place the matter on the Fall agenda.

Harder has indicated that the bulk of his duties deal with collecting regional information and he will be encouraged to continue his projects of compiling the history of regions, sections and AIS.

Honorary Awards: Chairman Niswonger reported that all medals have been received for presentation at the 2001 Awards Banquet.

Insurance: Chairman M. Snyder reported the recent discovery that the AIS insurance provider (Travelers) covers only on-site activities, thereby providing no liability coverage during garden tours. This made it necessary for Region 3 to purchase a rider at a cost of \$750 to cover garden tours for this convention.

A different broker has been contacted and a request for a quote to include all members of AIS, Sections, Regions and Affiliates has been made. This quote will also include coverage for the items at the library, storefront and all garden tours sanctioned by AIS. By including all members of affiliates/sections, whether AIS members or not, this should remove the need for some clubs to purchase additional insurance for their non-AIS members. A liability limit of \$5,000,000 is requested which should cover those venues which require that coverage in that amount.

Hudson voiced an objection to paying coverage for those who are not AIS members, however the group felt that this is another benefit of affiliation with AIS.

Responding to a question regarding coverage for non-member guests, Snyder replied that they are not covered by the AIS policy but would come under hotel, bus or home owners coverage. Canadian AIS members are covered but the Canadian Iris Society which is a non-AIS entity is not.

Snyder stated that she should have this new quote within 30 days. Mahan stated interim Board action can be taken regarding the new policy proposal when it is presented. Snyder will place an explanation in the *Bulletin* when/if a new policy is approved.

Region 3 RVP Vince Lewonski stated that the \$750 paid for garden tour insurance was an unplanned expense and could place a hardship on the sponsoring affiliate. Niswonger moved that the Board authorize reimbursement of \$750 to the Susquehanna Iris Society if it is requested; Gossett seconded. Carried.

Iris Chronicles Project: Chairman Whitehead distributed a detailed status report, noting that a working draft of the first template had been sent for comment to all those presently involved. This template will be one of several designed as guidelines for the primary compiler regarding material which should be included and a possible format for presentation of this material. Whitehead emphasized that one need not have known a particular hybridizer in order to chronicle his/her life and accomplishments.

Judges' Handbook Revision: Chairman Epperson reported that there were no recommendations for consideration at this time.

Judges and Judges' Training: Written report. Chairman Mullin's report reflected a decrease in the overall number of judges since November 2000, primarily due to deaths and non-renewals. Mullin stressed that regional officials should notify him and the Membership Secretary when judges die, move to another region or change address in any way.

Epperson initiated discussion concerning the current policy in which failure to submit an *annual* Activity Report results in a judge being dropped. This requirement is more stringent than the Ballot requirement where no action is taken until *two* consecutive years have been missed. The Board was asked to consider changing this policy to bring it in line with the submission policy for the Official ballot: i.e. that failure to submit an Activity Report for *two consecutive years* would result in a judge being dropped. It was decided to defer action pending input from the Board of Counselors. Subsequently, the RVPs overwhelmingly voted to continue the present policy of annual Activity Reports. No further action required.

The matter of the judge who presented a bill for travel expenses incurred in judging a show will be referred to Mullin.

In the absence of Mullin, Hilda Crick will conduct the meeting of the Judges' Training Chairmen. Crick reported the recent death of former JT Chairman, Ellene (Mrs. C. C.) Rockwell.

Library: Chairman McNames' written report requested approval of the donation of the listed excess library items for the Silent Auction. Epperson moved approval; Hudson seconded. Carried.

It was noted that the Historian still has in his possession material which should be sent to the AIS Library. No further material has been received since the Fall Board meeting.

A copy of the appraisal of the Sèvres vase was attached to the Library report. The vase is valued at \$500.

Membership Contest: No report.

Policy: Chairman M. Lowe stated that he was in the process of abstracting and collating those sections of AIS minutes that pertain to the Officer, Administrative Officer and Committee Chair jobs and policies. He noted that he has not finished extracting policy pertaining to all officer and committee positions. The remainder of these extracts will be completed over the course of the summer and e-mailed or mailed to recipients. Mahan called for official appreciation and commendation to Lowe for his on-going efforts in researching matters pertaining to policy.

Public Relations: No report. Mahan reported that Chairman Guest has asked to be replaced. It was noted that many of the duties of this office relate to marketing. Hudson moved that the name of this committee be changed to Public Relations and Marketing; Pope seconded. Carried.

Rare Iris Study Center: No report from Chairman Waddick. Mahan noted that the Garden Writers of America had given the Quill and Trowel Award to Waddick and Stokes for

“Bananas You Can Grow”.

Registrations: Registrations, introductions, and new name requests are running at about the normal rate and it is business as usual at the Registrar’s office.

Robins: In the written report distributed by Secretary Marley, Chairman Cross noted that electronic robins seem to be siphoning off new robin members as there have been very few requests for places in the regular robins during the past year. Mahan informed the group that Cross was currently hospitalized following surgery.

RVP Counselor: B. Figge reported on the issues referred to the RVPs for discussion. (see appropriate headings.)

The RVPs are asking that the JT Chair allow Awards and Ballots taken as a student be credited to the Apprentice judge provided the Apprentice has completed the required 10 hours of training. Epperson moved that A and B be counted towards apprenticeship credit if taken within 3 years immediately prior to appointment as an Apprentice Judge and provided the 10 hours of requirements are completed; B. Figge seconded. Carried. The matter will be referred to Judges’ Handbook Revision for report at the Fall meeting.

The following officers were elected:

Chairman of the Board of Counselors: Margaret Sutton (14)

Secretary: Gerry Snyder (15)

AIS Board Representative: JaNiece Mull (4)

AIS Nominating Committee: Margaret Sutton (14) and Ray Keisling (18)

Scientific: Written report. Chairman Fulton included an update on the AIS “Disease Project” under Dr. McEwen and on Andrew Wheeler’s “Mutation Project” funded since 1988.

Fulton reported on his findings concerning requirements for making chromosome counts. He detailed the steps involved in chromosome counts, and enclosed a working protocol provided by Samuel Norris. In summary Fulton feels that we must hope to find an individual with interest, knowledge, time and equipment who could be talked into making a count of a particular hybrid. Following receipt of permission from the author, the Norris protocol will be published in the *Bulletin*.

Scholarship: Written report. Chairman Shear recommended that the Board approve the awarding of a scholarship for 2001–2002 to Marc McPherson, currently a graduate student in the Department of Biological Sciences, University of Alberta. Mr. McPherson proposes to study the genetic structure of populations of *I. missouriensis* near the northern extremity of its range in Alberta, where only four populations are known to exist. Hudson moved approval; Marley seconded. Carried.

The final report from the previous scholarship recipient is pending.

Secretary of Donations: Chairman J. Plank noted that donations to AIS were “flat” with no obvious cause. Several possible reasons were offered but Plank believes the primary factor is the lack of a stimulating, broadly appealing cause. Hudson noted that the annual scholarship grant of \$2000 has been unchanged for a number of years. J. Plank moved that AIS increase the annual Scholarship grant to \$3000 per year and further increase it to \$5000 if we get

sufficient donations; Hudson seconded. Carried.

During discussion it was suggested that members be asked to remember AIS in their will. Living trusts were mentioned as a possible way to implement this. As proper wording of a trust agreement is important, a sample document will be provided by B. Plank for inclusion in an article which Rosalie Figge will write for the *Bulletin*. The article will stress the need for contributions to the Scholarship Fund.

Section Liaison: Chairman Probst presented a list of scheduled Section and Cooperating Society Mini-Conventions and provided additional dates and sites obtained during the Section meeting.

The distributed list of officials of sections and cooperating societies was updated from the floor with Probst noting that the list was difficult to keep current as changes were constantly being made. He agreed to e-mail the corrected list to Board members and to the *Bulletin*.

Probst reported that Jill Copeland, President of the SJI was elected to represent the sections on the AIS Nominating Committee.

Silent Auction: Chairman Meyer gave a progress report on the current auction, noting that the room was a problem. The majority of the information on donations was sent electronically, which saved much time and effort. She stated that there was a good selection of publications to be had and encouraged everyone to support this AIS fund raiser. Recommendations for next year: the Silent Auction should be opened earlier in the convention and be housed in more appropriate surroundings.

Slides: Chairman Mull presented a comprehensive report detailing actions, needs, techniques and projects undertaken during the past year. The most popular slide set is 'Newest Introductions'. He noted that he had been unable to fill requests for 'Dykes Medal Winners' and 'The 100 Most Popular Iris' due to lack of slides. Slides of all kinds are needed but especially DM and Award Winners.

Mull spoke briefly on the recently received Benson slides, which he has not had a chance to completely categorize. He complimented Ray Keisling for the way in which he had prepared the slides for shipment. Niswonger noted the historical importance of some of the people in the slides. Several suggestions as to who might be able to identify these irisarians were made.

It was recommended that hybridizers be encouraged to photograph their irises so that there can be a complete photo record of their introductions. J. Plank moved that the Secretary of Donations and the AIS Secretary collaborate on a letter to hybridizers requesting that they bequeath their slides and records to AIS if their families do not want them; J. Morris seconded. Carried.

Mull stated that he currently does not send out original slides and requested direction as to whether AIS wants to release the original Benson slides or duplicate those we send out. M. Lowe moved that, when dealing with historical slides, copies be made and sent out instead of the originals, leaving the decision as to which slides will be duplicated to the Slide Chairman; Pope seconded. Carried.

Symposium: G. Snyder distributed a listing of all irises that are on the 2001 Symposium

ballot. By consensus the Board approved posting the Symposium results on the AIS website as soon as they are tallied.

Snyder stated that he will work with John Jones in making electronic voting available to all (perhaps as early as next year), noting that it is now permissible for members overseas to vote via email.

Youth: Chairman Jean Morris announced the winners of the Clarke Cosgrove Memorial Award for Youth Achievement: 1. Monica Combrink (22), 2. Nicole Grzeskowiak (18) and 3. Marc Loberg (14).

Winners of the Ackerman Essay Contest were: Age group 12 and under: Mary Claire Elliott (7); Age group 13 and above: Josh Winzer (18). The topic for the contest was "My Vision of Irises of the Future."

AIS youth members total 347. This number includes 132 Classroom Iris Project (CIP) students and 215 regular youth members. CIPs are now in Regions 7, 14, 15, 18, and 22 and Morris thanked specific members for leading and sponsoring these groups. Morris was a Co-presenter of the CIP Program during a recent meeting of the National Science Teachers of America.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Revision of the Convention Handbook: Gossett stated that while the *Convention Handbook* is available from the Storefront at no cost, this is not generally known. He asked that this information be placed in the *Bulletin*.

Search for *Bulletin* Editor: No report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mahan introduced Ken Gregory who is the compiler and editor of the popular *Eureka Daylily Reference Guide*. Mr. Gregory, who is interested in preparing this type of guide for irises, spoke briefly about the project and requested input and help from irisarians. This publication will provide an additional means of promoting irises. The first edition of the *Eureka Iris Reference Guide* will be available in February 2002 at a cost of \$20.95 + S&H.
- Disclaimer regarding commercial links from the AIS website: Following discussion, John Jones moved that the AIS adopt a policy that only commercial businesses that have a current advertisement in the AIS *Bulletin* be allowed to request that their Uniform Resource Links (URLs) be listed in the appropriate section of the AIS website; Probst seconded. Carried.
- The pros and cons of providing a youth rate for overseas members were discussed. Pope moved that no change be made and that overseas youth rate continue to be that of a full adult membership; Probst seconded. Carried.
- Provision of the AIS bylaws to new members: It was felt that not all members are interested in having a copy of the bylaws. Henceforth, the Membership Secretary will include in her welcome letter, a statement to the effect that AIS bylaws may be obtained by writing to the

AIS Secretary. It was suggested that the bylaws be placed on the AIS website and in the forthcoming Operations Manual. The need for bylaws revisions was discussed and appointment of a Bylaws Revision Committee was deferred to the Fall meeting.

- Presentation of the revised E-commerce license agreement was deferred to Fall meeting.
- Secretary Marley requested direction for provision of personalized envelopes. Current policy of personalized stationary was addressed by J. Plank who explained that only the President and AIS Secretary have personalized letterhead stationary; all others, including RVPs, receive 100 personalized envelopes and 100 sheets of 'generic' AIS stationary. RVPs endorsed the provision of personalized envelopes. All decisions in this matter are up to the Secretary.
- Following discussion of the need to have copies of foreign publications in the AIS library, Pocklington moved that, to ensure that the AIS Library receives copies of foreign publications on a regular basis, AIS take out memberships in the appropriate foreign societies and direct the publications to the AIS Librarian; Probst seconded. Carried.
- The Board of Counselors recommended that AIS make no changes in the present policies pertaining to the length and frequency of Spring Conventions. Gossett moved that this recommendation be approved; Epperson seconded. Carried.
- Availability of an electronic copy of the AIS membership list: Jones moved that members of the AIS board of directors, Administrative officers of the AIS, Committee Chairpersons of the AIS, the AIS RVPs (or their designate), and Presidents of Sections of the AIS (or their designate), Cooperating Societies of the AIS (or their designate), on their request and upon their certifying that the information will be used only for AIS business, be given an electronic copy of the AIS membership at no charge. Lowe seconded. During discussion Mahan asked the group if the membership list would be of value to them in their various capacities and a majority indicated that this would indeed be useful. Carried.

Report of the Nominating Committee

In the absence of Chairman Fran Evers, Aitken presented the following slate of nominees to fill the four Directorships which will expire in 2004:

Kathy Guest, Nancy Pocklington, Peter Weixlmann. Gerry Snyder, Maureen Mark, Carryl Meyer, Tony Willott and Lorena Reid. J. Plank moved that nominations be closed; Gossett seconded. Carried. Mahan pointed out that all nominees had agreed to chair a committee as requested. The Board adjourned to Executive session.

Mahan reconvened the meeting and announced that Nancy Pocklington, Gerry Snyder, Maureen Mark and Carryl Meyer had been selected as candidates to fill the four director positions.

Mahan noted that there was no policy covering the customary practice of electing the incoming AIS President at the Spring Board meeting and Epperson pointed out that this practice was not covered in the bylaws. Following discussion, the Board by consensus, agreed that the incoming president be known as the President-Elect-Designee, subject to election at the Fall Board meeting. This does not conflict with the bylaws and enables the incoming President to have committee appointments in place prior to the Fall meeting when he/she assumes the office. As First Vice President, Terry Aitken is the President-Elect-Designee.

Mahan appointed Epperson and J. Plank as Board members to the 2001 AIS Nominating

Committee. Pope moved approval; Niswonger seconded. Carried.

The 2001 Nominating Committee is composed of: RVPs Margaret Sutton and Ray Keisling; Section Representative Jill Copeland and Board members J. Plank and Roy Epperson.

Announcements:

Epperson announced that the Fall Board Meeting would be held in Greensboro, North Carolina the weekend of November 2–4, hosted by the Eastern North Carolina Iris Society.

Mahan announced the 80th Anniversary Meeting of the BIS in 2002 in Bristol, England.

Niswonger announced the 10th Anniversary Meeting of the Iris Society of Moscow in June 2002. Reservations must be in by January 2002.

Mahan extended thanks to Jason Leader and those members of the Susquehanna Iris Society who participated in making this meeting run smoothly.

George Sutton (14) thanked the Board for listening to and acting on member concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M. on May 22, 2001.

Anne S. Lowe
Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lincoln, Nebraska

November 3–5 2000

The Fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society was called to order by President Clarence Mahan at 7:26 P.M. on November 3, 2000. Mahan thanked Region 21 and the Lincoln Iris Society for hosting this meeting. He invited all present to participate in discussions.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President Mahan, Immediate Past President Niswonger, 1st Vice-President and Editor Aitken, 2nd Vice-President J. Plank, Secretary Marley, Treasurer Hudson; **Directors:** Epperson, B. Figge, Gossett, J. Jones, Jean Morris, B. Nichols, Perkins, N. Pocklington, Pope, Probst; **RVP Representative:** F. Evers (20); **Past President:** C. Barr; **Committee Chairs:** Harder, B. Mull, Rice-Waters, G. Snyder; **RVPs:** Lewonski (3), Mull (4), Boyson (7), Meyer (11), Ludi (13), Loberg (14), B. Nichols (17), Jim Morris (18). Evers (20), B. Figge (23); RVP-Elect: M. VandeBrake (8), G. Snyder (15), R. Keisling (18), M. D. Faith (22); **General Counsel** R. Plank; **Parliamentarian:** R. Figge; **Guests:** M. Brown (4); A. & D. Willott (6); Riggs (8); J. Keisling (18); Newburn, Rader, Reuter, G. White, O. & H. Wulf (21); J. Faith (22).

Mahan requested approval of the appointment of Carryl Meyer as Recording Secretary *pro tem*. Unanimous approval.

Minutes: The following addition was made to the minutes of the 2000 Spring meeting as

published in AIS *Bulletin* #318:

Attendees: pg. 68: add RVP Orville Dickhaut and Lu Dickhaut (9).

J. Plank moved that the minutes be approved as corrected; Niswonger seconded. Carried.

Board of Directors Election: Mahan reported that since there were no additional nominations, Roy Epperson, Paul Gossett, Jean Morris and Bonnie Nichols are duly elected and qualified as Directors with terms expiring in 2003. Mahan requested reaffirmation of the appointment of John Jones to replace Director Mike Moller who resigned. Niswonger moved approval; Epperson seconded. Carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President: Mahan requested Board approval of the re-appointment of Rosalie Figge as AIS Parliamentarian. Approval was unanimous.

- Mahan announced that Anner Whitehead has accepted appointment as Project Director of the New Iris Historical Chronicles Committee and requested reaffirmation of the appointment. Pocklington moved approval; Marley seconded. Carried.
- Affirmation requested for awarding an Honorary Life Membership in the AIS to Dr. Rodionenko plus sending him the last 12 issues of the *Bulletin*. J. Plank moved approval; Niswonger seconded. Carried.

First Vice President: No report.

Second Vice President: J. Plank noted that she had been the collecting point for applications for Editor (0) and Membership Secretary (7).

Secretary: Marley announced that her office would be closed November 11–18 while she completes her move to Hannibal, N. Y. She again noted the need to observe the 6 month limit on the age of checks as late submission of checks by committee chairmen may ultimately result in a loss of revenue.

Treasurer: Hudson distributed the report of the fiscal year ending on 30 September, 2000. He noted that AIS had completed another year of increased revenue and financial growth. He predicted that revenues would continue to grow with a corresponding growth in our reserves.

Editor: Aitken reported there have been no applicants for the Editor's position and recommended that Bruce Filardi be approved as Assistant Editor. Mahan appointed Filardi as Assistant Editor. Plank moved approval; Pope seconded. Carried.

Aitken stated that 2001 *Bulletins* will include more color at a lower price. Projected expenses for 2001 call for a new computer system to include a Power Mac G4, CD and Zip writers, slide scanner, flatbed scanner, color accurate monitor and color printer plus the following software: OCR, InDesign 1.5[®] and Photoshop 6.0[®]. Projected cost is \$7000. Hudson moved that AIS approve the purchase of this equipment; J. Jones seconded. Carried.

A candidate to replace Scott Aitken as Graphic Design Consultant is being tried out.

Advertising Editor: Written report in which Peters summarized revenues and activities for the past year. He continues to recruit new advertisers and detailed innovative plans to promote and increase the use of color advertising among beardless iris specialists.

Mahan presented a case in which a buyer received neither the iris ordered nor a refund from a *Bulletin* advertiser. Peters requested authority to drop any individual advertiser for bad business practices, and asked that the Board affirm this. B. Plank advised careful investigation of 'bad business practices' to minimize the possibility of a trade-libel law suit.

Epperson noted that a policy drawn up by Jean Ericson and Mike Lowe in spring of 1996 was tabled until the Fall meeting of that year. In Fall 1996 it was removed from the table and passed as amended. However, it appears that it was never recorded in the minutes. This will be followed up in the spring. Mahan asked for approval of the appointment of Advertising Editor Harold Peters. Niswonger moved approval; Plank seconded. Carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS

Membership: Mahan requested reaffirmation of Anner Whitehead's appointment as AIS Membership Secretary at a salary of \$8,200. J. Plank moved affirmation; Gossett seconded. Carried.

Since this was the month of transition, Harlow submitted the Membership Report. She reported a total membership of 7736, a net loss of 50 members for the fiscal year. Leading regions are 14, 4, 18; Regions 7 and 17 are tied for fourth place.

Harlow noted that she had been in office more than 10 years and that the AIS equipment and software she used were of the same vintage, thus not compatible with Whitehead's system. Mahan requested that the Board reaffirm the purchase of a new computer and related hardware/software for the office of Membership Secretary at a cost of \$3000. Marley moved affirmation; J. Plank seconded. Carried.

A letter from Whitehead detailing the present status of the office was distributed. Data can now be safely transferred and there will be no delay in membership duties and services.

Mahan presented a case requiring a policy decision: A couple who are Life Members but no longer active, requested that their *Bulletin* be sent to their daughter's out-of-state address instead of to their legal residence. It is apparent that approval of this request would result in someone other than the member(s) receiving the *Bulletin*. Epperson cited Art. III, Section 2 (c) of the AIS Bylaws which clearly states that Life Memberships are non-transferable. No further policy needed.

Harlow expressed thanks to those with whom she has worked for the past decade. Marley moved that the AIS go on record as commending Marilyn Harlow for the outstanding services rendered during her tenure as Membership Secretary; J. Jones seconded. Carried.

Registrar: Written Report. Keppel stated that he is getting the *2000 Registrations and Introductions* booklet ready for the printer so that it can be distributed in early January. He requested direction re the number of *2000 R&I* to be printed. Epperson moved that 1000 be printed and sold at \$7 as in 2000; Pope seconded. Carried. Pocklington dissented because of potential retention and storage concerns.

New target date for *1999 Check List* copy finalization is late winter. The Board has

already approved printing of 3000 copies; price not yet set. Mike Lowe has made a backup of the data for the *1999 Check List*.

Recording Secretary: No report.

Publication Sales: N. Pocklington distributed the Storefront Inventory. She noted that stock of seals needed replenishing, and moved that she be authorized to order 25,000 AIS Seals at a cost of \$560 + tax; Probst seconded. Carried. No source is listed for RVP pins. Mahan asked Jeanne Plank to contact Bobbie Shepherd regarding this source.

Excess Inventory items:

- Pocklington moved approval of the plan to contact schools, and other appropriate groups in her area to see if they could use old calendar pictures with left-overs going to the local recycling center; Jean Morris seconded. Carried.
- Pocklington moved that surplus *R & I* booklets (1999 and before) be offered at a one time Clearance Sale price of \$2 each; Probst seconded. Carried. Available issues will be advertised in the January *Bulletin*. On the website it will be noted that a list of available Sale Material can be obtained by sending a SASE to Pocklington.
- Pocklington suggested that surplus postcards be sold to commercial vendors. J. Plank moved that the cards be sold at \$1/pack in lots of 100 packs or more; Epperson seconded. Carried.
- During discussion of ways to downsize the inventory of older *Bulletins*, it was suggested that some of the older *Bulletins* might be transferred to the HIPS Publication Sales office and that some might also be donated to the Silent Auction. Following suggestions from Mahan and Gossett, Pocklington moved that AIS offer 10 packs of 10 different *Bulletins* each to the Silent Auction. Probst seconded. Carried.
- Niswonger moved that a copy of each *Bulletin* in stock be sent to New Historical Iris Chronicles Project Director Whitehead; Epperson seconded. During discussion, J. Jones moved that the motion be amended to include a set for the Electronic Services Committee for use on the internet. Epperson seconded; Amendment Carried. The amended motion was voted on and carried.
- Pocklington moved that the more recent *Bulletins* be placed in the Clearance Sale at \$2 each; Probst seconded. Carried.

Surplus *Bulletins*: Gossett reported that 2600+ *Bulletins* have been sent out since April 2000, and less than 700 remain in his hands at this time. Transition to C. Meyer in January 2001 proceeding smoothly.

RVP Representative: Mahan welcomed Fran Evers (20) as the new RVP Representative. Evers stated that she had no issues from RVPs to bring before the Board. Region 7 RVP Boyson reported two problems concerning the Symposium ballot instructions which are at odds with the current RVP manual. Probst stated that this manual is in the process of being revised and that he will address these issues later in the meeting.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Operations Manual Draft: Epperson announced that he has received 6 job descriptions so

far. He will contact all others in late winter. He briefly described the content and format that he plans to use and hopes to have a first draft ready by the Spring meeting.

Bulletin Indexing: Aitken reported that the committee is winding down the project.

BIC Revision/Reprint: Epperson reported that the *Basic Iris Culture* revision and reprint has been completed and that sufficient copies are in the Storefront.

Dues and Services: Hudson noted that the committee has never officially met, but that he felt a small dues increase should not be delayed. The pros and cons for increasing dues were discussed in-depth. Hudson moved that effective 1 January, 2002, all annual dues, including those for overseas members, each be increased by \$2.00 as follows: Single annual membership dues \$20 (\$25 overseas;); Dual annual dues \$25 (\$27 overseas); Niswonger seconded. Carried. The 2002 date allows for proper notice and advertising of this increase.

Epperson noted that there are enough *Invitations to Join* for the coming year and new ones for 2002 will reflect changes in personnel and dues.

RVP Handbook Revision: Probst reported that a rough draft has been completed and is ready for review by Board members and all RVPs (in-coming, current and out-going). Copies will be sent to all concerned and following receipt of modifications, a final draft will be presented for approval at the Spring meeting.

Non-profit Incorporation and Tax Exempt Status for Sections, Regions and Affiliates (501(c)3 Status): R. Plank noted the many barriers encountered since submission of a lengthy application form in June. Final approval still pending.

Establishment of a subsidiary incorporated fund: Hudson reported no action since the Spring meeting during which guidelines for establishment of this fund were presented. Following discussion it was recommended that the mechanism for handling gifts to AIS of real property, stock, or large sums of money can be finalized when needed. Hudson moved approval; J. Plank seconded. Carried.

Convention Handbook Revision: Gossett distributed draft copies to all Board members and requested corrections/additions. He thanked all those who had worked with him and Mullin to complete this project. He especially thanked the Tulsa Iris Society who has under-written the cost of printing 200 copies of this handbook. Mahan asked that the minutes note a vote of Board appreciation to this group for their generous support of this project.

During discussion of equipment needs during meetings, it was stated that rental of certain types of equipment is often expensive and requests for such should be made well ahead of time. When the Convention scheduler contacts sections, space for additional or specialized equipment needs should be included in the letter that goes out to each group. Gossett suggested that any group needing specialized expensive equipment should offer to share the rental cost.

J. Jones requested the procedure for getting the 'Geek' Dinner and the Computer Iris Group meeting on the standard convention schedule. Following lengthy discussion, Gossett moved that these two activities be added to the list of scheduled activities; Probst seconded.

Carried.

Gossett moved that this *Convention Handbook*, with the suggested revisions, be approved; Jean Morris seconded. Carried. The list of upcoming conventions in the *Bulletin* will note that the new *Convention Handbook* is available from the Storefront at no cost. The old *Handbook* will be destroyed.

New Historical Iris Chronicles Project: Status report from Project Director Whitehead was distributed. This detailed report stated the objectives of the project, work now in progress and suggestions for future chronicles. Whitehead listed and thanked those currently providing input and information for starting and continuing this project. This committee will be considered a Standing Committee and the *ad hoc* Chronicles Committee is dissolved.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Affiliates: Chairman Pope reported a total of 184 affiliates, an increase of 7 since 1999, four (4) of which are in Region 2.

She commented briefly on the written report submitted by Affiliate Awards Project Chairman Bob Keup which contained the proposed Affiliate Contest Worksheet as well as definitions of the purpose of each category which can earn points for a club. At the 2000 Spring Board meeting it was decided that the adoption in principle would become permanent following a report to the Board at this meeting, therefore the project is now in effect.

Awards: Written report. Chairman Campbell thanked the 4 tabulators for their help. The list of HC winners will appear in the January *Bulletin*. Epperson noted that most of the HC votes came from Regions 1 and 6 where seedlings are widely distributed and viewing by judges is highly encouraged. Campbell stated that failure to follow instructions resulted in both sections of and/or entire ballots being voided.

Epperson requested clarification of the policy regarding the rounding off to next higher number when tabulating the top 10% of HM winners. (For example: 4.1 becomes 5.0.) Discussion affirmed that this was the accepted and approved practice.

Calendars: Chairman Rice-Waters presented four recommendations for expediting production and sale of the 2002 calendar and noted that no policy changes were involved. Epperson moved that Rice-Waters' proposals be accepted; Hudson seconded. Carried

Convention Liaison: Chairman Gossett distributed a list of the sites of upcoming National and Fall conventions along with a tentative schedule for the 2001 Convention prepared by Carol Warner. Judges Training sessions were discussed and several topics and presenters were finalized.

The Piedmont-Carolina group in Spartanburg, S.C. has lost its hotel and has asked to be released from hosting the 2004 AIS Convention. Region 14 has agreed to host Convention 2004 in Fresno. Gossett moved that the Board accept the Region 14 offer; Pope seconded. Carried.

Both the Tucson Iris Society and the Santa Rosa Iris Society have extended

invitations to host the 2003 Fall Board Meeting. Gossett moved that since Tucson offered first, the Tucson offer be accepted; Jean Morris seconded. Carried.

Epperson noted that 2005 fall meeting was open. He offered to give the 2001 Fall meeting in North Carolina to the Santa Rosa group in exchange for the 2005 Fall meeting. Region 8 RVP Marsha VandeBrink offered to host the 2004 Fall Meeting in Minneapolis. Action pending on all of these and will be dealt with as interim action.

Mahan reported that since the TBIS governing body has voted not to accept the AIS invitation to become a section, no meeting will be scheduled for TBIS during National Conventions.

J. Plank has been approached regarding the possibility of TBIS 'piggy-backing' their spring meeting with the Region 15 Spring meeting in Santa Rosa. She stated that the president of the host society had refused. Plank requested that the Board express their feelings regarding this. R. Keisling (18) assured the Board that TBIS would organize its own meals, meetings and busses; they would only be joining the regional garden tours. Concern was expressed that these gardens might not be equipped to handle a large number of extra visitors. RVP Ludi stated that Region 13 had an excellent 2000 Spring Regional despite the conflicting TBIS Trek in Portland.

Region 14 was reported to have been approached as well, but RVP Loberg stated that to her knowledge no formal request was ever made.

Mahan summarized the discussion by stating that the Board could not support any proposal that might influence attendance at an AIS Spring convention, and that acceptance or refusal would have to be a matter of conscience and judgment within each region/society.

Donations: Chairman J. Plank noted that overall donations were down. Correct use of new forms has been good; affiliates are not contributing to General Fund as before (perhaps because the need for funds does not appear to be as acute) and some confusion still remains regarding Foundation vs AIS Funds.

Electronic Services: Chairman J. Jones presented an update on online projects in progress. He reported that Mallorn, the Internet Service Provider (ISP), was offering a special rate to regions, affiliates and sections who want webpages. Following a detailed explanation of fees and services, Jones moved that AIS approve an announcement in the next two issues of the *Bulletin* to the effect that website hosting is available from Mallorn at an attractive price; Plank seconded. Carried

Jones announced that Joanna Middleton (Treasurer Hudson's daughter) who owns and operates the Garden Shops Online (GSO) website has offered to build and manage an online AIS Gift Shop. She is imminently qualified to do this and offers to AIS 15% of gross sales of iris-related items and merchandise bearing the AIS logo. She also suggests a 10% discount to AIS members who would be identified by use of an AIS ID number. It was noted that this project was a new concept for AIS and that we must move cautiously. Jones presented a draft copy of a contract for setting up an online AIS Gift Shop. The 19 contract provisions were discussed in detail and terms were modified according to the concerns and recommendations of the Board. During discussion, Hudson showed several items which would be carried in the AIS Gift Shop and Board members were pleased with the quality and aesthetic value displayed.

Jones moved that the arrangements detailed in items 1 through 19 be approved by the Board as amended and that the Board authorize the Chairman of the Electronic Services Committee to create an appropriate contract with Mrs. Middleton, said contract to be reviewed by counsel and subsequently approved by the Officers of AIS; Epperson seconded. Carried. Hudson abstained. Jones noted that approval can be accomplished via email and it is possible that the AIS Gift Shop can be online by the end of January.

Jones also requested that a special committee be appointed to monitor and approve items sold under the AIS logo. B. Plank advised insertion of a statement that approval should not be unreasonably withheld. The Committee would have the authority to withdraw any item deemed offensive or deleterious to AIS. It was felt that the committee should be comprised of no less than three independent knowledgeable and experienced irisarians. Mahan appointed J. Plank as Committee Chair with other members to be appointed and approved via email. Marley moved approval; Niswonger seconded. Carried.

Regarding the search for a new webmaster, Jones announced that he is working with Scott Aitken and Kitty Loberg to effect a smooth transition when Scott steps down. A vote of appreciation was extended to Scott for initiating the AIS website. By consensus it was approved that the webmaster would serve under the direction of the Electronic Services Committee for matters of policy, function, content and update. It will no longer be a Standing Committee.

Exhibitions: Chairman Epperson reported approval of 181 Spring and 6 Fall show schedules, with 176 shows reporting to date. With the exception of Region 16, there was at least one show scheduled in each region. Region 22 (Arkansas and Oklahoma) mounted the most shows-16. The Nelson Award to honor the iris most often selected Best Specimen of show is currently a tie (9 times each) between **Conjuration** and **Dusky Challenger**. The diversity in types of irises winning this honor was noted. Jim Morris (18) suggested several changes that should be made in the Show Report form and Epperson agreed to address these when preparing a new form for Spring 2001.

Foundation Liaison: No report.

Historian: Chairman Harder reported that one box of material has been sent to the Library and there are 2 more ready to go. He announced that in fall 2001, he will give up his position as AIS Historian following 25 years of service on the Historial committee. On behalf of the Board, Mahan commended Harder for his long and faithful service to AIS.

Honorary Awards: The Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss the recommendations of the Honorary Awards Committee and the Chairman of Judges. Following the executive session, Chairman Niswonger announced the following awards: Hybridizers Medal: Howard Shockey, John Taylor (Australia) and Jean Cayeux (France); Distinguished Service Medal: Marilyn Harlow, Glenn Corlew and Lewis and Adele Lawyer; Emeritus Judge: Larry Harder, Virginia Messick, Lynda Miller and Steve Varner; Warburton Medal jointly to Thomas and Anne Blanco White (England).

Niswonger presented a request from Bee Warburton's two daughters for copies of

the Warburton Medal. J. Plank moved that one medal be sent to each; Hudson seconded. Carried.

Mahan noted that Italian members follow our Handbook and observe our judging standards. The Italian judging program has been under the competent management of Margaret Cameron Longo for many years. He recommended that Longo be awarded an Honorary Life Membership and be named an Emeritus Judge to honor all that she has done to promote AIS. Epperson moved approval; Niswonger seconded. Carried unanimously.

Niswonger noted that cheap 'scratch-type' engraving was not in keeping with the quality of AIS medals and he asked for Board approval to expend the necessary extra funds for 'good' engraving. Approved by consensus.

Insurance: G. Snyder reported for Chairman M. Snyder. She is continuing to investigate increased liability coverage to meet requirements of many malls and expanded coverage to include all members, not just those who belong to AIS.

Judges' Handbook Revision: Epperson stated that he has sent every judge the latest revisions and that they are now available through the Storefront.

Judges and Judges Training: The written report contained voting records for each region during 2000. Chairman Mullin expressed concern about the current voting records of garden judges. He also noted that it is becoming more apparent that many become judges to judge shows only, while others do not want to judge shows at all. He asked that the Board again consider pros and cons of having a separate category of judges who judge shows only.

The proposed list of AIS Judges for 2001 was distributed. Epperson moved that Mullin's report be accepted as presented; Pope seconded. Carried.

Mahan announced that Mullin will be stepping down as Chairman of this committee following the Fall Meeting in 2001.

Library: Chairman McNames' written report stated that the revised contract with the City of Silverton has been shelved by the City Manager because the wording regarding disposition of materials and an acceptable time frame of contract closure could not be agreed upon by both parties. Thus the original contract remains in force until 11/16/2005 with AIS being aware that certain items are not being provided by Silverton.

McNames stated that since grant funding is targeted to groups/libraries that deal with the general public, the AIS Library does not meet the criteria for grant monies. He requested Board approval to shelve the attempt to file for a National Grant. Epperson moved approval; J. Plank seconded. Carried.

Prior to discussion regarding the current Library contract, Hudson reported on his recent visit to the Library and presented photos to illustrate his point when he said the location was bad. He feels that we should seek another site and relocate as quickly as possible. Counsel B. Plank stated that currently there is no legal solution to the problem nor do we have a place to go, and he recommended that AIS begin the search for a new permanent site, noting that Silverton would probably be delighted to see us vacate the premises at the earliest possible date-(i.e. breaking the contract would not distress them). Under the present contract, we have adequate time and we should not unduly hasten the process of relocation. It was also noted

that McNames would not relocate to a new Library site in order to continue as AIS Librarian.

Several suggestions for a new site were offered. Nichols asked if the Board would be interested in the possibility of permanently housing the AIS Library at the Clark complex in Texas. Many are familiar with the beautiful landscaping and extensive gardens owned by Max and Billie Clark. Nichols agreed to present the idea to the Max and Billie Clark Foundation if AIS desires. Mahan stated that he was sure that AIS would be happy to entertain any proposal for a permanent site for the Library. For more information and the Foundation mission statement, contact <http://www.clarkgardens.com>

Hudson stated his concerns regarding dangers to the Sèvres vase as presently displayed (on an open shelf) in the AIS Library. He suggested that it be appraised and a decision regarding its future be made in the Spring. Mahan suggested that a motion also include the Boehm Iris which he will soon send to the Library. Hudson moved that these two appraisals be done; Jean Morris seconded. Carried. McNames will be instructed to arrange for these appraisals prior to the Spring Meeting.

Membership Contest: Written report. Chairman Miller reported that Individual winner was Bob Keup (2) and Tulsa Area Iris Society was Affiliate winner won. Full details will appear in the January *Bulletin*. Pope moved to accept the report; Epperson seconded. Carried.

Policy: Written report. Chairman M. Lowe feels that the present policy format is unwieldy and the utility of the index is decreasing as policy size increases. A different type of index will be forthcoming in the spring. Epperson noted that the single subject compilation as noted would be of immense value in compiling the Operations Manual. He and Lowe have discussed this.

Lowe recommended that in order to “legitimize” the voting process conducted via email, any votes taken when the Board is not in session will be voted on at the next meeting. It was decided by consensus that the Secretary will compile a list of items approved as interim actions and present the list for reaffirmation by the Board at each meeting.

Public Relations: No report.

Rare Iris Study Center: Niswonger reported that Waddick has received two papers from Dr. Rodionenko which he is presently preparing for Signa. Niswonger has received rhizomes of *oncocyclus* species which he has distributed among several growers. Harder reported that his plants have bloomed twice.

Registrations: Written report. To date 589 registrations have been completed (down from 994 in 1999) This drop is due in part to people rushing to finalize registrations last year so as to be included in the ten-year check list.

Robins: Written report. Most robins flying well. Not sufficient interest shown to start Hybridizers or Space Age robins. Rate of growth of electronic robins may account for some lack of interest in traditional postal robins. Regarding the absence of *Flightlines* in

the current *Bulletin*, B. Figge explained that robin notes given her did not contain sufficient information to allow her to credit the writers. Jim Morris noted that the Median Society has a prolific robin program and suggested that they and other sections be contacted for material. Figge noted that she has material on hand for the next *Bulletin*.

RVP Counselor: B. Figge distributed the following list of recommended RVP appointments for 2001:

Terms expiring in 2001					
Region	1	Ada Godfrey	Region	17	Bonnie Nichols
	2	Peter Weixlmann		19	Raymond Rogers
	3	Vince Lewonski		20	Fran Evers
	4	JaNiece Mull		21	Carolyn Lingenfelter
	5	Randall Bowen		23	Barbara Figge

Terms expiring in 2002					
Region	7	Eleanor Boyson	Region	13	John Ludi
	12	Leon Robertson		24	Hazel Jones

Terms expiring in 2003:					
Region	6	Sandra Rawlings	Region	14	Margaret Sutton
	8	Marsha VandeBrake		15	Gerry Snyder
	9	Nancy Pocklington		16	Sandy Ives
	10	Charles J. Walkowiak		18	Ray Keisling
	11	Eileen Allison		22	M. D. Faith

B. Figge moved approval of all candidates; Niswonger seconded. Carried.

Scientific: Chairman Fulton reported that he had nothing to report. Discussion revealed an ongoing desire for information on control of scorch and it was suggested that information recently published in regional and section publications should be reprinted in the *Bulletin*. The need for chromosome counts was raised by T. Willott. J. Jones reported that he and Sandy Ives were looking into the costs of equipment and procedure and would report in the Spring. Several iris related scientific studies sponsored by other groups were cited.

Scholarship: Written report. Chairman Taylor stated that Peter Van Zandt, recipient of the 2000–2001 Scholarship, has received the first half of his award. His mid-term progress report has been received and accepted. Final report from the 1998–2000 scholarship winner, Jill Johnston, is pending. Announcements for 2001–2002 scholarship applications will go out in early January 2001. (Copy of this new announcement was included with report.)

Section Liaison: The list of officials of the sections and cooperating societies, distributed by Chairman Probst, was updated from the floor. A corrected copy will be sent to all Board members. The current list of scheduled Section Mini-Conventions was also distributed, and Probst noted that there were 4 meetings scheduled in 2001, none

conflicting. Mahan informed the group that the Membership Secretary would continue to accept section dues and would forward the membership information to the sections in a timely manner. Mahan noted that this is one service AIS can provide to the sections.

Silent Auction: Chairman Meyer reported that she had taken over from Maxine Perkins in September and requested that all Board members provide items for this fund-raiser. She asked that descriptions and other pertinent information on items being donated be sent in early with the items themselves being brought or sent to the convention in York.

Slides: Chairman Bill Mull gave a status report of slides on hand and distributed a 'menu' of available slide sets. All iris slides are welcome, and especially needed are slides of gardens, iris in landscapes, conventions, and iris themselves. Mahan noted that slide sets are a great way to promote irises. It was emphasized that AIS slide sets were an excellent means for hybridizers to gain exposure for their new introductions. Mull noted that it is extremely difficult to obtain slides of new introductions. Instructions for ordering slide sets will appear in the *Bulletin*.

Symposium: Chairman G. Snyder noted several small problems with the recent symposium which have been resolved. He stressed that symposium ballots should be sent to the RVP who tabulates them and sends the results to Snyder.

Snyder reported that several requests have been made to include all types of iris on the Symposium. In depth study reveals that this is not feasible and that the present system is adequate. Epperson moved that the Symposium remain as it is; Pocklington seconded. Carried.

Jim Morris asked if it would be possible to publish the top 10 irises from each section symposium in the *Bulletin*. By consensus it was agreed that Probst would work with the sections and Editor Aitken to bring this about. All results will be published on the AIS website.

Youth: Chairman Morris reported 263 regular youth members and 151 CIP members for a total of 414 youth members. Overall winner of the Youth Coloring Contest was Rachel Hindle (18). There are Regional Youth Chairs in every region except 10. See *Bulletin* for more detailed report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Region 2 RVP Weixlmann was not present. It was reported that the region continues to work on reorganization.
- Fran Evers is Chairman of the 2001 Nominating committee

NEW BUSINESS:

- It has been suggested that AIS create a pin to give to Life Members. it was also suggested that the official AIS pin be reinstated. Following discussion, no action was taken.
- Anner Whitehead has requested an AIS credit card to make her job expenditures

easier and more efficient. The receipts will be sent to Marley who will follow the usual payment process. It was also noted that a credit card would be useful to the Pocklingtons. J. Plank moved that Whitehead and Pocklington each be given a credit card to use for AIS business; J. Jones seconded. Carried.

- Regarding write-in votes on the Judges' Ballot, Epperson moved that there be no write-in votes; Probst seconded. Carried. This change will be reflected in the next *Judges' Handbook* revision.
- Mahan initiated discussion of adjusting advertising rates to encourage and support suppliers. Probst moved that charge for all color ads be reduced by 30%, effective in the April *Bulletin*; Aitken seconded. Carried. Those who have already paid for April ads will be notified of the change and reimbursed accordingly.
- Jay Hudson reported that a species iris garden was being established at the Botanical Garden in Mendocino, California. This garden will contain plants from a number of well known irisarians who specialize in the study of species iris, and will be tended by interns from various parts of the world. Hudson requested that AIS make a yearly donation of \$500 to this project. During discussion, several members noted that this might establish a precedent that could create controversy among existing and/or future projects of a similar nature. It was felt that on-going support would not be advisable. Epperson moved that AIS give \$500 to the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens on a one-time basis; Plank seconded. Carried. Aitken, Nichols and Probst abstained.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

First Vice-President Aitken assumed the chair during election of the President. Epperson nominated Mahan; Niswonger seconded. Epperson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mahan; Niswonger seconded. Carried. Mahan resumed the chair.

Plank nominated T. Aitken for First Vice-President; Pope seconded. Epperson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Aitken; Niswonger seconded. Carried.

Marley nominated J. Plank for Second Vice-President; Aitken seconded. Epperson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Plank; Aitken seconded. Carried.

Plank nominated S. Marley for Secretary; Aitken seconded. Epperson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Marley; Niswonger seconded. Carried.

Plank nominated J. Hudson for Treasurer; Pope seconded. Epperson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Hudson; Niswonger seconded. Carried.

Niswonger nominated T. Aitken for Editor; Gossett seconded. Epperson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Aitken; Niswonger seconded. Carried.

Appointment of Administrative Officers: President Mahan requested approval of the following appointments:

Registrar: Keith Keppel
Membership Secretary: Anner Whitehead
Recording Secretary: Anne Lowe
Publication Sales Directors: Irv and Nancy Pocklington
Niswonger moved approval; B. Figge seconded. Carried.

Standing Committee appointments: Mahan requested approval of the following
Committee Chairmen:

Affiliates: Shirley Pope	Policy: Mike Lowe
Awards: Farron Campbell	Public Relations: Kathy Guest
Calendar: Olive Rice-Waters	Rare Iris Study Center: Jim Waddick
Convention Liaison: Paul Gossett	Registrations: Keith Keppel
Electronic Services: John I. Jones	Robins: Libby Cross
Exhibitions: Roy Epperson	RVP Counselor: Barbara Figge
Foundation Liaison: Roger Mazur	Scientific: Dr. Chandler Fulton
Historian: Larry Harder	Scholarship: Dr. John Taylor
Historical Chronicles: Anner Whitehead	Section Liaison: Riley Probst
Honorary Awards: Dave Niswonger	Secretary of Donations: Jeanne Plank
Insurance: Michelle Snyder	Silent Auction: Carryl Meyer
Judges Handbook: Roy Epperson	Slides: Bill Mull
Judges: Ron Mullin	Symposium: Gerry Snyder
Library: Keith McNames	Youth: Jean Morris
Membership Contest: Lynda Miller	

B. Figge moved approval of Standing Committee Chairmen; Niswonger seconded.
Carried.

The proposed budget was reviewed in detail and estimated revenues and expenses were discussed line by line. It was voted by consensus to approve the budget with changes as made during the review. Treasurer Hudson will send the completed budget to all Board members.

Mahan stated that the local group had more than met every need and a vote of thanks was extended to Co-Chairs Henry and Opal Wulf, President Gary White and members of the Lincoln Iris Society for their gracious hosting of this Board meeting. Additional thanks went to the members of Region 21 who provided the refreshments during breaks.

Pope referred to the distributed flyer for the Median Odyssey sponsored by the Iris Society of Massachusetts in Natick, Massachusetts on May 17–19, 2000. This will be followed by the Dwarf Trek to Maine on May 20, 2001 which will present a rare opportunity to see and evaluate MDBs.

Vince Lewonski, RVP of Region 3, issued the invitation to the York National Convention in May 2001. He stated that there was a large variety of gardens to tour and that, in addition to iris, there would be many other plants to see. All meetings and banquets will be in one Convention hotel and bus rides will be short.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 A.M. on November 5, 2000.

Notes taken by Carryl Meyer Session recorded by Vince Lewonski
Minutes compiled by Anne S. Lowe, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dallas, Texas

April 15-16, 2000

The Spring meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society was called to order by President Clarence Mahan at 1:05 P.M. on April 15, 2000. Mahan thanked Region 17 for hosting this convention and for providing such pleasant accommodations.

Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President Mahan, Immediate Past President Niswonger, 1st Vice-President and Editor Aitken, 2nd Vice-President J. Plank, Secretary Marley, Treasurer Hudson; **Administrative Officers:** Membership Secretary Harlow, Recording Secretary A. Lowe, Registrar Keppel; **Directors:** Campbell, Epperson, B. Figge, Gossett, Guest, M. Lowe, Jean Morris, Perkins, N. Pocklington, Pope, and Probst; **RVP Representative:** C. Meyer (11); **Committee Chairs:** J. Jones, Harder, Mazur, McNames, Mullin, Rice-Waters, G. Snyder, M. Snyder and Waddick; **RVPs:** Weixlmann (2), Lewonski (3), Mull (4), Bowen (5) Boyson (7), Meyer (11), Ludi (13), Loberg (14). Jim Morris (18), Evers (20), Lingenfelter (21), Carson (22), B. Figge (23); **Past President:** Stahly; **Section Presidents:** Abrego, C. Brown, B. Kasperek, C. Lankow, Lineberger, D. Willott; **Foundation President** R. Hollingworth; **Legal Advisor** R. Plank; **Parliamentarian:** R. Figge; **TBIS President** P. Williams; **Guests:** Gallagher (1); Keup, B. & G. Kontak (2); M. Brown, Castillo, G. & S. Grigg, W. Marley, B. Mull, Warner s(4); Honkanen (5); A. Willott (6); Crick (7); B. Aitken, G. Lankow, Reid, Silverberg (13); Joanne Jones, Maryott, Messick, G. Hall, Trio (14); Larsen, R. Plank (15); Ives, Mark (16); D. & V. Brown, Howard (17); J. Keisling, Murrain (18); Jansen, Reuter (21); Holman, Lack, McMartin (22); Bergamo, Gordon (23).

Mahan requested Board approval of the re-appointment of Rosalie Figge as AIS Parliamentarian. Approval was unanimous.

Minutes: The following additions and corrections were made to the minutes of the 1999 Fall meeting as published in AIS *Bulletin* #316:

- 1) Attendees, pg. 106, line 11: name misspelled; should read "Meyer"
- 2) Surplus Bulletins Report, pg. 108, line 13: should read "1997—1998 issues"
- 3) Standing Committee Appointments, pg. 115: add: Membership Contest, Linda Miller and Youth, Jean Morris.

J. Plank moved that the minutes be approved as modified. Niswonger seconded. Carried.

Reports of Officers

President:

- Mahan referred to the handout of membership initiatives developed during the Fall meeting and urged that they be studied and utilized as feasible. He invited anyone to write an article using this information.

- Following the resignation of Director Bobbie Shepherd the Board has approved appointments of Nancy Pocklington to serve out the remainder of her term and of Barbara Figge to replace Shepherd as RVP Counselor.

- The Board has approved purchase of 32 copies of Rodionenko's book *The Genus Iris L.* Mahan recommended that the 15 copies already sold be priced at \$30. Niswonger moved approval; Pope seconded. Carried.

Mahan further recommended that two (2) copies of the book be sent to the AIS Library and that the remainder be sold at the Silent Auction with a minimum bid of \$25 each. Marley moved approval; J. Morris seconded. Carried.

- Mahan requested that the Board consider purchase of an additional 200 copies of the Rodionenko book for resale to AIS members through the Storefront at \$30 each. Following discussion, Pope moved that, at the discretion of the president, no more than 200 copies of *The Genus Iris L.* be reordered for sale in the Storefront. J. Plank seconded. Carried.

- A letter was received from Dr. Rodionenko requesting a new grant from AIS. Since the last grant was made by the Foundation, this matter has been referred to the Foundation for their consideration.

- Membership Secretary Harlow has submitted her resignation effective as soon as a replacement can be found. With the increased availability of email, some restructuring of procedures may be forthcoming.

First Vice President: No report.

Second Vice President: J. Plank noted that the first AIS Gold Medal, which was awarded to John Wister, was in the possession of the AIS Secretary and she suggested that this should be held by the President. Pope moved approval; Hudson seconded. Carried.

Mahan voiced concern over the possible dangers of leaving the Boehm Porcelain Iris with each incumbent president and requested approval to send it to the AIS Library for permanent display. J. Plank moved approval; Gossett seconded. Carried.

Mahan also expressed reservations over having the Wister Gold Medal in the possession of one individual. Pope moved that the Wister Gold Medal be sent to the AIS Library for display and safekeeping. Hudson seconded. Carried.

Plank presented two Gold Medals from Germany for inspection. These are also held by the Secretary, and she moved that they be sent to the AIS Library for display. Epperson seconded. Carried.

Plank urged members to buy 50th anniversary Bronze medals, noting that they had great potential as jewelry.

Secretary: Marley reported that the Dykes medals had been sent to the AIS Secretary as requested and she transferred them to Awards Chairman Campbell. She thanked Keith McNames who has copied and sent all the minutes from the

original Secretary's book, making them available for easy reference.

She noted that there were still problems with clarity in billing for reimbursement and emphasized the need for receipts.

Donations Secretary: Plank distributed copies of information which she has sent to regions and affiliates. This comprehensive handout lists in detail those active funds to which donations may be made, along with suggested forms which can be used in making various types of contributions to AIS. Donations of all types, including items for the Silent Auction, go through the office of the Donations Secretary. Plank explained the need to be listed in the *Bulletin* masthead and moved that the Donations Secretary be made a Standing Committee. M. Lowe seconded. Carried

Treasurer: Hudson made several corrections to the semi-annual report and noted that there was presently a healthy positive balance on hand.

He requested clarification regarding when we might begin using the publication fund. At this time, drawing on the fund would result in a negative balance. There was no support for the negative balance concept and publications will continue be funded as they are at present (out of the general fund) until such time as the \$50,000 cap is reached, at which time the publication fund can support the cost of future projects.

Hudson stated that we need to consider getting bids on all expenditures over a certain dollar amount, especially in the area of printing costs.. He recommended that, because of his recent experience with printers, Terry Aitken be appointed to coordinate all major printing expenditures and that his approval be required prior to entering into any contracts. Discussion revealed that it would be difficult to implement this and further action was postponed indefinitely.

The needs for setting an operating reserve, investigating sales tax policies in the areas where we do business, and budgeting for future expenses such as salaries were presented and briefly discussed. Hudson noted that it might be possible to take a tax deduction for expenses incurred in attending AIS Board meetings.

Editor: Aitken distributed copies of the April *Bulletin* which will be mailed during the coming week, noting that he has stayed within budget while producing more color at a lesser cost. Discussion of a new editor as deferred until later in the meeting.

Advertising Manager: No report received from Peters, but adequate revenues were reported by Aitken and Hudson.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS

Membership: Harlow reported a total membership of 7140 with 1155 new members joining in 1999 and 1158 deletions in March 2000 for non-renewal. Leading regions are 14, 4, 18, and 17. She commented that she wondered if middle America and older members on fixed incomes could afford the proposed increase in dues. She then announced that Rosalie Figge [age 90+] had just taken out a Life Membership in AIS.

Regarding acceptance of her resignation, Harlow expressed thanks to those with whom she had worked for the past decade. Following accolades from various

members of the Board, Epperson moved a rising vote of thanks to Harlow.

Mahan stated that Bonnie Nichols had volunteered to assume the position and requested approval of her appointment as Membership Secretary. Pope moved approval; Epperson seconded. Carried.

Harlow reminded the Board that adjustments in the *ITJ* must be made to reflect this change. Mahan noted that the Board may need to authorize purchase of additional equipment for Nichols prior to the November meeting.

Registrar: Keppel reported that the *1999 Registrations and Introductions* booklet was printed at a considerable savings over last year and was sent to the Storefront in January.

October has been set as a tentative deadline for having the *1999 Check List* ready for the printer. All entries are completed. There has been considerable editing of the annual *R&Is* for consistency, and, in some cases, additional or corrected parental information has been added. Keppel presented estimates of printing costs and asked the Board to determine the number to be printed. Pocklington moved that 3000 copies of the hard cover *1999 Check List* be printed. Epperson seconded. Carried.

Keppel stated that, in the past, foreign associate registrars have received a courtesy copy of the yearly *R&I* booklet. He requested authorization for 20 copies of the 1999 Check List to be given as courtesy copies to each of the foreign societies which sponsors an associate registrar, to the AIS Library (2 copies), and for office use. J. Plank moved approval; Epperson seconded. Carried.

Keppel noted that foreign originations continue to cause problems with certification for AIS awards. The Board reaffirmed the policy that irises introduced anywhere in the world are eligible for AIS awards *provided* (1) the introducer is a citizen of the United States or Canada or (2) the irises are introduced *exclusively in North America during the first shipping season*.

Keppel asked for direction regarding the Sèvres Vase from France, presently in his possession, Mahan instructed him to take the vase to the AIS the Library. Approval by consensus.

Storefront Sales: N. Pocklington noted that current income is running behind last year, and that expense totals remain within budget guidelines.

The iMac approved at the Fall meeting arrived in December and email is beginning to be used. Increased use of email is expected following the April *Bulletin* announcement that members can use email. She thanked John Jones for all his telephone tutoring.

Surplus Bulletins : Gossett reported 2460 Bulletins mailed since November 1999 and noted that the \$10 charge for 60 Bulletins does not cover postage for mailings to Canada. The Board agreed that AIS would continue to subsidize postage for Canadian orders of Bulletins.

He requested permission to offer 960 Bulletins at the upcoming Affiliates Meeting without charge. Niswonger moved approval; Meyer seconded. Carried.

Ombudsman: Begley was not present. Mahan noted that the Ombudsman mechanism

has not been used as most people prefer to go directly to the person(s) involved. Hudson moved that the position of Ombudsman be eliminated; M. Lowe seconded. Carried. Mahan expressed appreciation to Begley for his efforts as Ombudsman.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Operations Manual Draft: Epperson gave an update, stating that he will soon contact all officers and committee heads to request a narrative job description of every task involved with a time line as indicated. The draft copy should be forthcoming within a year.

Bulletin Indexing: Aitken reported that the bulk of the work will be done by September and that the information will be assembled during next winter. Some of this information can already be accessed via the website. Mahan expressed regret that there was no searchable database of iris names and descriptions.

BIC Revision: Epperson reported that 15,000 copies of the revised *Basic Iris Culture* have been printed and are now available for sale in the AIS Storefront. Epperson was complimented for his excellent and timely efforts in completing this project.

RVP Handbook Revision: Probst reported no draft document as yet. It was recommended that RVP Representative Meyer and RVP Counselor Figge also be involved. Probst will report at the Fall meeting.

501(c)3 Status: Epperson asked R. Plank to provide an update. Plank stated that the letters requesting tax exempt status for those regions and sections who have completed the required paperwork will be submitted to the IRS the end of May. Application can only be made once a year.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Affiliates: Chairman Pope distributed a list of 169 affiliates and moved that the list be approved. Epperson seconded. Carried. She stated that she was revising the application form to simplify the process. She introduced Bob Keup (2) who distributed a proposal containing the criteria, rationale for each category of participation and a draft of the worksheet for the AIS Affiliate Project. He stated that the overall purposes of this projects are to recognize and strengthen those affiliates who are doing a good job and to encourage all affiliates to do better. The project is basically a membership initiative and guidelines for making a good club. Following discussion, Epperson moved that the AIS Affiliate Project be adopted in principle, and that it be accomplished for the calendar years 2001 and 2002, at which time it will be further evaluated, the adoption in principle be adopted permanently for that 2 year period by a report to this board at the Fall meeting with a projected application form. Morris seconded. Carried. It noted that this project is not in conflict with the AIS Membership Contest.

Awards: Chairman Campbell questioned how long old ballots should be kept, and moved that ballots should be kept only until the next ballot is sent out. Plank seconded. Carried.

Campbell noted that there were no Caparne-Welsh medals currently available for B. Jones and L. Miller. DIS President outlined the difficulties experienced and hopes to have new medals by fall. Campbell emphasized the need to have the section medals on hand in timely fashion.

Since the mechanism for providing "Keeper Trophies" to winners of the Cook, President's and Walther cups is already in place, Campbell stated that he will order them as needed. Campbell asked that he be authorized to purchase presentation boxes for the Wister and Dykes Medals. Marley seconded. Carried.

Campbell asked for clarification as to what constitutes an Inter-species (SPEC-X) and a Species (SPEC) variety. Keppel stated that it was up to the hybridizer to select the category when the iris is registered..

The *Judges Handbook* states: 'Iris of each classification remain on the ballot for a period of three (3) years. However a variety remains eligible until such time as it might receive the HM award.' Campbell requested information on how to get an iris back on the ballot. Following discussion and consultation, Campbell moved approval of the following:

"Any iris that has been properly registered and introduced, regardless of classification or age, that has not won an HM may be placed on the HM Award ballot for an additional period of three (3) years. Eligibility is subject to certification by the AIS Registrar. A combined total of ten (10) accredited judges who are eligible to vote the official ballot from at least two regions of the AIS, must request in writing that a variety be placed back on the HM ballot. The written requests will be sent to the Awards Chairman. The requests must all be received within the same calendar year to be considered valid. The iris will then be placed on the following year's ballot and remain eligible for a period of three (3) years. An iris may be placed on the HM ballot no more than once by this method." M. Lowe seconded. Carried. This will appear in the next revision of the *Judges Handbook*.

The question of whether or not to have write-in votes on the Judges Ballot was discussed and deferred to Fall meeting.

Lewonski (3) requested discussion on the matter of showing slides of the award winners during the Awards banquet. It became apparent that there are too many difficulties to make this feasible.

Calendars: Chairman Rice-Waters reported the calendar for 2001 has been shipped. She noted that a binding error had occurred in putting some of the calendars together but that the pages can be rearranged correctly.

Convention Liaison: Chairman Gossett distributed an updated list of the sites of upcoming national and Fall conventions. Gossett was commended for addressing the needs as expressed by guests at the Fall Board meeting in a satisfactory manner and for his efforts in implementing the trial extra day policy.

Electronic Services: Chairman Jones stated that a new ISP (Mallorn Computing Inc.)

that specializes in providing services for horticultural groups has been located. The cost of this is above the approved original funding level. After detailing set-up costs, he recommended that the Board approve \$485 for first year expenses and \$385 per year thereafter. Lowe moved approval; Aitken seconded. Carried.

Jones announced that the *1989 Check List*, scanned by Mike Lowe and corrected by a team of volunteer 'proofers' as well as the name list of all registered irises (1939-1999) from Kathy Wells were now on the Check List website in a test mode. He named and thanked those who had done the proofing. The motion to eliminate an annual subscription fee was defeated. Individuals wishing to subscribe should contact Jones via email for details and procedure.

Jones has been working with Keppel to develop an electronic registration form.

With reference to establishment of an electronic Storefront deferred from the Fall meeting, Jones reported that he had purchased an iMac, configured it with memory and software and shipped it to Nancy Pocklington in December. Following biweekly phone/computer-link training, Storefront is ready to go on-line. Jones recommended that he be authorized to set up an Electronic Storefront using the Amazon.com site and that he, N. Pocklington and J. Hudson be authorized to price items specifically for the Storefront. Hudson moved approval; Plank seconded. Carried.

Jones stated that the irisauktion.com website contract is pending and the site will probably be up within 2 months.

Exhibitions: Chairman Epperson reviewed the activities of his department, noting that approximately half of the free ITJ brochures have already been requested and distributed. Five new Award Certificates are now available and suggested revisions in the Show Report form will be considered. Mahan asked for a standing ovation to Epperson for the many projects he has taken on and completed.

Foundation Liaison: Mazur distributed the Foundation financial report, noting the final settlement of the Helen McCaughey Trust from whence came a sizeable contribution to the Foundation. Mazur noted a need for worthwhile projects to fund in the cause of educating the public on the genus iris. Niswonger mentioned two projects in the works—one in Mongolia and one in the Ukraine—that might be suitable for Foundation assistance. Mazur noted that there has been no report received by the Foundation from the current Rodionenko grant for study of new Siberian species. Niswonger noted that this report had been sent to Jim Waddick.

The Evelyn Jones Library Fund, administered by the Foundation, has supplied all the Library office equipment as well as funding the binding of all AIS *Bulletins* from the beginning through 1999—a project begun long ago.

Mazur commented on the present gap in communication between AIS and the Foundation. It was explained that the Foundation was originally created as a non-profit organization. At the time AIS could not qualify as a tax exempt entity, so to maintain the tax exempt status, the two organizations were deliberately kept apart. Hence the *Bulletin* has charged the Foundation for all material published. Since this is no longer necessary, Epperson moved that AIS rescind the policy of charging the Foundation for any information placed in the *Bulletin*. J. Plank seconded. Carried.

It was noted that Dr. Rodionenko is the only one currently studying the evolution of

irises and Mahan asked the Foundation to consider funding a new study as requested by Dr. Rodionenko so that AIS could act if the Foundation did not.

Historian: Harder distributed a list of the materials that he has ready to send to the AIS Library. He has, in progress, the following projects: (1) compilation of a listing of those who have won AIS medals and awards with a biographical sketch of each and (2) compilation of a list of those who have served AIS in any official capacity.

Honorary Awards: Chairman Niswonger passed around the Warburton Medal and, noting the details of the artwork, asked that AIS express special thanks to Lynn Markham and Donna Aldrich for their attention and efforts in “getting Bee just right.” Dr. Rodionenko’s representative will accept the Warburton Medal for him. Mahan expressed thanks to Niswonger and those regions and individuals who assisted with the funding of this new medal.

Niswonger showed the AIS Gold Medal, which will be accepted by Dr. Currier McEwen’s representative and then displayed the Hybridizers Medal.

Insurance: Chairman M. Snyder noted that AIS no longer has an umbrella policy in force, and she is currently seeking an alternate broker. Regarding concerns over the current amount of liability coverage, Snyder requested Board permission to investigate the possibility of obtaining insurance based on the number of members in each club, i.e. a policy that will cover all members. Permission granted by consensus, with a report due at the Fall meeting. She also asked for an inventory of all equipment owned by AIS that should be insured.

Judges’ Handbook Revision: Chairman Epperson reported that 2100 copies of the revisions to the *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials*, 6th Edition, 1998, are ready for distribution as directed at the Fall meeting. An announcement to this effect appears in the April *Bulletin*. He distributed copies of the revisions to members of the Board and standing committee chairs.

Judges and Judges Training: Chairman Mullin reported that, following input from the RVPs, the Activity Report yearly requirement will remain unchanged. The request for telephone numbers of judges to be published in the *Bulletin* was deemed not feasible. However, telephone numbers can be placed on the activity report as recommended by the RVPs. Overall opinion was that each region should have this information available and that regional newsletters, which often go out of region, would make this information more widely available.

Library: Chairman McNames’ requested approval of the donation of the listed excess library items for the Silent Auction. Epperson moved approval; Campbell seconded. Carried.

Mahan presented an iris book from South Africa which he is donating to the AIS Library

Following discussion of a need to know what material the AIS Library holds, M. Lowe moved that the Board approve putting the AIS Library Index in searchable form on the

Mallorn database site. Marley seconded. Carried. Written system protocols and policies will be developed by the Electronic Communications Committee and presented at the Fall meeting.

Regarding the revised contract with the City of Silverton, the two points to be worked out are the longevity of the contract and an acceptable termination policy. It was agreed that the Library Committee headed by McNames will work out an alternative proposal for the final contract which must be approved by the Board

Membership Contest: No report. [*Apologies from the Recording Secretary for omission of Miller's name from the Standing Committee appointments.*]

Policy: Chairman M. Lowe distributed policies enacted at the Fall 1999 meeting. He suggested that it would be good if, when interim votes are taken, each person voting would address his/her reply to all members on the internet rather than just the President. This eliminates all taint of secret/closed voting. Mahan praised Lowe for his ongoing assistance in matters of policy.

Public Relations: Chairman Guest gave an update on several on-going projects and distributed current regional newsletter information. An online newsletter exchange program is in the works.

Complimentary copies of the January *Bulletin* in lieu of subscriptions were sent to 6 Garden Magazines as a PR tool. Work is in progress to develop an online list of scheduled iris speakers and Judges Training to enable people who are nearby to consider attending. Epperson will update present list of speakers and available J.T. programs.

Rare Iris Study Center: Chairman Waddick provided a brief overview of activities of the past year. He is working closely with Dr. Rodionenko and has plans to meet with Prof. Zhao in July. He also hopes to meet with Prof. He Shan-an regarding a proposal to develop a Native Chinese Iris Species Display at the Nanjing Botanical Garden.

Waddick noted the lack of commercial sources for species and rare irises and emphasized the need to develop a population of rare irises. Some rare irises are currently being shared via the Silent Auction at this convention. It was suggested that some of the "success stories" be published in the *Bulletin*.

Registrations: Registrations for 2000 are proceeding normally. As of April 1, 325 varieties are recorded as introduced; 310 varieties registered and 339 new names reserved or used.

Robins: Report given by Secretary who reported that new Historic and Reblooming robins are now in flight. Chairman Cross expressed a desire to start a robin for beginning/new hybridizers and requested help from experienced hybridizers willing to fly with the robin and explain the basics.

RVP Counselor: RVP Representative Meyer reported that the RVPs felt strongly that an increase in dues should also provide an increase in services provided, and they felt

that, while a small increase in single annual dues might be acceptable, the triennial dues should not be increased. RVPs recommended placing a judge's telephone number on the Activity report. Request for availability of all handouts at AIS Board meetings was again made. The following officers were elected:

Chairman of the Board of Counselors: Peter Weixlmann (2)

Secretary: Randall Bowen (RVP 5)

AIS Board Representative: Fran Evers (20)

Nominating Committee: Barbara Figge (23) and JaNiece Mull (4)

Scientific: Chairman Fulton's report contained an up-to-date summary of Dr. McEwen's plant disease project which dealt mainly with scorch.

Regarding the investigation of developing a resource for chromosome counts, discussion noted that Charles Jenkins will do this if AIS will furnish the appropriate microscope. Mahan appointed an *ad hoc* committee consisting of John Jones (Chairman), Bob Hollingworth, Jim Waddick and Sandy Ives to investigate availability of equipment needed and costs involved in activating this project, with a report due in the fall. Committee approved by consensus. Waddick was asked to write an appropriate job description for his position for the *Bulletin*.

Scholarship: The Secretary presented Dr. Taylor's resume of the committee's choice for the current scholarship grant. The Committee recommended that the Board approve awarding the 2000-2001 Scholarship for Graduate Study to Peter Van Zandt for his proposed research on the Louisiana irises of Marsh Island, LA. Approved.

Section Liaison: Chairman Probst reported that much of the meeting discussion centered around 501(c)3. He presented a current list of scheduled Section and Cooperating Society Mini-Conventions. The list of Section officers as distributed was not current. Probst will mail an updated list to all concerned. Carol Warner was elected to the AIS Nominating Committee.

Silent Auction: Chairman Perkins gave a progress report on the current auction, noting that, although the name has been reserved, one of the 2000 introductions donated had not been registered. Keith McNames offered to grow this cultivar for a future auction. Perkins reminded the Board that this was her last year of chairing this auction.

Slides: Chairman Nichols report noted that 46 sets of slides have been ordered since November 1999, and that there has been an increase in requests for slides from garden groups other than iris clubs. Slide trays have been received. Mahan noted that he had purchased 24 used slide trays for \$25 which were shipped to Nichols. If not needed, they will be donated to the Silent Auction.

Nichols asked that someone take over his position prior to October. Mahan appointed William Mull to be the new Slide Chairman. Marley moved approval; Aitken seconded. Carried.

The question of producing a video of a convention for sale was discussed. The need for local professionals to do this was emphasized. Lewonski will investigate as possibility for 2001 convention.

Symposium: G. Snyder distributed a listing of all irises to be on the ballot which will be voted in 2000. This list explained rules for inclusion on the Symposium, and also listed those irises being dropped. He noted that there would be no write-in votes. Full instructions will be included on the ballot.

Snyder asked for approval to allow for optional voting the Symposium electronically with proper verification of eligibility by the RVP. Aitken moved approval; Plank seconded. Carried.

The feasibility of having counters in foreign countries to expedite receipt of results via international email was raised. Snyder will explore and report in the fall. He will also report on possibility of restoring the Hall of Fame. A question pertaining to the lack of information on the symposium ballot regarding irises other than Tall Bearded was raised by D. Krumb via email. G. Snyder will address this at the Fall meeting.

Webmaster: No report. T. Aitken reported that webmaster Scott Aitken would be resigning by the end of the year. Jones declined to accept the position of AIS webmaster but stated that he has a volunteer for the job and will announce the name at the Fall meeting.

Youth: Chairman Jean Morris announced the three winners of the Clarke Cosgrove Memorial Award for Youth Achievement. There are currently 371 youth members. CIPs are in Regions 14, 18, and 22. She thanked specific members and their sponsoring affiliates for setting up these classroom projects. [again apologies for omitting Youth from the standing committee approval list.]

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dave Silverberg, V-P of HIPS, stated the desirability of having the *Golden Anniversary Issue* of the AIS *Bulletin* available to those who wish to add it to their publication collections. He asked that the Board grant permission for HIPS to reprint this *50th Anniversary Bulletin* and offer it for sale through the HIPS Publication Sales office. J. Plank moved approval; Meyer seconded. Carried.

- Mahan had previously noted that a raise in AIS dues should be considered. Following spirited discussion during which many points of view were expressed, he requested approval of an *ad hoc* Dues and Services committee to thoroughly study all aspects of the question and bring a proposal to the Fall meeting in Lincoln, at which time the Board would vote on the matter. Epperson moved approval; Pope seconded. Carried. Appointed were: Board members Guest (Chairman), Epperson, Pope, J. Plank; RVPs Weixlmann and Evers. Aitken noted that salaries and purchase of equipment must be considered during these deliberations.

- Keppel requested that the Board formulate a policy regarding internet sales and the official introduction process. Mahan asked Jones, Keppel and M. Lowe to formulate an appropriate policy and report back during this meeting. The following policy was presented:

“Effective January 1, 2001, a registered iris that is offered for sale to the public on an internet webpage shall be considered as introduced provided that the introducer sends a printed copy of the webpage to the AIS Registrar.” M. Lowe moved approval; Plank seconded. Carried.

It was further stated that this policy should be strictly interpreted and rigidly applied.

- Regarding a petition to the Postal Service to use irises on the next make-up stamp, it was noted that there were too many obstacles for feasibility at this time.

- A request concerning an AIS member group rate for trekkers to the New Zealand International Iris Symposium in the fall was deemed outside of our sphere of control and arrangements should be made privately.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Region 2 Reorganization: RVP Weixlmann reported that the new regional bylaws had been approved by the membership and that the new structure of Region 2 will encourage the formation of new affiliates. At the recommendation of the NY State Attorney General, the Empire State Iris Society will retain the present treasury. Currently the ESIS bylaws do not conform to those of AIS. Weixlmann and Guest were commended for their efforts to resolve this problem.

Format change: A suggested change in the format used when names of iris in text appear in the *Bulletin*, submitted by Gail Barnhill (15), was discussed. Consensus was that the present system is acceptable. No further action.

Revision of the Convention Handbook: Gossett stated that work is in progress and he and Mullin will have a tentative draft to present at the Fall meeting.

Iris Chronicles Project: Chairman Marley stated that the committee had met and agreed that the project was worthwhile. Mahan presented some guidelines of information necessary to each chronicle. Marley requested Board approval to continue the Chronicles Project and to authorize the AIS President to select a Project Director. Plank moved approval; Morris seconded. Carried.

Search for Bulletin Editor: Plank distributed copies of a resume from Bruce Filardi who is the only applicant for the job. Editor Aitken stated that, although he could continue until a replacement was found, he endorsed Filardi for the job. He cited Filardi's contributions as part of the current editing team and that Filardi will be asking for some level of compensation. .

During discussion it was noted that, other than Aitken, few knew or had met Filardi. Epperson stated that, since the job was not properly advertised in the *Bulletin*, he felt that no decision could be made at this time. He moved that a full job description, including qualifications and necessary time frames, be published in the next *Bulletin* accompanied by an invitation to submit resumes and portfolios to Jeanne Plank by October 15, 2000. This will allow time for the committee to select a candidate for

presentation to the Board at the Fall meeting. M. Lowe seconded. Carried. It was further decided that Filardi be asked to serve as Guest Editor for the next two (2) *Bulletins* while we advertise for an editor. Aitken will supervise.

TBIS request for Cooperating Society status: Principals in the discussion were AIS President Mahan, Past President Niswonger, TBIS President Phil Williams and the Directors of both groups. Aitken moved that AIS invite TBIS to become a section. J. Morris seconded. Following a review of the entire situation by both sides, Aitken withdrew his motion.

Section Liaison Probst noted that with the recent change in AIS bylaws, there is no real difference between a Section and a Cooperating Society, other than that the Cooperating Society is not compelled to abide by AIS rules and customs. It was noted that TBIS members have not been asked to vote their preference on this question of Cooperating Society vs Section status

One primary concern of AIS involves possible scheduling of mini-conventions by TBIS in competition with AIS national and regional meetings. The current TBIS trek in late May was cited as an example. The second concern involves a conflict in the member voting policy. The discussion was lengthy with both sides standing their ground. Williams asked that the Board take an immediate vote regarding Cooperating Society status for the TBIS. Epperson moved that the request for Cooperating Society be denied. Morris seconded. Carried.

Aitken moved that AIS invite the TBIS to become a section of AIS. Mahan amended the motion to include anything necessary to comply with AIS bylaws, with the understanding that there be a provision to preclude a separate spring meeting for tall bearded irises. Aitken agreed to the amendment, Morris seconded. Carried. Williams asked for a written list of AIS requirements that TBIS will need in order to become a section and stated that this matter will be on the agenda at the TBIS meeting in Oregon.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Chairman Hudson presented the following candidates for nomination to fill the 4 director positions expiring in 2003:

Roy Epperson, Jean Morris, Paul Gossett, Lorena Reid, John Jones, Maurine Mark, Peter Weixlmann, Carryl Meyer. Epperson nominated Bonnie Nichols from the floor. Plank moved that the nominations be closed. M. Lowe seconded. Carried. The Board adjourned to Executive session.

Mahan reconvened the meeting and announced that Epperson, Morris, Gossett and Nichols were nominated to fill the 4 Director positions.

Mahan appointed T. Aitken and Jean Morris as Board members to the 2001 AIS Nominating Committee. Epperson moved approval, Niswonger seconded. Carried.

The 2001 Nominating Committee is composed of: RVPs B. Figge and J. Mull; Section Representative C. Warner and Board members T. Aitken and Jean Morris.

An invitation to the Fall Board meeting on November 3—5 in Lincoln, Nebraska has been extended by Co-chairmen Henry and Opal Wulf. Information about hotel accommodations, surface transportation and airline schedules was distributed .

Thanks and congratulations were extended to Bonnie Nichols, her committee, and

the Iris Society of Dallas for their attention to detail which has made for a well organized Board meeting. Paul Gossett

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 P.M. on April 16, 2000.

Anne S. Lowe
Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

St. Louis, Missouri

November 5–7, 1999

The Fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society was called to order by President Clarence Mahan at 7:45 P.M. on November 5, 1999. A welcome on behalf of Region 18 was given by RVP Jim Morris, and thanks were expressed to Riley Probst and the Greater St. Louis Iris Society, for hosting this meeting.

Mahan welcomed the group and invited all present to participate in discussions. Introductions followed. Present during the various sessions were: **Officers:** President Mahan, Immediate Past President Niswonger, 1st Vice-President and Editor Aitken, 2nd Vice-President J. Plank, Secretary S. Marley, Treasurer Hudson; **Administrative Officers:** Publication Sales Directors N. & I. Pocklington, Ombudsman Begley, Recording Secretary A. Lowe, Registrar Keppel; **Parliamentarian:** R. Figge; **Directors:** Campbell, Epperson, B. Figge, Gossett, Guest, M. Lowe, Moller, Jean Morris, Perkins, Pope, Probst and Shepard; **RVP Representative:** C. Meyers (11); **Committee Chairs:** Rice-Waters and Mullin; **RVPs:** Weixlmann (2), Marley (4), Thurman (7), Dickhaut (9), Meyer (11), Reid (13), Jim Morris (18), Evers (20), Carson (22), B. Figge (23); **RVP Elect:** JaNiece Mull (4); **Section President:** D. Willott (MIS); **Guests:** W. Marley, B. Mull, Mary Brown (4); Honkanen (5); A. Willott (6); John Jones, Trio (14); R. Plank, G. Snyder (15); Byrne (17); Bellagamba, R. Gormley, Italian, A. & D. Judy, J. & R. Kiesling, D. & J. Loveland, Pries, C. & S. Rust, (18); Holman (22); Bergamo, Gordon (23).

Minutes: The following additions and corrections were made to the minutes of the 1999 Spring Board meeting as published in AIS *Bulletin* #314:

1. President's Report, pg. 84, line 3: Betty Burch is in Region (7), not (24).
2. Exhibitions, pg. 90, line 3: should read "Probst asked if EC ballots could be duplicated...."

J. Plank moved that the minutes be approved as modified. Gossett seconded. Carried.

Board of Elections Report: Secretary Marley reported that there were no additional nominations, therefore Mike Lowe, Shirley Pope, Mike Moller and Riley Probst are duly elected and qualified as Directors with terms expiring in 2002. RVP Representative Carryl Meyer was welcomed to the Board.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President:

- Mahan requested Board approval of the re-appointment of Rosalie Figge as AIS

Parliamentarian. Approval was unanimous.

- In interim Board action, Mahan reported that the July Symposium was declared null and void following the omission of a number of eligible irises from the ballot. This came about because the eligibility rules for the symposium in the *Judges Handbook* were not revised and updated when the Wister Medal was established and the Awards system was modified to reflect this change. A revised ballot was included in the October *Bulletin*.
- Mahan requested approval of the interim appointment of Harold Peters as Advertising Editor. Plank moved approval; Hudson seconded. Carried.
- The absence of items that should have appeared in the July and October *Bulletins* was noted. Mahan asked the Editor to be sure that these items appear in the January and future *Bulletins*.

First Vice President: Aitken said he had no report.

Second Vice President: J. Plank reported that the transition to Secretary Marley had been completed except for the shipment of the complete set of *Bulletins* traditionally held by the Secretary. The question of whether or not the AIS Secretary must possess a full set of AIS minutes was discussed. R. Plank stated that a legal reason for having the Secretary keep a full set of minutes is a moot point as scanned minutes are readily available at any time, and the question of a scan being considered a legal document is a nebulous point which is unlikely to arise.

S. Marley noted that Keith McNames has copied all the original minutes from the Book of Minutes sent to the library last spring. J. Plank further reported that Gerry Snyder is in the process of scanning all the AIS minutes and that she will keep the *Bulletins* until this project is completed. Snyder said that minutes through 1950 are now available on disk and stated that he expects to have all minutes scanned and available by April 2000.

Secretary: Marley reported that the recent changes to the AIS Bylaws had been approved.

She asked that Committee Chairmen send in their bills for reimbursement at least every 3 months, and she noted that original or hard copies of bills were needed as fax copies are often impossible to read.

Donations Secretary J. Plank presented an up-to-date report detailing donations received during the past 11 months. She stated that she was contacting various groups and individuals to make them aware of the several funds which can be supported by donations and to explain the procedure for making donations.

Treasurer: Hudson stated that all financial records are now computerized. Some erroneously paid taxes from past years will give us a sizable refund as will a rebate on AIS liability insurance. Jill Bonino has resigned as our auditor. No Y2K problems are expected with either finances or membership.

Hudson reported that the affinity card project is a dead issue as no one would take AIS on because we do not have a large enough membership.

Member vs non-member pricing structure was discussed. No action taken.

The guidelines established for the Publication Fund were reviewed and specific criteria for its use were discussed. Hudson moved that the Treasurer transfer 25% of the sales from Store Front publications into the Publications Fund until a cap of \$50,000 is reached. Plank seconded. Carried.

Editor: Editor Aitken detailed budget needs for the coming year, citing an increase in cost per issue due to perfect binding and higher postage costs. He presented anticipated changes in the *Bulletin* for year 2000.

Advertising Editor: Marley reported that Peters is contacting prospective advertisers. Mahan noted that Peters' ad in the *Bulletin* does not represent a conflict of interest.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS

Membership: Harlow's report was mailed to all Board members prior to the meeting as she was unable to attend. As of September 30, 1999 membership is 7,786. In first place is Region 4, followed by Regions 14, 18, 17 and 15 respectively. Harlow proposed that current members of record with a June 30th expire date have their memberships extended to December 31st of the same expire year in order to conform to the calendar year membership. Proposal approved.

It was noted that notification of the Senior Discount for Life Memberships, enacted in the Spring, had never appeared in the *Bulletin*.

Harlow recommended that a new membership list not be printed due to decreased demand for a printed list.

Mahan initiated a discussion on increasing the availability of the membership list to AIS members and especially to those whose AIS-connected duties required this information. It was noted that a current list on disk can be purchased at any time for 15 dollars from the Membership Secretary. Several options were presented and Mahan stated that more study of this subject was needed.

Mahan commented that we needed to reduce the number of non-renewals. He announced that a brainstorming session regarding membership strategies was planned for later in the meeting.

Registrar: Keppel gave preliminary quotes for printing the *1999 Registrations and Introductions* booklet and asked the Board to decide the number of booklets to be printed. Probst moved that 700 be printed; Epperson seconded. Carried.

Re the *1999 Check List*, Keppel reported that registrations for the period 1990–1998 had been entered. Still to be done is integration of the *1999 R & I* into the text, the index of hybridizer/introducer addresses, and the awards listing.

Keppel explained the need to 'legitimize' certain non-registered cultivars which have been in commerce for more than ten years and which, in his opinion, should be documented for our records. He requested Board sanction to do limited no-fee registrations at his discretion. Plank moved approval; Epperson seconded. Carried

Publication Sales: N. Pocklington presented income and expense figures to date and stated that sales were within projected limits.

She cited the need to reorder *The Gardener's Iris Book* by Bill Shear. The need to decrease the large inventory of postcards was discussed at length. Guest was asked to write a *Bulletin* article promoting the uses of AIS postcards.

Pocklington was instructed to destroy all copies of the existing *Convention Handbook* after the revised version is approved and ready for distribution.

Surplus Bulletin Chairman Paul Gossett reported that sale of surplus *Bulletins* had been good, but that he has on hand a large number of 1998 and 1999 issues.

He announced that he is resigning this Chairmanship effective January 2001. In commenting on the duties of the position, Gossett noted that paying for postage involved in sending out surplus *Bulletins* was his donation to AIS and that a new chairman might request reimbursement for postage. Carryl Meyer volunteered to take over the job when Gossett retires. Appreciation was expressed to both.

Ombudsman: No report.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

BIC Revision and Reprint: Epperson reported that 15,000 copies of a 40 page 6x9 inch booklet will be printed at a cost of \$4995. These will be in the Store Front in time for the Spring shows. The revised *BIC* will sell for \$1.50 each or \$15 for 25 copies. Pope moved that Epperson proceed; Guest seconded. Carried.

Bulletin Indexing: Aitken reported little progress during the summer months.

Classroom Membership and Use of the Ruth Simmons CIP Fund: Chairman Jean Morris reported on the items discussed by committee members who recommend that (1) the CIP Fund be used to pay dues for CIP teachers; (2) the CIP Fund be used to pay part or all of the dues of any child who is unable to afford the cost; and (3) CIP members be counted as regular Youth Members. Carried.

Committee to Investigate Height Standards of MDBs: Chairman Lowe presented a review of the problem and proposed that AIS should:

- Continue basically as we have since the last change until a well considered/disseminated proposal for change is presented to the AIS Board. (When a proposed change affects two or more special interest iris groups, the change should be satisfactory to all groups affected.)
- Correct the 1998 *Handbook for Judges and Show Officials* to reflect established height standards.
- Establish and promulgate a uniform and rational English (FPS) measurement standard for iris class heights based on the existing metric heights.

Plank moved acceptance of the recommendations. Epperson seconded. Carried.

D. Willott presented a background of the events leading to the action of the Dwarf Society in making a change in MDB height to 10 inches. Registrar Keppel emphasized that, when registering irises, hybridizers should give a specific height, not a range of one or more inches.

Lowe moved that the Metric measurements remain as they were set in 1976 and the

English equivalents be:

MDB up to 8"
SDB..... 8–16"
IB..... 16–27.5"
MTB 16–27.5"
BB 16–27.5"
TB..... over 27.5"

Epperson seconded. Carried.

M. Lowe moved that changes in the International Registrations Standards of Classification of Irises can only be made by the AIS Board of Directors. J. Morris seconded. Carried.

Electronic Checklist: No report from Chairman Stahly.

Internet Commerce: Committeeman John Jones presented a comprehensive overview of the advantages of an iris Internet auction service and detailed the expenses involved. Following lengthy discussion, Hudson moved that the Board approve expenditures as recommended by the ICC and that Jones proceed to negotiate a contract to establish an iris Internet auction site, the contract to be subject to approval by the Executive Committee and Legal Counsel R. Plank. Guest seconded. Carried.

Jones presented rationale for a proposal to provide registration and check list information on-line.

He recommended that he be authorized to negotiate a contract to establish a subscription and database search service at a cost not to exceed \$300, with contract terms to be approved by the AIS Board of Directors. This service will provide access to *R&Is* and *Check Lists* at a subscriber's fee of \$10, and the AIS Registrar will have final approval of all material entered into this database. Guest moved approval; Probst seconded. Carried. It was felt that this service would not be in conflict with the *Electronic Check List* currently in progress by H. Hughes.

Keppel stated that he looked forward to the time when all registration records are in electronic form so that registration information can be readily upgraded and corrected.

Regarding the liability status of the AIS webmaster, R. Plank stated that the webmaster would be covered under AIS insurance if he/she is a duly appointed official of AIS. M. Lowe moved that the AIS webmaster be made a Standing Committee and that the present webmaster be appointed as Chairman; Epperson seconded. Carried. Mahan noted that John Jones has volunteered to take on the AIS webmaster job when Scott Aitken wishes to step down.

Lowe moved that an Electronic Services Committee be established and that it be made a Standing Committee. Epperson seconded. Carried.

Mahan appointed Jones (Chairman), Guest and Hudson to serve. Approval moved by Lowe; seconded by Guest. Carried.

The proposal to provide an on-line AIS Store Front was accepted in principle and further action was deferred until Spring.

Millennium Check List: No report from Chairman Hughes.

Non-profit Incorporation and Tax Exempt Status for Sections, Regions and Affiliates: Epperson reported that December 31, 1999 is the deadline for the first group submission to the IRS for 501(c)(3) status. R. Plank will contact the IRS and request that those regions and sections which have completed all requirements be included under the AIS 501(c)(3) provision. Other groups will be added as they complete the necessary requirements.

Operations Manual: Chairman Epperson stated that he will be contacting each officer, Administrative Officer and Standing Committee Chairman asking each for a documented job description. He expects to have the *Operations Manual* completed by Fall 2000.

Rare Iris Study Center: Policy Chairman M. Lowe noted that the Rare Iris Study Center was an *ad hoc* committee of long standing and asked if it should be made a Standing Committee. Mahan asked for a statement of purpose for the Center. In the absence of Chairman Waddick, Niswonger explained that the purpose of the group was to promote a service and a mechanism to: (1) collect, distribute and preserve rare iris species; (2) determine the status and distribution of rare species; (3) keep a record of location of these species throughout the world; (4) encourage field studies of irises grown in the wild to decide if a species is endangered and take action to preserve it; (5) locate irisarians willing and able to grow rare species for the purpose of preservation; (6) encourage the maintenance of pure/true species as well as hybrids. Jean Morris moved that the Rare Iris Study Center be made a Standing Committee and that Jim Waddick serve as Chairman. Perkins seconded. Carried. Mahan noted that this Center provides a valuable service and is deserving of wider exposure to all AIS members.

RVP Handbook Revision: Chairman Probst stated that he would have a report in Dallas.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Affiliates: Chairman Pope reported the number of affiliates unchanged during 1999. She presented an Affiliate Contest proposal from Bob Keup (2) and requested Board approval to appoint a committee to work with Bob in drafting a worksheet for this contest. Gossett moved approval; Epperson seconded. Carried. Guest, Weixlmann, G. Snyder and Gossett were appointed to the committee with Keup as chairman. Pope will act as advisor, and a report will be presented at the spring meeting.

Awards: Chairman Campbell noted some of the difficulties encountered with the 1999 Ballot and thanked those who counted ballots for their help. The list of HC winners has been completed and will be in the January *Bulletin*.

Campbell discussed the many problems associated with the current Symposium, and stated that it would be helpful if this job could be split out of the Award Chairman's duties. Mahan recommended that a new Standing Committee be approved for the specific purpose of conducting the Symposium, and that Gerry Snyder be appointed as Chairman. J. Plank moved approval; Pope seconded. Carried. Snyder will handle the

current Symposium. Mahan affirmed an earlier Board decision to omit write-in votes on the Symposium. Epperson noted that necessary changes regarding the Symposium in the *Judges Handbook* will be forthcoming.

The uninsured Dykes Medal for **Conjuration** was lost en route to Mrs. Byers. BIS President Bartlett was contacted and has agreed to send future Dykes Medals to the AIS Secretary for presentation by the AIS President during the National Convention. The Executive Committee previously agreed that the **Conjuration** medal should be duplicated at AIS expense.

Campbell noted that Monty Byers had won a prize at the Moscow International TB Competition and the medal is being sent to RVP Loberg for presentation to Mrs. Byers. The Payne Medal, won by Jonnye Rich (deceased) will be accepted by B. and J. Whitely.

Mahan noted that the AIS no longer gives a “keeper trophy” to winners of the Cook, Presidents and Walther Cups. By consensus it was agreed that a plaque containing Cup name, winners name, iris name and the year would be appropriate and should be re-instituted in the year 2000. J. Plank moved that Campbell be authorized to bring a suitable selection of plaques for Board approval in Dallas. Perkins seconded. Carried.

Calendars: Chairman Rice-Waters reported that work on the calendar for 2001 is proceeding and that it is scheduled to be available before the Spring 2000 shows begin. She noted that printing costs would be less this year as calendars will be printed in Hong Kong instead of Tokyo, and recommended that 3500 copies be printed at an approximate cost of \$6860. Carried.

Rice-Waters noted that a large number of 2000 calendars are still in stock, possibly due to lack of advertising of their availability in the *Bulletin*.

Convention Liaison: Chairman Gossett distributed a list of the sites of upcoming national and Fall conventions and reviewed the schedule for the Dallas Board meeting. Ft. Worth has offered to host the Fall Board Meeting in 2002. Epperson moved acceptance; Probst seconded. Carried.

Following the recent sale of convention guest irises over the Internet at greatly reduced prices, it was recommended that the AIS adopt the following policy: ‘Guest irises donated to the region or society that hosts conventions be sold only within the host region.’ After discussion, it was decided that this matter of ethics would be dealt with in the upcoming revision of the *Convention Handbook*.

Attendees at this meeting strongly recommended that: (1) for guests attending future Board meetings, especially RVPs, copies of the long agenda and committee reports should be available; (2) Board members increase their use of microphones so that guests may hear; (3) a copy machine be placed in the meeting room to facilitate availability of printed material.

Exhibitions: Chairman Epperson noted that the present cost of show entry tags is too low. He moved that the sale price for entry tags for accredited shows, currently sold at \$11 for a pack of 250, be changed to \$10 per pack of 200. Carried.

Foundation Liaison: No report. Mahan will contact Foundation President Hollingworth

regarding the annual Foundation report for the *Bulletin* as requested in Oklahoma City.

Historian: No report.

Honorary Awards: Chairman Niswonger reported a good supply of all medals on hand. The Warburton Medal now has ample funding to set up and strike the medals and a supply has been ordered. Niswonger thanked those who helped bring this project to completion.

Insurance: G. Snyder presented Chairman M. Snyder's report in which was requested a Board decision regarding insurance coverage for the President's Cup and the Cook Cup. M. Snyder noted that adding these to present coverage would require an appraisal. After discussion, Epperson moved that AIS continue its present policy of self insurance; M. Lowe seconded. Carried.

M. Snyder also clarified insurance coverage of sections. (*See Section Liaison.*)

Judges' Handbook Revision: Mahan restructured the Handbook Revision Committee as follows: Epperson, Chairman; Crick, Mullin, and Shepard. Niswonger moved approval; Pope seconded. Carried.

Chairman Epperson distributed the list of recommended Handbook revisions, and during discussion, other changes and corrections were recommended. Epperson requested approval of all corrections and modifications. Carried. The final list of changes will be sent to all Board members for approval prior to printing in January 2000.

Epperson reviewed the format of the Model Show Schedule which will be available in time for the Spring show season.

Distribution of the revised pages was discussed. It was decided that Epperson will send the Handbook revisions and a copy of the Model Show Schedule to all judges and Apprentice Judges. For those who are not judges, the pages will be available from Epperson by request. There will be no charge to either group for the revisions. An announcement to this effect will be in the April *Bulletin*.

Epperson announced that the new *Invitation to Join* brochures are available from him upon request and are free of charge.

Judges and Judges Training: Chairman Mullin presented the question of separating judges into Exhibition and Garden categories. After discussion, it appeared that this was not an issue that could be resolved at this time and no action was taken.

With reference to the matter of making the requirement of the Activity Report similar to the requirement for voting the Ballot, *i.e.* that a person not be dropped for failure to send in a report until he/she has missed two years in a row, Mullin requested input from the Board. The validity and need for this report on an annual basis was discussed pro and con. This matter will be referred to the RVPs for consideration and discussed again in Dallas.

Regarding a situation in which a person from another country is seeking approval to be an AIS judge when he is not a judge in his own national iris society, Mullin recommended that the Board adopt the following policy: "When an individual who is not from the United States or Canada is recommended for appointment as an AIS judge

there must be a letter of concurrence from that person's national society if that society has a formal judges' program." Epperson moved approval; Perkins seconded. Carried.

Chairman Mullin requested Board input regarding appointment of a Region 5 judge who had met all requirements but whose name was inadvertently dropped. The Board reaffirmed the policy of leaving correction of errors of this type to the discretion of the Chairman of Judges. Mullin will include Mrs. Harper on the approved list of accredited judges.

Perkins moved approval of the list of judges for the year 2000 as modified; Epperson seconded. Carried.

Library: The Secretary distributed Chairman McNames' report. McNames recommended that the library provide its services at no charge. M. Lowe moved to accept the recommendation; Epperson seconded. Carried. Mahan announced that the Library Board will be asked to develop policies and procedures for the AIS Library to be presented to the AIS Board as a plan of action.

Silverton has been unable to provide the services agreed to in the original library contract and wishes to renegotiate the current agreement. They recently submitted a revised contract which must be carefully reviewed and discussed. The matter will be brought before the Board in Dallas for review and final determination to comply with the five year review (of the ten year contract) due in October 2000.

Membership Contest: Report not received by meeting time. Chairman Miller's report will be published in the *Bulletin*.

Policy: Chairman M. Lowe distributed policies enacted at the Spring 1999 meeting. He noted that he would be furnishing a compilation of Board actions relevant to individual Officers and Committee Chairmen to assist them in preparing material for the *Operations Manual*.

Lowe explained rationale for a change in policy regarding the voting of the *Board of Directors Award*. He moved that the AIS voting procedure for the *Board of Directors Award* be such that a candidate is voted on at the AIS Board meeting following the meeting during which the iris is nominated. Epperson seconded. Carried.

Public Relations: Chairman Guest reported on PR projects to date. To further her goal of assisting regions and affiliates to recruit and retain members, she explained plans for a upcoming Newsletter Contest. Entries will be judged on overall quality and on specific categories of content. Qualified Judges have been obtained and they will develop the criteria for the contest. The winner will receive suitable recognition. RVPs and regional Editors will receive a letter containing all the particulars.

Aitken moved that the Board authorize six *Bulletin* subscriptions to be sent to Garden Magazines as a PR tool. Gossett seconded. Carried. Guest will select the magazines to receive these *Bulletins*.

Registrations: Chairman Keppel reported that registrations are a little ahead of last year and that his office is producing revenue.

Robins: Report not received in time for meeting.

RVP Counselor: Moller distributed the following list of recommended RVP appointments for 2000:

First Year Appointments:

Region 4	JaNiece Mull	Region 13	John Ludi
7	Eleanor Boyson	15	Gail Barnhill
12	Leon Robertson	24	Hazel Jones

Second Year Appointments:

Region 1	Ada Godfrey	Region 17	Bonnie Nichols
2	Peter Weixlmann	19	Raymond Rogers
3	Vincent Lewonski	20	Fran Evers
5	Randall Bowen	21	Carolyn Lingenfelter
10	Elaine Bourque	23	Barbara Figge

Third Year Appointments:

Region 6	Howard Hughes	Region 14	Kitty Loberg
8	Edwin Kelsey	16	Catherine Boyko
9	Orville Dickhaut	18	Jim Morris
11	Carryl Meyer	22	Louise Carson

Moller moved approval of all candidates. Carried.

President Mahan announced that Director Moller has asked to be relieved as RVP Counselor and he requested approval of the appointment of Bobbie Shepard to this position. Niswonger moved approval; Perkins seconded. Carried.

Scientific: The Secretary presented Chairman Fulton's report. Fulton quoted from Andrew Wheeler's report on the Mutation Project which was funded in 1998. Andy hopes to have bloom in some seedlings in 2000 but expects much more bloom in 2001. He will continue to report on the results. The future status of Dr. McEwen's plant disease project is unknown.

Mahan noted that Fulton was asked last fall to investigate the need for developing a resource for chromosome counts, and to find out who already has the necessary equipment. He was also asked to work up a cost analysis for implementing this project. Dr. Fulton will be contacted regarding the status of these projects.

Scholarship: Chairman Taylor's report presented by the Secretary. Jill Johnston, winner of the 1999–2000 AIS Graduate Scholarship has received the first half of her award. Hallie Sims, scholarship winner for 1998–1999 has received her final allotment and her report to the committee is pending.

Section Liaison: Chairman Probst presented a current list of scheduled Section Mini-Conventions.

In response to concerns about section liability, he cited Insurance Chairman M.

Snyder's statement that "Sections and individual members of sections are covered under the AIS policy the same as affiliates. Those members who do not belong to AIS would not be covered under the AIS Liability policy if a claim were brought directly against them."

Silent Auction: Chairman Perkins reported that the Silent Auction in Oklahoma City brought in \$6,374.50 and she commented that the success of this venture was largely due to the good help given her by the volunteers who worked long and hard.

J. Plank stated that she had in her possession eight 50th Anniversary Silver Medals and suggested that six of these might be donated to the Silent Auction. During discussion, it was noted that there were also 50th Anniversary Bronze Medals available. Plank moved that the 50th Anniversary medals be offered for sale at future silent auctions in pairs, one silver and one bronze, over the next several years and that 2 pairs be auctioned in Dallas. Marley seconded. Carried.

Slides: The report was read by the Secretary. Chairman Nichols thanked Dave Niswonger, Paul Gossett and Dave Schreiner who furnished slides for the AIS collection during the summer. The Board expressed gratitude to these three gentleman for their generous and timely support. Moller announced that in Dallas he would begin photographing specifically for the AIS Slide Collection.

Youth: Chairman Morris thanked everyone who donated to the Clarke Cosgrove Fund and to the Jay Ackerman Essay Fund as well as the many people who donated money in memory of Ruth Simmons and others, making possible the formation of the Classroom Iris Project Fund.

The Cosgrove Fund is in excellent shape and Morris moved approval of a plan to increase the scope of the Cosgrove Award to include a monetary award to the first and second runners-up. In the case of a tie, each will receive the designated amount. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Mahan gave an update on the ongoing correspondence with TBIS President Phil Williams regarding the AIS invitation to the TBIS to become a section and distributed copies of his letters to Williams.
- J. Plank reported that she has contacted a number of overseas iris societies and that several of their bulletins are currently being received.
- R. Plank discussed options with regard to the formation of an endowment fund and presented the following proposals for consideration:
 1. AIS shall establish a restricted AIS Endowment Fund.
 2. Donations earmarked by the donor for the fund may be cash, securities, real or personal property. The Fund shall be limited to the management of money or donations converted to money as soon as reasonably possible upon receipt. Upon receipt of other than cash, the Treasurer shall convert the donations to cash. The Treasurer shall invest donations in a separate FDIC insured account. The account shall require the signatures of the President and the Treasurer. The

investment income as it accrues shall be applied quarterly for the benefit of the AIS general fund.

3. The principal of the fund shall not be invaded for any purpose.
4. Due to the restricted operation of the fund, the approval of the Board shall be by a two-thirds majority vote. Any changes or future actions shall also be by a two-thirds majority vote.
5. The treasurer shall provide the Board with a semi-annual and annual financial report of the fund.

Following discussion, Epperson moved approval; Probst seconded. Carried.

- R. Plank and Hudson presented recommendations for establishment of a subsidiary incorporated fund administered by its own Board of Directors. This option might become necessary should the scope of donations become too large to manage under the present system. It was felt that although this process would require much consideration, the organizational basics should be initiated now.

Probst moved that an *ad hoc* committee be established to draw up articles of incorporation and bylaws for approval by the AIS Board. Niswonger seconded. Carried. Mahan appointed R. Plank as Chairman; Hudson and Probst to serve. J. Plank moved approval, Gossett seconded. Carried.

- Region 2 RVP Weixlmann gave a progress report on the organizational conflict within the Empire State Iris Society. A new set of AIS compliant regional bylaws, as opposed to the Affiliate bylaws now in effect, has been developed and will be distributed on December 1 to the Region 2 members for a vote. Under the present bylaws, The Empire State Iris Society is both Region 2 and the only affiliate. If the regional bylaws are approved, the mechanism will exist to allow for the recognition and formation of multiple affiliates, of which the Empire State Iris Society will be one. The new bylaws will enable Region 2 to be eligible for coverage under AIS 501(c)(3) umbrella. Weixlmann hopes to report resolution of the situation by the Dallas meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- *Bulletin* Editor Aitken wishes to step down after the July 2000 issue. Mahan recommended that an announcement inviting interested parties to apply and submit a resume be placed in the January *Bulletin*. It was felt that the job should be advertised as a paid position but it is to be noted that salary is optional. Second Vice-President Plank will oversee this project and the Executive Board will act as a search committee, presenting a recommendation for the new editor at the spring Board meeting.

Niswonger moved approval; Jean Morris seconded. Approved.

Although the July *Bulletin* will be his last, Aitken offered to assist the new Editor in working with the present Portland contractors through 2000.

- A suggested change in the format used when names of iris in text appear in the *Bulletin* was submitted by Gail Barnhill (15). Discussion was deferred until spring.
- Mahan noted the need to begin compiling information about hybridizers not covered in the present *Iris Chronicles*. Board members and guests were urged to select a hybridizer, living or dead, and to compile as much information as possible about the

person and his/her contributions to the iris world. Mahan requested volunteers to assist in organizing the project. Sara Marley, Jeanne Plank, Jim Morris, Carryl Meyer, and Judy Keisling offered to serve. S. Marley will head this group. Mahan noted that he has had discussions with Anner Whitehead regarding her becoming Project Director for this undertaking. Anner has indicated that she will consider doing so after the ground rules are established.

- Establishment of an Electronic Store Front was deferred until spring. However, the Board voted to purchase a computer system at this time for Sales Director Pocklington, the cost not to exceed \$2000. This purchase will allow a training period prior to establishment of an electronic sales program.

Election of Officers:

First Vice-President Aitken assumed the chair during election of the President. Gossett nominated C. Mahan; Plank seconded. Epperson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mahan. Niswonger seconded. Carried. Mahan resumed the chair.

Plank nominated T. Aitken for First Vice-President, Niswonger seconded. Epperson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Aitken. Niswonger seconded. Carried.

Marley nominated J. Plank for Second Vice-President, Perkins seconded. Epperson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Plank. Aitken seconded. Carried.

Plank nominated S. Marley for Secretary, Gossett seconded. Niswonger moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Marley. Morris seconded. Carried.

Plank nominated J. Hudson for Treasurer, Marley seconded. Epperson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Hudson. Niswonger seconded. Carried.

Perkins nominated T. Aitken for Editor, Pope seconded. Epperson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Aitken. Niswonger seconded. Carried.

Honorary Awards: The Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss the recommendations of the Honorary Awards Committee and the Chairman of Judges. Following the closed session, Mahan reported as follows:

- The AIS Gold Medal was awarded to Dr. Currier McEwen.
- Hybridizer's Medals were awarded to Dorothy Guild, Tomas Tamberg and Dorothy and Anthony Willott.
- Catherine Long Gates, Emma Hobbs, Dave Niswonger, Carol Warner and Ruth Wilder were approved as Emeritus Judges.

Appointment of Administrative Officers: President Mahan requested approval of the following appointments:

Registrar: Keith Keppel

Membership Secretary: Marilyn Harlow

Advertising Editor: Harold Peters

Recording Secretary: Anne Lowe
Publication Sales Directors: Irv and Nancy Pocklington
Ombudsman: Lew Begley
Aitken moved approval; Gossett seconded. Carried.

Standing Committee appointments: Mahan requested approval of the following committee chairmen:

Affiliates: Shirley Pope	Policy: Mike Lowe
Awards: Farron Campbell	Public Relations: Kathy Guest
Calendar: Olive Rice-Waters	Rare Iris Study Center: Jim Waddick
Convention Liaison: Paul Gossett	Registrations: Keith Keppel
Electronic Services: John I. Jones	Robins: Libby Cross
Exhibitions: Roy Epperson	RVP Counselor: Bobbie Shepherd
Foundation Liaison: Roger Mazur	Scientific: Dr. Chandler Fulton
Historical: Larry Harder	Scholarship: Dr. John Taylor
Honorary Awards: Dave Niswonger	Section Liaison: Riley Probst
Insurance: Michelle Snyder	Silent Auction: Maxine Perkins
Judges Handbook: Roy Epperson	Slides: Hooker Nichols
Judges: Ron Mullin	Symposium: Gerry Snyder
Library: Keith McNames	Webmaster: Scott Aitken

Plank moved approval; Gossett seconded. Carried.

Mahan reappointed Marie Caillet, Jeane Stayer, and Jean Witt as Members-at-Large to the Honorary Awards Committee. Niswonger moved approval; Plank seconded. Carried.

The proposed budget was reviewed in detail and estimated revenues and expenses were discussed line by line. Treasurer Hudson will send the completed budget to all Board members.

Mahan led a discussion which focused on the development of strategies to recruit and retain members for AIS. All present contributed to the discussion and some innovative and practical suggestions were made. Mahan asked as many as possible to remain after the meeting to continue the session.

A vote of thanks was extended to Chairman Rita Gormley and members of the Greater St. Louis Iris Society for their gracious hosting of this Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM on November 7, 1999.

Anne S. Lowe
Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

May 4, 5, 1999

The Spring meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society was called to order by President Clarence Mahan at 1:10 P.M. on May 4, 1999.

Several members paid tribute to AIS Secretary Ruth Simmons who died on April 25th. After a moment of silence in her memory, the President welcomed the group and invited all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only board members may vote. Introductions followed. Present during the various sessions were:

Officers: President Mahan, Immediate Past President Niswonger, 1st Vice President and Editor Aitken, 2nd Vice President and Acting Secretary J. Plank, Treasurer Hudson; Legal Advisor R. Plank, Parliamentarian R. Figge, Publication Sales Director N. Pocklington, Ombudsman Begley, Recording Secretary A. Lowe, Registrar Keppel; **Past Presidents:** Barr, Stahly; **Directors:** Campbell, Epperson, B. Figge (RVP 23), Gossett, Guest, M. Lowe, Moller, Jean Morris, Perkins, Pope, Probst and Shepard; **Committee Chairs:** Rice-Waters, Harder, Mazur, Mullin, and McNames; **RVP Representative:** B. Kasperek (12); **RVPs:** Weixlmann (2), Lewonski (3), Marley (4), Bowen (5), Hughes (6), Thurman (7), Dickhaut (9), Meyer (11), Reid (13), Loberg (14), Holk (15), Jim Morris (18), Evers (20), Lingenfelter (21), Carson (22); **Section Presidents:** D. Willott (MIS), J. Spears (HIPS); **Foundation President:** Hollingworth; **Guests:** E. Gallagher (1); Honkanen, E. Lineberger (5); D. Stahly, A. Willott (6); Boyson (7); K. Kasperek (12); B. Jones, Silverberg (13); G. Sutton, Howard, John & Joanne Jones, Trio (14); G. Snyder (15); Byrne (17); M. Niswonger (18); D. Miller (20); Reuter (21); Holman, Lack, Tuers (22); Gordon (23).

Mahan requested Board approval of the re-appointment of Rosalie Figge as AIS Parliamentarian. Approval was unanimous.

Minutes: The following additions and corrections were made to the minutes of the Fall meeting in Bedford, Massachusetts as published in AIS *Bulletin* #311:

- 1) Youth Report, pg. 76, line 2: Insert the word *Iris* between Classroom and Projects.
- 2) Youth Report, pg. 77, line 1: Remove *Bulletin* and insert *new Judges Handbook*.
- 3) The Recording Secretary noted that a computer error was responsible for the omission of the lists of RVPs and Standing Committee Chairmen in the minutes in *Bulletin* #312. They appear on p. 10 of *Bulletin* #313.

Epperson moved that the minutes be approved as modified. Gossett seconded. Motion carried.

Reports of Officers

President: President Mahan reported the following interim actions:

- Jeanne Clay Plank agreed to serve as Acting Secretary to fill the vacancy created by the recent death of AIS Secretary Ruth Simmons.
- The Board of Directors voted to approve the purchase of 300 copies of *The Gardener's Iris Book* (by Bill Shear) to be sold at \$17. The Board also voted to make this book available to Affiliates and Sections at \$14 each when ordered in quantities of 10 or more.
- The Board voted to include the Garden Awards Section in the *1999 Check List*.
- The Executive Committee approved the printing of 27,000 copies of a color *Invitation to Join (ITJ)* brochure which will be available to Affiliates, Regions and Sections free of all charges. Brochures may be ordered in any quantity from Exhibitions Chairman Epperson, who asked that information on availability and ordering *ITJ* be published in

the July *Bulletin*. Aitken agreed.

- In response to two letters from Betty Burch (Region 24) regarding the ongoing desire of the Huntsville group to become part of Region 7, Mahan agreed to present the matter for the Board's consideration. Discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the Board that the current AIS policy regarding changes in regional boundaries was reasonable. It was pointed out that the membership of Region 24 is on an upward swing and that new affiliates are being formed. It was agreed that Mahan and other AIS officials will assist in any way possible to restore good relations within Region 24.
- The Editor of *Horticulture* magazine was contacted regarding errors and omissions found in a recent article on Tall Bearded irises.
- Maxine Perkins assumed the position of Silent Auction Chairman following the resignation of Barbara Figge.
- Jill Bonino, Region 15, an accountant and auditor, has agreed to audit our books without charge.
- Sara Marley has accepted the position as AIS Secretary, pending Board approval. Niswonger moved approval, Pope seconded. Carried
- Mahan announced that he and Editor Aitken would chair a 2 hour open forum to solicit suggestions and recommendations for improvement and changes to the *Bulletin*.

Acting Secretary: J. Plank requested approval of a request for use of copyrighted material in a not-for-profit publication. Niswonger moved approval, Kasperek seconded. Carried.

Plank requested approval to continue filling stationery orders as needed. Approved by consensus.

She requested authorization for reprinting Gift, Memorial and Honorarial certificates as needed. Approved by consensus.

Plank asked that material be sent to her until Marley is ready to take over as Secretary in the Fall. Paul Gossett will collect any material remaining at the home of Ruth Simmons and will send it to Marley prior to the Fall Board meeting.

Plank asked approval to keep the AIS copier used by the Secretary since 1994, which has had many costly repairs at her expense. Niswonger moved that J. Plank keep the copier. Probst seconded. Carried.

Plank suggested that the complete set of AIS *Bulletins* now in possession of the AIS Secretary could be used to good advantage by the *Bulletin* Editor. Editor Aitken agreed. After discussion, Niswonger moved that former Secretary J. Stayer be contacted for names of people who donated these *Bulletins* in order to verify that their wishes regarding location are carried out. Gossett seconded. Carried.

It was further noted that the Secretary is the 'AIS office of record' and a complete set of *Bulletins* may be needed because they contain a record of AIS minutes. Attorney R. Plank addressed the possibility that possession by the Secretary might be mandated by the corporate laws of Pennsylvania. He will investigate legal implications and report at the Fall meeting.

J. Plank moved approval of the Standard Banking Practice Resolution to reflect change of Secretary. Epperson seconded. Carried.

Treasurer: J. Hudson distributed a financial report, and stated that he has instituted a

computerized record keeping system (*QuickBooks*) which has streamlined the voucher and bill payment procedure. While the Secretary continues to receive all deposits (except for membership) and bills, the actual payment is now made by the Treasurer. He noted that he expected AIS to finish this fiscal year well 'in the black'.

Niswonger questioned the amount shown in the Warburton Fund, stating that he thought the balance should be higher than was reported. Hudson reviewed the records and later reported a corrected balance of \$4130 as of 3/31/99.

Hudson presented three proposals designed to increase revenues for AIS:

- 1) Formation of an Internet Commerce Committee (ICC) to capitalize on the spending habits of AIS members via Internet auctioning/selling of iris and iris related material. Hudson read a draft charter in which formation procedures and areas of operation were detailed. Pope moved that an ICC be formed using the charter read by Hudson. Moller seconded. Carried.

Mahan appointed Hudson, Chairman; Guest and John Jones as members of the Internet Commerce Committee. They are to bring recommendations and/or proposals to the Fall Board meeting. M. Lowe moved approval. Probst seconded. Carried.

- 2) Change of name of Storefront to Member Services and institute a two-tiered pricing system. No action taken.

- 3) Institute use of AIS affinity credit cards to capitalize on the spending habits of AIS members. After lengthy discussion, Probst moved the AIS instruct Hudson to arrange for affinity cards; J. Plank seconded. Motion defeated.

J. Plank moved that an *ad hoc* committee be appointed to study the feasibility of an affinity card project and report specific findings at the Fall meeting. Kasperek seconded. Carried. It was recommended that the committee poll the regions for input.

Epperson moved that the internal audit report for the fiscal year which ended 9/30/98, prepared by Jill Bonino, be accepted and entered in the record. Hudson seconded. Carried. The Audit Report will be filed with the official minutes and can be obtained from the AIS Secretary.

J. Plank moved that Bonino be commended for her work in auditing the AIS books and preparing the AIS tax returns. Kasperek seconded. Carried.

Editor: Aitken explained the rationale for recent inclusion of a paid advertisement of a political nature in the *Bulletin* and requested direction in forming a policy to address this type of occurrence. Pope moved that an "issue" ad, as opposed to a commercial ad, will be clearly labeled as being a PAID ADVERTISEMENT which does not necessarily reflect opinions of the AIS. Probst seconded. Carried.

Aitken commented that a number of useful suggestions, primarily focused on additions and deletions related to *Bulletin* content, had been presented during the *Bulletin* Forum. (A summary of these suggestions will be found elsewhere in the July *Bulletin*.)

Suggestions that received the greatest amount of support were: return of 'Flight Lines'; add color to 'Design Corner' and reduce frequency of this feature to twice a year; publish the *Bulletin* in a more timely fashion. It was noted that those most critical of the *Bulletin* were not in attendance.

B. Figge reported that 'Flight Lines' did not appear in the current *Bulletin* because no information was received from Robin Chairman Cross. Mahan asked all robin members to send copies of their robins to Figge. Guest volunteered to excerpt material from the

Siberian Electronic Robin (*sibro*) as well as from the Internet Mailing Lists, *iris-talk* and *lairs*. Mahan urged that 'Flight Lines' appear in the July *Bulletin*.

Advertising Editor: No report. Mahan announced that Advertising Editor Jean Erickson will resign in October, and briefly outlined duties of the position. He urged anyone interested in the job to contact him.

Mahan stated that all future ads and payment thereof must go directly to the Advertising Editor.

Unfinished Business:

Mahan reported that only one draft chapter in the follow-up to the *World of Irises* had been completed. He noted that there is a surfeit of iris culture books on the market at the present time so there is no hurry to complete this project. Writers are needed for nearly all categories.

[**Note.** Other actions have been placed under the appropriate committee headings.]

New Business:

Regarding the Region 2 organizational controversy, Mahan referred to the report from Legal Advisor R. Plank, who recommended that a New York licensed attorney be retained to help in bringing the complex affairs of the ESIS and Region 2 into alignment with the present AIS Bylaws and customs, with the corporate laws of the State of NY, and with the federal and state laws for tax exempt organizations. RVP Weixlmann and all parties involved are working to formulate a plan of action to address the issues outlined by R. Plank. It is expected that these issues will be addressed prior to the Fall Board meeting. Epperson moved a resolution of appreciation to R. Plank and his law firm of McKenna and Cuneo, L.L.P. for their work on this matter. Guest seconded. Carried.

Consideration of policy regarding the establishment of Regional Test Gardens was deferred to the Fall Board Meeting. RVP Counselor Moller will put this matter on the agenda for the next Board of Counselors meeting. Regions will be encouraged to promote more garden tours to utilize display plantings sponsored by Section, Cooperating Societies and public gardens. It was strongly recommended that hybridizers be encouraged to send their irises to Regional Conventions as well as to National. Section Liaison Chairman Probst will compile a list of Section Display Gardens for use in the *Bulletin* and on the appropriate websites.

The proposal from Region 14 to change the composition of the Board to give more representation to RVPs was discussed by Loberg, RVP (14), who said the proposal had received little support from RVPs at the Board of Counselors meeting. Loberg withdrew the proposal following a tally which showed that a large majority of Board members were or had been RVPs.

Epperson noted the need for an official *Operations Manual* containing position descriptions, sequencing of duties, and documentation of systems used within the AIS. He moved that the AIS undertake to develop and publish this manual; and it is further

resolved that the Draft *Operations Manual* be circulated to all members of the AIS Board and approved by a majority prior to issuance. Pope seconded. Carried.

Mahan appointed Epperson, Chairman; M. Lowe and J. Plank as a committee to prepare this manual. Pope moved approval, Gossett seconded. Carried.

The need for a fax machine and copier for incoming Secretary Marley was addressed by Hudson who moved that the AIS authorize up to \$1500 for equipment in addition to the amount necessary to set up the new office of the AIS Secretary. Epperson seconded. Carried. Hudson noted that this equipment will be the property of AIS.

Administrative Officer Reports

Membership: Chairman Harlow's report was mailed to all Board members prior to the meeting as she was unable to attend. This report explained that a change of reporting date from 1 October (end of fiscal year when previously the largest number of drops occurred) to March (when largest number of deletions will now occur) has come about as a result of 3 years on a calendar year basis. As of 3/31/99, AIS membership stands at 7,140. There were 1048 deletions in March and 158 cancellations. We are not taking in more new members than we are losing and we are down 200 from 1998. Tops in membership are Regions 14, 4, 18 and 17.

Harlow requested consideration of making available a Senior Citizen Discount for members over 65 who are seeking Life membership. Niswonger moved that the Life Membership fee be discounted 15% for those 65 or older. In the case of dual membership, both must be over 65 and all applicants must supply proof of age. This process is to be monitored by the Membership Secretary. Probst seconded. Carried. It was noted that there should be an announcement detailing this new policy in the July *Bulletin*.

Clarification was requested regarding the 158 membership cancellations reported. It was explained that these represented school children previously enrolled in Classroom Iris Projects, who did not renew. This engendered discussion on how to count CIP memberships. Hudson proposed that AIS offer no-cost memberships to all CIP students. It was noted that this might not be feasible or desirable. R. Plank noted that the establishing a new class of membership for students might require a change in the AIS Bylaws.

Mahan asked Jean Morris to work with Harlow and Hudson to study the Classroom membership question and bring a written report to the Fall Board Meeting.

Ombudsman: Begley reported that the few problems requiring his action had been satisfactorily resolved and that nothing required his attention at the present time.

Publication Sales: Chairman Pocklington noted the need for more *Basic Iris Culture (BIC)* booklets and inquired if we would reprint or rewrite *BIC* and how many copies should be printed. Epperson stated that he felt *BIC* should be rewritten and enlarged to include a section on the growing of beardless irises as well as the excellent culture articles from the current *Bulletin* (with permission of the author). Niswonger moved that, under Epperson's supervision, *BIC* be rewritten as suggested. Pope seconded. Carried. Epperson stated that the revised *BIC* would be available prior to the 2000 membership recruiting season.

Probst moved that 15,000 of the revised edition of *BIC* be printed. Moller seconded. Carried.

Pocklington will continue to explore costs of reprinting a soft cover edition of the 1979 *Check List* and report at the Fall meeting.

Discussion indicated that a credit card terminal is not needed by N. Pocklington at this time.

Probst inquired about the availability of the AIS lapel pins formerly carried as a sales item. Pocklington said that it was not feasible to restock this seldom-requested item since the quality of affordable pins is poor and the price of good pins is prohibitive.

Gossett requested approval for distribution of 400 surplus *Bulletins* at the upcoming affiliate meeting. Approved by consensus.

Registrar: Registrar Keppel reported that the 1998 year ended with 854 registrations completed. Since that time (December through April), 332 names have been cleared, 366 registrations have been completed, and 450 varieties have been recorded as introduced. The *1998 R & I* is available and input of registration information for the *1999 Ten Year Check List* has begun. Final number of pages cannot be determined and final cost estimates cannot be given until after publication of the *1999 R & I* in 2000. It is noted that the cover material for the *1999 Check List* will be of a color different from previous editions.

Keppel announced that, effective 4/1/99, he was no longer accepting the Registrar's salary.

Reports of Special Committees

AIS Web Domain: M. Lowe reported that AIS has registered the following domain: [<http://www.irises.org>] and that the Internet Service Provider hosting the AIS website has been changed.

Lowe noted that the 'Shopping Section' is not yet on the AIS webpage. He recommended that AIS consider charging for listing in the 'Shopping Section' on the AIS webpage. No action taken.

Lowe stated that, since the AIS website gives us more exposure to the public than does any other AIS publishing activity, it would be wise to afford protection to the AIS webmaster by making him an Administrative Officer. R. Plank will look into this and report at the Fall meeting.

Bulletin Indexing: Chairman Aitken reported that the *Bulletin* Indexing Project is progressing. At this time, it is not the intention to include specific cultivar or species names. Mahan appointed Aitken, Chairman; Catherine Fulmer and Jan Hueller as the committee in charge of this project. Approved by consensus.

Electronic Checklist: Stahly reported that the *Alphabetical Index* would have to be completed before the proceeding with the *Electronic Check List*.

Millennium Check List: Hughes reported that the *Alphabetical Index* was progressing more slowly than anticipated as he must go back and enter duplicate and obsolete names previously omitted. It is hoped that the *Index* will be available within a year.

Non-profit Incorporation and Tax Exempt Status for Sections, Regions and

Affiliates: Epperson stated that Regions 3, 5, 6, 11, 13, 15, 19 and 24 had completed the requirements for inclusion under the Group Exemption letter. Regions 8, 9, 10, 11 and 22 will be placed under the umbrella as they complete the requirements. It was noted that Region 4 is already incorporated. All sections have been contacted and invited to participate. SIGNA and SPCNI are already incorporated; SJI and RIS have indicated their intent to be included.

Probst expressed the need for a basic model set of Section bylaws to aid in this

process. R. Plank will furnish this to Probst for distribution to the sections.

Rare Iris Study Center: Niswonger reported for Chairman Waddick that seeds from Russia, Mongolia and South Dagestan have been received and may be available. Contact Waddick for information.

Reinstatement of the Publication Fund: Chairman Pope reported as follows: "...at least 25% of monies from publication sales should be earmarked for a new beginning of a publication fund with a \$50,000 cap. ...in the event of a general budget surplus, more than 25% of publication sales should be considered until the \$50,000 cap is reached. However, in the event of an unexpected shortage in the general budget, less than 25% of publication sales might be expected." J. Plank moved acceptance of this report. Aitken seconded. Carried

The Treasurer was instructed to determine an appropriate amount to be transferred to the Publication Fund in 1999 and to include this restricted fund as a line item in the 2000 budget.

Restricted Endowment Fund: Chairman Hudson reported that committee members agreed that this was a good way to benefit the AIS General Fund, and recognized the need to provide a means for people to donate various types of assets (stocks, bonds, real estate). The Committee will seek a working relationship with the Foundation to avoid conflicting areas of intent and services. A written report will be presented at the Fall meeting.

Section Bylaws Revision: Shepard, Chairman of the Bylaws Revision Committee, presented the recommended changes to AIS Bylaws, Article III, Sections 3 and 5. Both changes were unanimously approved and they will be printed in the July *Bulletin* along with a ballot for the membership vote on these changes. Mahan thanked the Committee for their efforts in addressing this issue in such a timely manner.

Gossett moved that the AIS Board invite the TBIS to join the AIS as a section, pending approval of the necessary AIS Bylaws changes. J. Morris seconded. Carried.

TBIS Proposal Study: Pope moved that the TBIS Study Committee be disbanded. Kasperek seconded. Carried

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M. 5/4/99; reconvened at 8:10 A.M. 5/5/99

Standing Committee Reports

Affiliates: Chairman Pope reported 175 Affiliates, citing that many areas of concern expressed at the Affiliates Meeting were membership related.

Awards: Chairman Campbell reported that the Ballot was on the computer and noted that there were few errors. The most frequently occurring complaint concerns the size of the type used in the Judges' Ballot. He stated that increased production costs of the Ballot and the Symposium would put him over-budget for 1999. The current budget figure is low because former Awards Chairman Wilhoit donated the printing.

Mahan stated that, in the future, awards will be presented at the Awards Banquet by the AIS President.

Mahan noted that it is the responsibility of the AIS President to advise the British Iris Society of the Dykes Medal winner and designate the recipient of the medal.

Moller reported that the cost of electronic vote tabulation was prohibitive as charges are based on number of keystrokes and AIS ballots contain many keystrokes. No further

action needed.

Dave Miller stated that 1999 is the last year the present Franklin Cook Cup can be used, and that it will be retired to the AIS library after this convention. On behalf of Region 20, Miller then presented the impressive new Franklin Cook Cup to the AIS Board who expressed a vote of appreciation to Region 20 for identifying a need and funding the new cup.

Calendars: Olive reported that the year 2000 calendars are available and the advance orders have been filled and mailed. These calendars can be purchased through the 'Storefront' and at this convention. The cost is the same as in 1998.

Convention Liaison: Gossett reported that at the 2000 convention in Dallas, the AIS Board Meeting will start one day earlier than has been the custom. Dates are April 15—20.

Gossett moved that the Board accept the invitation from Region 14 to host the National Convention in 2008. Pope seconded. Carried.

Gossett announced that he and Mullin will begin the rewrite of the *Convention Handbook* as soon as the 1999 Convention is ended. Pocklington reported a stock of current *Convention Handbooks* in the 'Storefront'.

Exhibitions: Chairman Epperson stated that 178 show schedules have been received and evaluated; 116 show supply orders have been received and 113 of these have been shipped. Expenses are over budget due to ordering of show supplies. Epperson stated that he would probably have a pricing recommendation for show entry tickets in the Fall. It was agreed that excess 1999 show certificates could be returned to him.

Through oversight, the ordering of certificates as authorized in the 1998 Spring Meeting has not occurred. These will be available in 2000.

Moller asked if EC Certificates could be duplicated if show supplies were not sufficient. Epperson answered in the affirmative.

Epperson discussed the need to create and distribute model show schedules. Pope moved that Epperson prepare two model show schedules, one basic and the second comprehensive, to be included as an addition to the *Handbook for Show Officials and Judges*, 6th edition, 1998. Campbell seconded. Carried. Epperson stated that these can be published quickly and a free copy will be sent to all AIS judges and Apprentice judges. Pocklington will be responsible for placing schedule insertions in the stock of unsold handbooks.

Foundation Liaison: Foundation President Hollingworth reported that the Youth Essay contest had been won by Joyce Fields of St. Louis, MO.

In 1998, the Foundation funded a computer, laser printer and copier for the AIS Library. This year there are plans to underwrite purchase of a scanner and color printer for the Library.

Hollingworth stated that there was a need for increased awareness of the objectives of the Foundation and he reminded us that the Foundation is an endowment fund. Funding of the projects of Dr. Rodionenko and Currier McEwen continues, and the Foundation is seeking new projects to fund. During discussion, it was recommended that names of Foundation Officers and Directors as well as a Foundation Treasurer's report be included in the *Bulletin* annually.

Mahan asked that the money in the AIS *Evelyn Jones Fund* be transferred to the Foundation which administers this fund. Approved by consensus.

Historical: Chairman Harder stated that he would try to ship all library material remaining

in Ponca to the AIS Library prior to the Dallas Convention in 2000. Mahan noted that Harder is preparing a reference history of "Who Was Who" in AIS and asked all present to send material to assist him in preparing this book.

Honorary Awards: Chairman Niswonger reported for Barr. The die for the DSM has been located and medals authorized at the 1998 Fall Meeting have been ordered, with their presentation cases, at a cost of \$3,412. This was less than anticipated as a new die did not have to be made.

Niswonger detailed the delays affecting production of the Bea Warburton Medal. He noted that a shortage of funds could delay production of the 25 medals.

He moved that Dr. Rodionenko (Russia) be designated as the 1999 recipient of the first Warburton Medal. Campbell seconded. Carried. The AIS President will inform Dr. Rodionenko and a certificate will be sent pending availability of the medal.

Region 20 RVP Fran Evers announced that Region 20 had agreed to match any gift to the Warburton Fund from a region, affiliate or individual. Donations will be matched until a total outlay of \$1500 is reached.

Insurance: J. Plank presented the Insurance report from Chairman M. Snyder regarding renewal of our insurance policy. Negotiations are in progress with the current carrier, adding coverage for the library contents and increasing the basic General Liability coverage to eliminate the umbrella policy. She expects to have a new bid by renewal time. In the year 2000, Sections will be insured in the same manner as Affiliates.

During discussion, it was suggested that the Exhibitions Chairman include insurance information when schedules and supplies are sent out.

Judges' Handbook Revision: [*New Standing Committee*] Epperson cited the need for periodic *Judges' Handbook* revisions, stating that he felt that a central repository for submission and an enforceable deadline for submission and publication of revisions were essential. J. Plank moved that the *Judges' Handbook* be revised and reissued every 5 years, or as often as necessary, and that the President appoint a Standing Committee to undertake the revision due in 2003, and present the Board with a draft copy in 2003 so that it may be formally approved prior to issuance. B. Figge seconded. Carried.

Mahan appointed Shepard, Chairman; Hilda Crick, Epperson and Mullin to serve on the newly formed Judges' Handbook Revision Committee. Niswonger moved approval; Gossett seconded. Carried.

J. Plank stated a problem concerning a change in height of MDBs as published in the 1998 *Judges' Handbook*. Epperson agreed that an error had been made in including an unapproved change of height from 8 inches to 10 inches for Miniature Dwarf Bearded irises in the 1998 *Judges' Handbook*. After lengthy discussion, J. Plank moved that the Board reaffirm the policy that definition of classes of irises can be changed only with specific, positive approval of the AIS Board of Directors. Pope seconded. Carried.

The Registrar feels that the 8 inch height limit for MDBs listed on the registration form should be observed until a committee can study and resolve the disparities that have occurred.

Mahan appointed an *ad hoc* Classification Committee to study and reconcile the disparities in bearded irises height classification: M. Lowe, Chairman; Epperson, Keppel and one representative each from the DIS (Dick Sparling) and MIS (Dorothy Willott). Approved by consensus.

Judges and Judges Training: Chairman Mullin's written report was reviewed by Mahan.

Mullin expressed appreciation to all who helped him develop the updated list of judges which appears in the April *Bulletin*.

In addressing the critical need for more show judges, Mullin suggested that the AIS study a return to the old policy of separating judges into 2 categories: Garden and Show. It was noted that requirements for a garden judge would probably need to be more stringent than those for a show judge, and this change might also affect who would be eligible to vote the ballot. The matter was deferred to the Fall meeting.

Library: Chairman McNames gave an update on the progress of the Library database. The Library has the following email address: [aislibrary@aol.com]

He noted the generosity of the Greater Portland Iris Society in holding 2 silent auctions for the benefit of the Library. With the ongoing Silent Auctions at National Conventions, the Library seems to be bringing in sufficient revenue to pay its way at this time. The question of eligibility for Government grants was discussed and McNames was tasked with investigating this matter. It was also recommended that McNames write an annual letter to all Regions to remind them to send donations of material to him for the Library.

Regarding exchange of publications with foreign societies, the following motions were presented by J. Plank:

- 1) The AIS Secretary will write to all known foreign iris societies to reaffirm AIS policy to exchange society bulletins, advising that future correspondence on the *Bulletin* exchange will be the responsibility of the AIS Library Chairman, and asking that at least one copy of each foreign society's bulletin be sent directly to the AIS Library Chairman.
- 2) In future, the AIS Library Chairman will include in his/her report to the Board, information on which foreign societies are furnishing bulletins on a regular basis.
- 3) Those foreign iris societies which provide their bulletin to the AIS on a regular basis will be designated members of the AIS without fee, and it will be the responsibility of the Library Chairman to inform the Membership Secretary as to which societies qualify for membership status.

Epperson moved approval, Pope seconded. Carried

J. Plank moved that the Library Chairman make foreign bulletins available to the International Editor on a timely basis. Niswonger seconded. Carried.

Mahan reported that there appear to be provisions in the library contract that are not being carried out. R. Plank will investigate this matter.

McNames requested approval of a list of Library Items for the Silent Auction, noting that these were all duplicate items. Niswonger moved approval. Epperson seconded. Carried. The proceeds from the sale of these items will go to the Library Fund.

Mahan restructured the Library Committee as follows: McNames, Chairman: Rick Ernst, Bruce Filardi, A. Lowe and R. Plank, who were charged with establishing fees for services. A. Lowe subsequently declined appointment; M. Lowe was appointed to replace her.

Membership Contest: J. Plank reported for Chairman Miller who requested the 1999 TB introductions promised as prizes for the 1998 contest winners be sent. Winners of the 1999 Membership Contest will appear in the *Bulletin*.

Policy: Chairman M. Lowe expressed concern over the non-availability of some key members' email addresses and fax numbers. After discussion, M. Lowe moved that the following statement regarding disclosure/publication of addresses be adopted as AIS policy: "Acceptance of nomination and possible election/appointment to a leadership or

administrative position in the AIS implies that consent is given for disclosure of personal contact information which may include mailing address, telephone number, fax number, and email address." Campbell seconded. Carried.

Public Relations: Chairman Guest stated she felt that public relations can be defined as "anytime we come in contact with the public." Since most of the public wants to know how to grow irises and where to get them, we need to be user friendly and alert to their needs. RVPs and Affiliates have been contacted and a number of helpful suggestions have been received. It was suggested that giving a complimentary AIS membership to local garden writers goes a long way toward getting favorable publicity for iris related events.

Publications are one of the best ways to disseminate information. Guest commented on how many good regional and affiliate publications she had seen and she distributed a comprehensive list of Regional and Affiliate newsletter Editors. The list contained subscription information and general content for each newsletter. This information also appears on the AIS website. Guest plans to develop a contest for newsletters.

Registrations: See Registrar's report.

Robin: The Robin Report was distributed by Secretary Plank. Chairman Cross asked that sections inform her annually of what robins they offer and who to contact for specific robin information.

RVP Counselor: Chairman Moller reported a positive RVP meeting and presented the following issues of concern expressed by the Board of Counselors:

- the group asked that AIS support Howard Hughes in the *Electronic Check List* project. Mahan stated that AIS has supported this project from inception, and is fully prepared to fund this endeavor.
- regional webpages are operational in Regions 4, 16, 18, 19, and 20, and these are linked to the AIS webpage. AIS has not linked to the regional webpages in a timely fashion.
- the Region 14 proposal to restructure the AIS Board to give more seats to RVPs received no support from the Board of Counselors.
- membership continues to be of concern. A number of strategies for gaining and retaining members were presented. Mahan asked Moller to write an article for the *Bulletin* detailing some of the suggestions made at the RVP meeting.

Epperson noted that Randall Bowen, RVP of Region 5, actually resides in Region 4. He moved that the approval of Bowen as RVP of Region 5 be reaffirmed. Pope seconded. Carried.

The following officers were elected by the Board of Counselors: President, Fran Evers (20); Secretary, Carol Lingenfelter (21); RVP Board Representative, Carryl Meyer (11). Howard Hughes (6) and Jim Morris (18) were selected as RVP representatives to the AIS Nominating Committee.

Citing the need for clarification of RVP qualifications and duties, Epperson moved that the AIS President appoint a committee to revise the *RVP Handbook*, and inasmuch as policy is contained in that publication, that it be submitted in draft to all members of the AIS Board and approved by a majority prior to issuance. J. Plank seconded. Carried.

Mahan appointed the following *ad hoc* committee: Probst, Chairman; Moller, R. Plank and Bill Rinehart. J. Plank moved approval, J. Morris seconded. Carried.

Scientific: No report.

Scholarship: Chairman Taylor's report was distributed and read by Secretary Plank. The

Committee feels that a proposal to study the “*Ecological and Evolutionary Processes that Define Relationships in Louisiana Irises*” should be funded and recommends that Jill Johnston, graduate student at the University of Georgia, receive the 1999-2000 AIS Graduate Scholarship for her research of *I. brevicaulis* and *I. fulva*. The recommendation was approved by unanimous consent.

Section Liaison: Chairman Probst distributed a list of Section Presidents, Membership Chairmen and Editors. The list also contained information on upcoming Section and Cooperating Society Conventions through 2006. He announced the following new section presidents: Charlie Brown, RIS; Joe Spears, HIPS; Everette Lineberger, SIS.

B. Kasperek was elected to serve on the AIS Nominating Committee.

Silent Auction: Chairman Perkins distributed a list of items available at the Silent Auction, noting the great variety of material to be sold. All members were encouraged to support this AIS fund raiser.

Slides: J. Plank reported for Chairman Nichols. Two sets of slides are missing, and Nichols requested input on how to get people to donate slides. Dave Silverberg stated that he had offered to donate duplicate slides from his extensive collection pending arrival of a requested ‘want list’ from Nichols. Since there has been no response, Silverberg was asked to send some of his duplicate slides to Nichols as soon as possible. Campbell recommended that Nichols should be persistent in contacting hybridizers for slides.

Moller stated that he plans to construct a Trivia Slide Program with slides featuring AIS people. Slides of irisarians (of today and yesterday) are sought, along with text detailing the particulars. He also plans to assemble 2 more programs based on general iris trivia.

Youth: Chairman Jean Morris reported that the Clarke Cosgrove Memorial Award for Youth Achievement had been awarded to Rusty Thornsburg (17). Runners-up were Monica Combrink (22) and Stephanie Rust (18). AIS Youth Members total 343. This figure is composed of 101 CIP students and 242 regular youth members. Regions 6, 7, 18, and 22 now have CIP.

Morris indicated a need for back issues of AIS calendars for use in various activities, and moved that 100 copies of outdated calendars be sent from the Storefront to the Youth Chairman. Epperson seconded. Carried.

Ways and Means: J. Plank moved that the Ways and Means Committee be disbanded. Campbell seconded. Carried.

Nominating Committee Report: Prior to presentation of the slate, Committee member Epperson noted that 50 people were recommended, 36 were selected as possible candidates, and 28 declined to be placed in nomination.

Chairman Meyer submitted the following slate of nominees to fill 4 Director positions to expire in 2002: K. Loberg, M. Lowe, M. Moller, N. Pocklington, S. Pope, R. Probst, L. Reed, G. Sutton. Mahan opened the floor for nominations from the Board. Keppel was nominated by B. Figge; he declined to run. From the floor, B. Kasperek was nominated by H. Holk. Mahan declared the nominations closed and Kasperek’s name was added to the ballot. The Board adjourned to Executive session.

Mahan reconvened the meeting and announced that Lowe, Moller, Pope and Probst had been selected as candidates for the Board of Directors. Pope noted that, under the Term Limits rule, none of the four would be eligible for reelection in 2002. Campbell moved that all new Board members, Committee Chairman and anyone taking on a job for AIS will receive a copy of the current AIS bylaws. Pope seconded. Carried. The Secretary will

implement this.

Mahan appointed Hudson and Pope as Board representatives to the 2000 AIS Nominating Committee. Epperson moved approval, Niswonger seconded. Carried.

The year 2000 Nominating Committee is composed of: B. Kasperek, J. Hudson, H. Hughes, Jim Morris and S. Pope.

Probst moved that the AIS donate \$500 to a local charity for disaster relief. Hudson seconded. Carried.

Probst moved that the Board sponsor boxes to receive donations from convention attendees to the local Red Cross for disaster relief. J. Morris seconded, Carried. Gossett will implement this.

Several suggestions were made regarding establishment of a suitable memorial to Ruth Simmons, and it was noted that she had a special interest in youth members. M. Lowe moved that the AIS establish a *Ruth Simmons Classroom Iris Project Fund*. Pope seconded. Carried. Specific procedures for handling this fund will be worked out at a later date.

Announcements:

On behalf of the Greater St. Louis Iris Society, Probst issued the invitation to the Fall Board Meeting, to be held in St. Louis on November 5–7, 1999.

Mahan extended thanks and appreciation to Oklahoma Convention Chairman, Ron Mullin, and all the members of Region 22 who helped make this convention such a pleasant experience.

J. Plank moved that the Board express thanks to Mary Thurman (7) who obtained and decorated the boxes for donations to the local Relief Fund. Epperson seconded. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

Anne S. Lowe
Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bedford, Massachusetts

November 4, 5, 6, 1998

The regular Fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society was called to order by President Niswonger at 8:25 P.M. on November 4, 1998. Present during the various sessions were:

President Niswonger; President-elect Mahan, Immediate Past President Barr, 2nd Vice President and Editor Aitken, Secretary J. Plank, Secretary-elect Simmons; Treasurer Hudson; Membership Secretary Harlow; Recording Secretary A. Lowe; Publication Sales Directors I. and N. Pocklington; Advertising Editor Erickson; Legal Advisor R. Plank; Past President H. Stahly; Directors Epperson, Gossett, M. Lowe, Moller, J. Morris, Perkins, Pope and Probst. Directors-elect Campbell, B. Figge, Guest, Shepherd; RVP Representative B. Kasperek (12); Public Relations Chair Rice-Waters, Scientific Chair C. Fulton; Median Iris Society President D. Willott (6), Reblooming Iris Society

President R. Figge (4); RVPs Thurman (7), Meyer (11), Reid (13), Loberg (14), Jim Morris (18), Carson (22), Bergamo (23), Parkins (24); RVPs-elect A. Godfrey (1) and S. Marley (4); guests L. & S. Markham, L. & J. Doucette, B. & D. Schmieder, B. Godfrey, E. & A. Gallagher, E. Fulton, Hall (1); Keup (2); W. Marley (4); Honkanen (5); D. Stahly, A. Willott (6); Trio (14); Begley (17); M. Niswonger (18).

President Niswonger welcomed the group and invited and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only board members may vote. Introductions followed.

Minutes: The following additions and corrections were made to the minutes of the Spring meeting in Denver, Colorado as published in AIS *Bulletin* #310:

- 1) Secretary's Report, pg. 80: should read: "...available for the cost of shipping (\$3/100)."
- 2) Exhibitions Report, pg. 82: should be: "approximate" cost rather than "appropriate" cost.
- 3) Millennium Check List, pg. 86: "They were [to] make a report."
- 4) New Business pg. 87: rewording: ...thanking David Miller and Region 20...
- 5) Section Liaison Report pg. 85: Tom Abrego should be added as Section representative to the Nominating Committee.
- 6) Membership Report, pg. 80: Delete first line of report and replace with: "The year of 1997 ended with 8,120 total members, up about 241 overall from the same period in 1996. A total of 697 members were dropped in March, 1997. Dues notices were sent to over 3,400 members in November, 1997 but 1,076 chose not to renew. About 37% of the 1,773 non-renewing members were one year members. The total membership as of April 30, 1998 is 7,463. Although we lost 1,773 during the calendar year of 1997, the membership is currently averaging about 1,000 new members per year which makes the overall loss lower."
- 7) Awards System Review Report, pg. 82: Epperson asked that the following sentence be entered at the end of the report: "President Niswonger then polled the AIS Board of Directors by mail and the *in principle* proposal became *de facto* in a majority affirmative vote of the AIS Board of Directors."

Pope moved that the minutes, including Epperson's proposal, be approved as corrected. Kasperek seconded. Motion carried.

Board of Directors Election Report: Secretary Plank reported that there were no other nominations, therefore Farron Campbell, Barbara Figge, Kathleen Guest and Bobbie Shepherd are duly elected and qualified as AIS Directors with terms expiring in 2001. The 4 new Directors and RVP Representative Kasperek were welcomed and appreciation was expressed to retiring Directors Corlew, Harder, Rice-Waters and Wilhoit.

President's Report: President Niswonger read a brief note from TBIS President, Phil Williams.

Interim Action: President Niswonger reported that Jay Hudson had been appointed as interim Treasurer to fill the vacancy created by resignation of Treasurer B. Nichols. Board was polled and appointment approved.

He announced that Marilyn Harlow has agreed to continue to serve as AIS Membership Secretary without salary.

Niswonger expressed thanks to Region 6 who has donated 25% of its Fall 1998 auction proceeds to AIS and will repeat this action in the Spring of 1999. Other regions were encouraged to follow suit. He also cited the Northshore Iris and Daylily Society, in Region 9, for their donation of \$1000 to the Bee Warburton Fund. He noted that the Warburton Fund still needs contributions.

He requested approval of the appointment of Anne Lowe as Recording Secretary. J. Plank moved approval, Epperson seconded. Carried

He announced the appointment of Rosalie Figge as official Parliamentarian to the AIS. Barr moved approval, Pope seconded. Carried.

Secretary's Report: J. Plank noted that this was her final report as AIS Secretary. She distributed spreadsheets which summarized the duties of her office, and commented on the large percentage of time that the Secretary must spend on financial transactions. "Aside from preparing the vouchers from which all AIS bills are paid, the AIS Secretary handles all money received by the AIS except interest generated under investments accounts under the Treasurer's care, the money collected from *Bulletin* advertising, and the money collected by Membership for dues....Gifts in all their forms represented more than 15% of the total income handled by the Secretary." Plank wished her successor, Ruth Simmons, happy and interesting times and stated that her 5 years in the office had provided her with "many wonderful friendships and very few dull moments."

Treasurer's Report: In her final report to the Board, Past Treasurer B. Nichols noted that although our expenses during 1998 were 8% over budget, our income was 27% more than expected. Jay Hudson distributed the 1998 Financial report. Stahly asked if the Life Membership Fund had been fully restored. Hudson said that it had and that the interest now goes into the general operating fund. Epperson moved, Moller seconded that the 1997-1998 Financial Report be accepted subject to audit. Carried.

In response to a question from Gossett regarding a more efficient process for the deposit of funds, Secretary Plank explained the present deposit system for monies received by her office, and she also reviewed the voucher system for the payment of bills. It was noted that the present system is a good way to keep the Secretary and President informed of financial trends and potential problems. General consensus was that no change is indicated at this time.

The 1998-99 Budget preparation was deferred until Sunday morning.

Membership: Harlow explained the membership charts which had been mailed to all directors prior to this meeting. She reported a net gain of 160 members for fiscal year 1998. The top 4 regions are: Region 14-728; Region 4-700; Region 18-692; Region 6-512. J. Morris was commended for her outstanding youth recruitment program. The 'user friendly' membership policy enacted in June has increased the number of new members significantly. Harlow commended Region 4 for its persistence in pursuing changes in the membership renewal policy.

Mahan pointed out the inconsistencies regarding the deposit of funds handled through the Membership office. At this time, income from all goods sold are included in

one membership deposit directly to the Treasurer. Mahan stated, that in the interest of accounting consistency, all monies except dues should go through the AIS Secretary. Mahan stressed the importance of written procedures regarding deposit and dispersal of AIS funds. Kasperek suggested that Treasurer Hudson evaluate the present system and report his recommendations at the Spring Board Meeting. Approved by consensus.

Editor: Aitken stated that he would be over budget for 1998. He discussed the need to transfer the printing and mailing to Portland, as well as his desire to use perfect binding rather than saddle stitch for the *Bulletin*. While more expensive (\$1000 per issue), perfect binding removes the present restriction on the number of pages imposed by saddle stitch. Mahan moved, Plank seconded that AIS use perfect binding for the *Bulletin*. Motion defeated and question deferred until budget session on Sunday.

Regarding the TBIS complaint of insufficient material about Tall Bearded irises, Aitken reported that 77% of the photos and 82% of the articles in recent *Bulletins* have dealt with Tall Bearded irises. Excessive white space in the *Bulletin* is being addressed, and it was suggested that some of this space be filled with upcoming National Convention information. Aitken stated that he would like to recruit assistant editors to handle specific topics.

Volunteers are ready to start on the *Bulletin Indexing* project.

In addressing the subject of late *Bulletins*, Aitken asked if seasonal issues, (Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall) instead of specific months, would give the editor more leeway. In discussion it was noted that timing is critical in all issues and material should be in early rather than late. By consensus, this change was not recommended. It was strongly recommended that the Editor enforce the deadline on each issue.

Advertising Editor: Erickson reported ad income of \$53,718.17 during the past 4 years. She noted that she would continue as Advertising Editor without salary. Following discussion of the present policy concerning set-up charges for ads, Mahan moved, Barr seconded, that AIS eliminate the set-up charges on all ads in the *Bulletin*. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 11 P.M., to be reconvened at 8:40 A.M. on November 5, 1998.

President Niswonger presented the Boehm Iris to President-elect Mahan. This porcelain iris, presented to AIS in 1977, resides with the current President of AIS.

Registrar: Plank presented Registrar Keppel's report. Keppel reported a decrease in both the number of names cleared and revenues. He reported preliminary bids for printing the *1998 Registrations and Introductions* and requested guidance as to the number to be printed. Probst moved, Pope seconded that 700 *1998 R & I* booklets be printed. Motion carried. It was agreed by consensus that the *1998 R & I* price should remain at \$7.00.

Publication Sales Report: Sales Director N. Pocklington reviewed the operation of her department and reported that her income had doubled and she was well within her budget. Use of the credit card has worked well. She noted that the *Basic Iris Culture* booklets are nearly gone, and that new and expanded information will be needed before

it is reprinted. Mahan will pursue this. Plank moved, Pope seconded, that the *Basic Iris Culture* booklet be revised and reprinted no later than Fall 1999. Carried.

Reprinting of the *1979 Check List* coincides with publication of the *1999 Check List* and may impose a financial burden on AIS. Plank is to investigate prices for reprinting a soft cover *1979 Check List*.

Noting that the Publication Fund is depleted, Stahly recommended that the fund be reinstated as a restricted fund with all publication sales going to the fund until a \$50,000 cap is reached, at which time these sales would revert to the operating fund. President Niswonger appointed the following *ad hoc* committee to study reinstatement of the Publications Fund and report at the Spring meeting: Pope-Chairman, Hudson and Stahly. Plank moved, Epperson seconded approval of appointments. Carried.

Surplus Bulletin Chairman Gossett distributed his report, noting that he has available only *1997 Bulletins* at this time. He cited NY, AZ, and OH as his best customers.

Affiliates Report: Chairman Pope announced that there are 177 affiliates, 6 of which are new ones. She requested input on a situation regarding Co-Presidents in an affiliate. Pope moved, Kasperek seconded, that the Affiliates Chairman can accept chapter Co-presidents as long as both of them, as well as all the other chapter officers, are AIS members in good standing. Carried

Mahan moved that RVP Lee Parkins, Editor Dorothy Holmes and Region 24 be commended for their positive progress in rebuilding the Region, adding new affiliates and producing an excellent publication. Kasperek seconded. Carried.

Awards Report: J. Plank reviewed Chairman Wilhoit's report which had earlier been sent to all Board members. Wilhoit noted that Region 20 has offered to fund a new Franklin Cook Cup. Kasperek moved, Gossett seconded that AIS accept the offer of Region 20 to replace the Cook Cup. After discussion regarding replacement or refurbishing of the cup, Kasperek withdrew his motion. Kasperek then moved that AIS accept Region 20's offer to either refurbish or replace the present Franklin Cook Cup. Gossett seconded. Carried. It was decided that if the current cup is replaced, it should be sent to the AIS Library. Wilhoit requested direction on the following issues:

Should the Awards ballot deadline be staggered to give Sun Belt judges an earlier deadline? Consensus was not to change present deadline structure.

Should there be a return to using 4 regional tabulators to count ballots? There was strong support for this mechanism for tabulating votes. M. Lowe moved that the Awards Chairman be authorized to utilize multiple tabulators as needed. Kasperek seconded. Carried. Pros and Cons of using an optical scanner were discussed. M. Lowe moved that the Awards Chairman or AIS investigate the feasibility of doing mechanical or electronic tabulation of the Awards Ballot. Plank seconded. Carried. Mike Moller volunteered to assist with this project. RVP Meyer suggested that the Symposium ballot include a request that voter's name be signed as it appears in the *AIS Membership Roster*.

Storage of back ballots should be worked out between the Awards and Judges Training Chairmen.

Division of Award duties, other than tabulation, among several people will be left to

the discretion of the Awards Chairman.

Who accepts major medals for deceased hybridizers—the heirs or the owners of the garden? President Niswonger stated that, even if a business is sold, in the absence of a specific contract concerning awards, the medal should go to the heirs. Family of deceased winners will be contacted by the Awards Chairman and asked to designate a recipient. Kasperek moved that the incoming AIS President appoint a 3 member *ad hoc* committee to formulate policy for giving of awards to deceased hybridizers. Epperson seconded. Carried.

Registrar Keppel requested official Board approval of the following Awards policy: No iris unregistered as of the 1 December beginning of the Registration year shall appear on that year's Award Ballot. Plank moved, B. Figge seconded. Carried.

Regarding disposal of AIS electronic equipment now with Wilhoit, Pope moved, Plank seconded, that the printer be sent to Harlow as a backup. Carried. Mahan moved, Pope seconded, that the obsolete CPU, monitor and keyboard remain with Wilhoit to dispose of as she sees fit. Carried.

Convention Liaison Report: Chairman Mahan reviewed the National Convention schedules. The Spring Convention will be in Oklahoma City on May 4–8, 1999 and the Fall Board meeting will be held in St. Louis on November 5–7, 1999.

Mahan led discussion concerning an earlier convening date for the AIS Board meeting during the Spring National Convention so as to enable those attending the meeting to participate in other scheduled activities. Since there were a number of RVPs present, Niswonger polled the group and the majority favored the earlier date. It was acknowledged that the advanced meeting time will be difficult for some members. Perkins moved that, beginning in the year 2000, the Spring AIS Board meeting will be scheduled 24 hours ahead of the usual time for this meeting. Plank seconded. Carried.

Meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:05 P.M. and reconvened at 1:40 P.M.

Exhibitions Report: Chairman Moller distributed his report which detailed show statistics for the past year, commenting that he was concerned by the drop in Youth participation and that the reporting of Fall shows in the Spring was not functioning as expected.

Foundation Liaison: No report.

Historical: No report.

Honorary Awards Report: Chairman Barr reported that there are only 4 usable Distinguished Service Medals (DSM) remaining, but, before new ones can be struck, a new die must be obtained at a cost of \$2000. Presentation boxes are also needed. Pope moved that Barr be authorized to proceed with ordering the new die, 25 Distinguished Service Medals and the appropriate number of presentation boxes. Plank seconded. Carried.

Barr thanked committee members-at-large D. Howard, B. Jones and A. Ensminger and all the Past Presidents for their faithful service. Selection of Honorary Awards

deferred until later in meeting.

Insurance Report: Secretary Plank distributed Snyder's report which addressed the question of provision of liability coverage for sections as follows: "If participants in the various sections are working for the benefit of the AIS and are members of the AIS, our policy will provide coverage against liability claims that the AIS is legally obligated to pay...No coverage would be extended to persons not members of AIS." M. Lowe recommended that it might be wise for each section take out an annual AIS membership and that AIS membership status of all section officers be verified by the Section Liaison Chairman. This matter was referred to Section Liaison Probst for follow up.

Judges and Judges Training Report: Secretary Plank distributed Chairman Corlew's report. Jim Morris presented a petition for the reinstatement of Bob Pries as a Region 18 judge. Probst moved, Jean Morris seconded that Pries be reinstated. Carried. RVPs requested that the J.T. Chairman notify the RVP or regional J.T. Chair when their regional judges do not vote the ballot.

Epperson moved, Kasperek seconded that Helen Bliven (14) be added as a new apprentice judge subject to verification of her 3 years of AIS membership. Carried.

After further corrections to the list of judges, Epperson moved approval of appointment of all judges listed, with modifications as discussed, and that, in future, the Judges Training Chairman will routinely verify membership status of all new apprentices. Barr seconded, Carried.

Library Report: Secretary Plank distributed the report. Chairman McNames stated that the AIS Library is now fully equipped, and suggested that a fee schedule be developed for provision of library services. Consensus was that McNames should proceed with this task. He expressed concern regarding material still being held by AIS Historian Harder. Mahan will follow up on this matter.

Aitken addressed the need for *Bulletins* issues prior to 1980 for the *Bulletin Indexing* project. Shepherd offered to lend volunteers Gordon and Jan Hueller *Bulletins* as required.

Membership Contest: Chairman Miller's report was distributed by Secretary Plank. Harlow expressed a need for clarification of point status when payment is completed for a Payment Plan Life Membership. President Niswonger asked that the record state that, "in the future, when payment is completed on a Payment Plan Life Membership, the points do not count as conversion points for the Membership Contest." It was suggested that this rule be incorporated into the Membership Contest Rules. Approved by consensus.

Recessed at 3 P.M., reconvened at 3.25 P.M.

Policy Report: Chairman M. Lowe distributed current policy report and updated index.

Public Relations: Chairman Rice-Waters reported that the 1999 calendars were now

available from AIS Storefront and that the pre-order plan was working well with 1700 already shipped. Rice-Waters gave price quotes for producing an AIS color membership flyer and various suggestions were made regarding format, composition and number to print. It was suggested that Rice-Waters secure other estimates in an effort to reduce costs. Mahan moved that the Board authorize Rice-Waters to proceed with the printing of 15,000 4-fold color brochures of acceptable quality at the least cost, subject to approval of the Executive Board. Plank seconded. Carried. It was further agreed that the *Invitation to Join* should be free to affiliates.

Registrations: Report included with Registrar's earlier report.

Robin Report: The Robin Report was distributed by Secretary Plank. The interest in Robins appears to be declining. Chairman Cross will write an article for a future *Bulletin*. Stahly recommended that *Flight Lines*, excerpts from Robins, be reactivated in the *Bulletin*. Topic to be considered later.

10 minute recess.

RVP Counselor Report: Chairman Epperson summarized his progress in working with the RVPs and Attorney R. Plank to gather necessary materials for Regions to be included in a group exemption letter as subordinate organizations sponsored by the AIS. Epperson stated that he would follow this project through to completion.

RVP Thurman (7) discussed a recent problem regarding a Region 7 member who had written to many AIS members and officials throughout the country. Consensus was that, while we must be open to comments from the membership, all concerned had responded appropriately in this case.

Kasperek cited the need for a dependable source of revenue to allow reduced reliance on membership dues for operating expenses. He presented rationale for an AIS Endowment Fund which would generate income for operating expenses. This restricted fund would provide irisarians interested in Estate Planning another avenue of financial support to AIS. J. Plank discussed differences between an endowment fund, the interest from which is used for operating expenses, and the AIS Foundation, which funds specific projects. It was noted that there might be some legal problems in putting this type of fund in place. Kasperek moved, Probst seconded that the AIS President appoint a 3 member *ad hoc* committee to evaluate the feasibility of creating a restricted endowment fund to generate income for operating expenses, and the committee shall report at the next Board meeting. Carried.

Epperson distributed a list of 50 qualified speakers who are available to give programs on a variety of subjects. Each speaker's area of expertise was specified.

Scholarship Report: Chairman Taylor's report was distributed by Secretary Plank. The final draft of the 1999–2000 scholarship announcement for a \$2000 scholarship for *Graduate Study of the Iridaceae* with priority given to studies on the genus *Iris* was approved in August. In early September, announcements were sent to 135 domestic and 20 Canadian educational institutions with graduate programs in one or more of the plant sciences. To date, no replies have been received.

Scientific Report: deferred until the evening session.

Section Liaison Report: Chairman Probst read a proposal from B. Kasperek to address inequities regarding non-AIS memberships within some sections. Kasperek noted that there are many non-AIS members in sections, especially from overseas, who are not interested in general AIS membership but who are interested in the sectional specialty. After brief discussion, Probst moved, J. Morris seconded, that sections of AIS may offer subscribing memberships which convey all rights and privileges of membership except the right to serve as, or vote for, an officer or director of the section. M. Lowe stated that a change in the bylaws must be made before this can be put into effect. After a lengthy discussion, Probst withdrew his motion.

Kasperek moved, M. Lowe seconded that the President appoint an *ad hoc* committee of 3 to review Article III, sections 3 and 5, of the AIS bylaws and make recommendations on amendments to the bylaws which will produce a logical and consistent AIS policy on rights and privileges of sections and cooperating societies. Carried.

Slide Report: Report was distributed by Secretary Plank. Chairman Nichols requested permission to purchase 10 slide trays, at a cost of \$15 + tax, each. Moller moved, Perkins seconded that Nichols be authorized to purchase the trays. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.; to reconvene at 8:30 P.M.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:20 P.M.; Niswonger called on Scientific Chairman Fulton for his report.

Scientific Report: Fulton stated that the McEwen disease project would continue another year as there had been difficulty in obtaining apogon plants sick enough to be evaluated. He recommended support for Andrew Wheeler, an undergraduate at Bates College, who has proposed a project dealing with chemically induced mutation in irises. Wheeler needs \$178.10 for expenses. J. Plank noted that there were designated funds for iris research and she moved, seconded by Mahan, that AIS grant Andrew Wheeler a \$200 scientific grant to study mutation in species, Siberian and Japanese irises, and that he submit a written report after the first year with follow-up as needed. Carried.

Fulton asked for suggestions for additional projects. A. Willott stated the need for chromosome counts and asked who presently performed this service. Fulton was asked to investigate the need for developing a resource for chromosome counts, and to find out who already has the necessary equipment. He was also asked to work up a cost analysis for implementing this project. Pigment studies, loss of native species, and a study of geographic distribution of borers were also suggested as possible topics for future projects.

Youth Report: Chairman Jean Morris stated that there were 175 new Youth members and that 23 regions now had Youth Coordinators. There has been an increase in classroom projects, especially in Oklahoma. Primary expenses are postage and

photocopying. Morris stated that an error in the Bulletin regarding Youth Medals should be corrected to read: ...that "one set of Youth Medals are free" and are not a Storefront item as was reported.

Ways and Means: President Niswonger announced that Chairman Iris Larson had resigned. He expressed appreciation for her efforts in organizing the committee and noted that several of her suggestions should be considered as future fund raisers.

TBIS Proposal Study Committee: President Niswonger stated that he wished to retain the ad hoc *Committee to Study the Tall Bearded Iris Society Petition for Recognition* as an AIS/TBIS Liaison Committee. Kasperek moved, that the present committee be dissolved and that a new negotiating committee be appointed to function as the need arose. Epperson seconded. The motion was defeated when a tie vote was broken by President Niswonger who voted in favor of retaining the present committee members to serve as an AIS/TBIS liaison committee.

Committee to study Non-profit Incorporation and Tax Exempt Status for Sections, Regions and Affiliates: R. Plank stated that he felt that the Regions and Sections should proceed in parallel to seek 501(c)(3) status.

Rare Iris Study Center: President Niswonger reported a continuing exchange of seeds from Russia and China. Anyone interested in growing some of these irises can obtain seeds from Chairman Waddick.

Millennium Check List Committee: Stahly reported for Chairman Hughes that an alphabetical index consisting of varietal name and year of registration, in an 8¹/₂ x 11 loose leaf format, complete through 1998, could be available for sale at the Oklahoma City convention; suggested price was \$10. After lengthy discussion, Probst moved, Plank seconded that Hughes be authorized to print 50 trial run copies of the *Index* no later than the 1999 Spring convention. AIS will fund this printing. Carried. Stahly stated that he will see that the printout is proofed and that a sample copy will be sent to President Mahan for approval by the Executive Committee. Following approval, copies will be available for sale, on demand, at the Spring Convention in Oklahoma City. Guest moved a resolution of appreciation to Hughes for all his efforts in taking the initiative in this project. Perkins seconded. Carried.

Regarding preparation of the *Electronic Check List* on CD-ROM, Hughes recommended that a committee be appointed to oversee preparation and compilation of the *Electronic Check List*. President Niswonger made the following appointments: Stahly, Chairman; H. Hughes, K. Keppel, M. Lowe and R. Pries. Kasperek moved approval, Epperson seconded. Carried.

Installation of President: There being no further unfinished business, outgoing President Niswonger delivered brief farewell remarks and expressed appreciation to the Board and many others for their support during the past 3 years. He presented Mahan with the gavel and welcomed him as the new AIS President. Mahan responded with praise and gratitude for Niswonger's leadership. On behalf of the Board, Barr presented

Niswonger with a gift.

Election of officers: Plank nominated Aitken for First Vice President, Niswonger seconded. Epperson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Aitken. Niswonger seconded. Carried.

Pope nominated J. Plank for Second Vice President, Aitken seconded. Epperson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Plank. Aitken seconded. Carried.

Plank nominated R. Simmons for Secretary, Niswonger seconded. Epperson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Simmons. Gossett seconded. Carried.

Plank nominated Hudson for Treasurer, Niswonger seconded. Epperson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Hudson. Niswonger seconded. Carried.

Guest nominated Aitken for Editor, Perkins seconded. Epperson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Aitken. Niswonger seconded. Carried.

J. Plank presented incoming Secretary Simmons with the AIS Corporate Seal, and the book containing the AIS minutes from 1920–1950.

Honorary Awards: The Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss the recommendations of the Honorary Awards Committee and the Judges/Judges Training Chairman. Following the closed session, Mahan reported that Distinguished Service Medals will be awarded to Dave Niswonger and Olive Rice-Waters and the Hybridizer's Medal will be awarded to Ray Schreiner. Roy Epperson was approved as an Emeritus Judge.

Regional Vice President Appointments: RVP Counselor Epperson distributed the following list of recommended 1999 appointments for RVP:

First Year Appointment:

Region 1	Ada Godfrey	Region 17	Bonnie Nichols
2	Peter Weixlmann	19	Raymond Rogers
3	Vincent Lewonski	20	Fran Evers
4	Sara Marley	21	Carolyn Lingenfelter
5	Randall Bowen	23	Barbara Figge

Second Year Appointments:

Region 6	Howard Hughes	Region 14	Kitty Loberg
8	Edwin Kelsey	16	Catherine Boyko
9	Orville Dickhaut	18	Jim Morris
11	Carryl Meyer	22	Louise Carson
5	Randall Bowen		

Third Year Appointments:

Region 7	Mary Thurman	Region 13	Lorena Reid
10	Elaine Bourque	15	Herbert Holk

Epperson moved, Niswonger seconded, approval of all candidates for RVP. Carried.

Appointment of Administrative Officers: President Mahan appointed the following:

Registrar: Keith Keppel

Membership Secretary: Marilyn Harlow

Advertising Editor: Jean Erickson

Recording Secretary: Anne Lowe

Publication Sales Directors: Irv and Nancy Pocklington

Ombudsman: Lew Begley: (position explained and Dr. Begley introduced)

Niswonger moved, Pope seconded that these appointments be accepted. Carried.

Mahan noted that Advertising Editor Erickson would serve without salary.

Standing Committee appointments: Mahan requested approval of the following committee chairmen:

Affiliates: Shirley Pope	Policy: Mike Lowe
Awards: Farron Campbell	Public Relations: Kathy Guest
Calendar: Olive Rice-Waters	Registrations: Keith Keppel
Convention Liaison: Paul Gossett	Robins: Libby Cross
Exhibitions: Roy Epperson	RVP Counselor: Mike Moller
Foundation Liaison: Roger Mazur	Scientific: Dr. Chandler Fulton
Historical: Larry Harder	Scholarship: Dr. John Taylor
Honorary Awards: Dave Niswonger	Section Liaison: Riley Probst
Insurance: Michelle Snyder	Silent Auction: Barbara Figge
Judges: Ron Mullin	Slides: Hooker Nichols
Library: Keith McNames	Ways and Means: Maxine Perkins
Membership Contest: Lynda Miller	Youth: Jean Morris

Plank moved, Pope seconded that these appointments be approved. Carried.

Mahan asked the group to consider production of 2 calendars in this fiscal year, budget permitting.

Mahan appointed Jean Witt, Jeane Stayer, and Marie Caillet as Members-at-Large to the Honorary Awards Committee to serve with the past Presidents. Niswonger moved, Pope seconded that appointments be approved. Carried.

Meeting was recessed at 11:30 P.M., to reconvene at 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, November 6th.

Mahan opened the morning session at 8:00 A.M.

Plank asked for signatures for the Standard Banking Resolution for change of officers.

Mahan appointed the following committee to study the Endowment Fund proposal: J. Hudson, Chairman; B. Kasperek and R. Plank. Approval moved by Niswonger, Epperson seconded. Carried.

Mahan appointed the following committee to study Section membership and necessary AIS bylaw changes and report in the spring: Bobbie Shepherd, chairman; B. Kasperek, Rosalie Figge. Approval moved by Niswonger, seconded by Pope. Carried.

Plank stated that she and incoming Secretary Simmons agreed that the Book of AIS Minutes is too fragile to continue to move with the office of Secretary. The need for a constant environment was cited. Plank moved that the book of early AIS Minutes [1920–1950s] be sent to the AIS Library for preservation. B. Figge seconded. Carried. It was noted that a copy of these valuable historic records should be in a second location. M. Lowe moved that the AIS Minutes document be scanned or otherwise duplicated, as the AIS Librarian sees fit, and be distributed to more than one location. Gossett seconded. Carried.

Mahan announced that Epperson will take charge of the re-editing of *Basic Iris Culture* and will solicit assistance as needed.

Mahan announced that B. Figge will assume responsibility for extracting material for *Flight Lines* in the *Bulletin*.

President Mahan then outlined the following 5 goals which will be addressed during his term of office:

- improve communications at all levels:
- improve quality of the *Bulletin* and produce it in more timely fashion: It was agreed that *Bulletin* deadlines should be enforced so that the responsibility for timely submission of material rests with the originator of the material and not with the Editor.
- support hybridizers and commercial iris nurseries: M. Lowe moved that the AIS simultaneously publish the *Commercial Directory [Shopping Section]* in the *Bulletin* and on the AIS web page. Niswonger seconded. Carried.
- strengthen the Library so that members can access material more easily:
- increase membership: Mahan noted that the way to increase membership was to increase the number of new affiliates. Pope commented on the need for good informative materials for new members. K. Guest gave a brief overview of the New York *Handbook* which is given to each new member in Region 2. Pope will have this manual at the Affiliates meeting in Oklahoma City. Epperson announced that the Board of Counselors' meeting time had been extended and that he will present the N.Y. *Handbook* for consideration by the RVPs. Aitken noted that more incentives/benefits are needed to encourage formation of affiliates. It was decided that free slides were one benefit AIS could offer. B. Figge moved that AIS restore one free set of slides per year to each affiliate. Kasperek seconded. Carried.

Mahan requested that he be sent copies of communications sent out by Directors, Committee Chairs and Administrative Officers.

Following discussion of concerns related to the AIS web page, M. Lowe moved that AIS establish its own domain and select an appropriate domain name. Aitken seconded. Carried. Lowe and Scott Aitken were directed to establish and register a domain.

The proposed budget was reviewed in detail and estimated revenues and expenses were discussed line by line.

Mahan announced that Moller has volunteered to construct 2 additional *Iris Trivia* slide sets.

Following input from RVPs regarding restriction of membership labels to regional publication use only, Epperson moved that the Membership Secretary be authorized to provide as many as 4 free sets of labels each year to a region as requested by the RVP or the regional Editor. Perkins seconded. Carried.

The possible need for a second terminal for processing credit cards was addressed by Loberg, RVP (14) who may be able to donate a terminal presently in Region 14. Details will be worked out with Harlow and Pocklington.

Mahan noted that the budget appeared to be balanced.

With reference to previous discussions of the possibility of using perfect binding in the *Bulletin* and the production of both the 1999 and 2000 calendars during the coming fiscal year, Kasperek moved that AIS go to perfect binding for the *Bulletin* and that AIS produce 2 calendars this fiscal year if possible. Niswonger seconded. Carried.

J. Plank moved, J. Morris seconded, that the Board adopt the adjusted Budget. Carried.

Mahan thanked Hudson for assuming the duties of the Treasurer's office prior to this meeting. Plank moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Bonnie Nichols for all her efforts in bringing us into solvency. Gossett seconded. Carried.

Mahan thanked A. Lowe for acting as Recording Secretary for this meeting.

Special thanks were extended to Barbara Schmieder for her efforts in organizing this meeting. Kasperek moved that the AIS Board formally thank the Iris Society of Massachusetts for their wonderful welcome and warm hospitality. Probst seconded. Carried.

Gossett issued the invitation to the 1999 National Convention in Oklahoma City, May 4-8.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Anne S. Lowe, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 2, & 3, 1998, Denver, Colorado**

President Niswonger called to order the regular spring meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society at 1 PM, June 2, 1998. Present at the various sessions were President Niswonger; Immediate Past President Barr; 1st Vice President Mahan; 2nd Vice President and Editor Aitken, Secretary J. Plank; Treasurer B. Nichols; Registrar Keppel; Membership Secretary Harlow; Recording Secretary Guest; Publication Sales Director N. Pocklington; Advertising Editor Erickson; Past Presidents Rasmussen and Stahly; Directors Pope, Wilhoit, Gossett, Perkins, Moller, Harder, Corlew, M. Lowe, O. Waters, Epperson, Probst, and J. Morris; RVP Representative A. Lowe (4); AIS Foundation Liaison Mazur (21); Library Committee Chair McNames (13); Rare Iris Study Chair Waddick (18); Slides Chair H. Nichols (17); Ways and Means Chair Larson (15); Convention Chair Miller (20); Median Iris Society President D. Willott (6); Reblooming Iris Society Chair, R. Figgie (4); RVPs Nutter (3), Goforth (5), Hughes (6), Thurman (7), Dickhaut (9), Meyer (11), Kasperek (12), Reid (13), Loberg (14), Holk (15), Jim Morris (18), Margaret Griner (19), Reuter (21), Carson (22), Bergamo (23),

Parkins (24); RVP-elect Plotner (13), RVP-elect Marley (4), and guests Castillo, Loving, Spoon (4); Crick, Browne, Williams (7); Violette (11); K. Kasperek (12), Jones, B. Aitken, Ernst (13); Maryott, Messick, Trio (14); B. Plank, Shepard, Snyder (15); Byrne, Alexander, Landen, Howard, Campbell, Green (17); Keisling, Hedgecock, Henderson (18), O. and H. Wulf (21), Holman, Lack, Simmons (22); B. Figge, Gordon, Sluizer (23).

In his opening remarks, President Niswonger invited and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only board members may vote.

MINUTES

The minutes of the 1997 Fall Meeting in Austin, TX, printed in AIS *Bulletin* #309, were approved with the following corrections: Jim Browne's name lacked an "e", and the minutes incorrectly suggested a problem with the registration of LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE, when in fact, the problem was that proof of introduction had not been forwarded to the Registrar.

M. Lowe questioned whether a Board motion was made in changing the slide policy from a free set to affiliates to charging affiliates for slides. No resolution could be made in the absence of the slide chairman; therefore, the question was deferred on a motion by Epperson, seconded by Waters, carried.

The minutes were approved as corrected on a motion by Perkins, seconded by Gossett, carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Niswonger reported on interim events since the Fall board meeting.

Niswonger noted that upon the recommendation of Epperson, and upon reaching a consensus in his committee, a change has occurred in the award system as follows: the three TB's receiving the most votes will be awarded Wister Medals in 1998 and thereby become eligible for the Dykes medal. He said that eventually this would result in seven TB irises eligible for the Dykes in 2000, if a TB wins the Dykes each year until then.

Niswonger reported that due to cash flow concerns, the decision to print 2,500 Judges Handbooks was modified by the Board to 2,000 at savings of approximately \$3,000. Niswonger added that he questioned whether the Board wanted to reduce the price of the Handbooks since the printing costs were reduced, however, after a tie vote, he decided that the price will remain as originally approved.

Niswonger reported as a matter of interest that Opal Fullerton of Sun Center, Florida, under her own initiative, wrote to the Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee proposing that a stamp be issued in honor of the iris.

Niswonger reported that he had received a request from Jean Witt that species irises from the 1939 checklist not be included in the body of the Millennium Checklist, but rather included in an addendum. She further suggested that bulbous irises be included

in the checklist, even though they are not registered by AIS, since they appear in iris shows. He added that Howard Hughes (RVP, Reg. 6), has effectively typed up the bulk of the Millennium Check List on his own initiative. Niswonger said that, therefore, he would like to appoint him chairman of the Millennium Check List committee with Keith Keppel serving as well.

Niswonger reported that he had received a request from the Tall Bearded Iris Society that they be accepted by AIS as a Cooperating Society. They were asked to provide their bylaws to Board members in advance of this meeting, which they did. He said that the reason for this was to make sure that their bylaws were consistent with the goals and purposes of AIS. To study the request, Niswonger appointed a committee consisting of Claire Barr, Chairman; Bob Plank, Hal Stahly, Mike Lowe, Riley Probst, Terry Aitken, and Clarence Mahan. Committee appointments approved by consensus

SECRETARY'S REPORT

J. Plank reported on the memorial/gifts received this year. She also reported that the design of an application that can be inserted into the color membership brochures after removing the outdated application, has made it possible for the AIS to return these brochures to use. Limited quantities of the updated color brochure are available for the cost of shipping (\$3/10) from her office. Plank further reported that she has received the complete collection of AIS *Bulletins* from the former AIS Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Harlow reported a loss of 1,773 members in 1997, however because we recruited approximately 1,000 new members, the net loss is not as great.

Mahan requested that Harlow resume distribution of the report detailing AIS memberships by category and duration. This report is valuable for projecting membership revenue and budget estimates..

Niswonger questioned Harlow on whether she believes the change to a calendar year and the decision to not send a second dues notice when membership is not renewed is still viable. Mahan said that he finds that the calendar year decision is very unpopular and that it's difficult to recruit members during iris season with this policy.

H. Stahly proposed that we make memberships effective January 1st, however, that when people join during shows and other seasonal events, we provide them with two *Bulletins* until their membership begins in January (those being the July and October editions). Niswonger asked Stahly and Harlow to draft a suitable proposal and report during Unfinished Business.

On a motion by Mahan, seconded by Corlew, carried, the Board approved the reinstatement of second dues notices.

BULLETIN REPORT

Aitken reported that he is having ongoing quality problems with the current printer of the *Bulletin*, at one point resulting in a \$1,000 rebate but with little improvement in quality. He added that changing publishers is not easy due to using saddle-staple bind, rather than the more costly perfect bind. He said that if the Board was willing to pay the approximately \$6,000/year increase in cost for perfect binding, he could shop for a better quality publisher. He added that despite some distortions caused by accumulated and late billing from Scott Aitken, Editor T. Aitken expects to finish the year at \$3,000 under budget.

Aitken said that he is aware of the concern regarding late *Bulletins*, especially our overseas members. He said that every effort is being made to produce the AIS *Bulletin* in a timely manner.

Aitken reported no activity on the project to create an index of past *Bulletins*.

ADVERTISING REPORT

Erickson reported advertising for the first quarter of 1998 of \$8,337 an increase of \$668.

REGISTRAR REPORT

Keppel reported 801 registrations for 1997 and 740 introductions recorded, down slightly from 1996. He added that to date in 1998, 375 names have been cleared and he has completed 425 registrations.

Keppel said that, per action of the Board at their fall meeting, names reserved in 1999 (registration year beginning December 1, 1998) may be held a maximum of three years without registration. He added that, as always, once an iris is registered, there is no time limit on introduction.

AIS FOUNDATION REPORT

Mazur reminded Board members that all donations to the Foundation remain with the Foundation, and only the interest is used for research, education or other suitable projects. Therefore, although assets of the Foundation amount to \$149,000, only approximately \$7,000 is available for use. He added that after existing grants to both Dr. McEwen and Dr. Rodionenko, only about \$2,800 is unencumbered at this time. He said the Foundation has received an application from the AIS Library for equipment funds.

Mazur announced two new members to the Foundation board: John Burton and Claire Honkanen.

STOREFRONT REPORT

N. Pocklington reported that it was necessary to rent additional storage due to the volume of items available.

She said that she believes that all reports of non-shipment of items have been resolved. She said that she has recovered 100% of the receipts upon sending a form letter.

Niswonger complimented the Pocklingtons on a job well done.

MEMBERSHIP POLICY REVISION PROPOSAL

Niswonger reported that Stahly and Harlow have studied the new membership proposal and recommended the following:

New members, not including reinstated members, joining AIS from April 1st to September 30th, will have an additional six months of membership for the current payment. In addition, members joining in this period will have a July 1st join date and year-end expire dates.

The recommended wording was approved on a motion by Corlew, seconded by Mahan, carried.

AIS BULLETIN BACK ISSUE REPORT

Gossett reported that he has approximately 300 each of the July and October 1996 *Bulletins* for sale to regions in packs of 10.

LIBRARY REPORT

McNames reviewed a list of possible submissions to the AIS Silent Auction. He verified that all printed material was excess by virtue of being duplicates, but that the copper plates are one-of-a-kind. He added that he has four complete sets of AIS *Bulletins*. McNames said that all printed material is either alphabetically or chronologically in order.

McNames reminded those present that he would like copies of all Regional Newsletters and show schedules, and even club newsletters.

Mahan moved, Gossett seconded that the excess material as presented by McNames be offered for sale at the Silent Auction to benefit the library fund. Motion carried.

AFFILIATES REPORT

Pope reported that she has accepted applications for five new affiliates. She also said that there are four existing affiliates who have not renewed to date, but she believes she

will receive their affiliation paperwork at a later time.

Pope said that in the interest of continuity, the first Affiliates Board meeting will be held at this convention. She suggests that by holding such a meeting, issues can be discussed and new affiliates may learn what is expected of them.

AWARDS REPORT

Wilhoit reported that 743 ballots were mailed in the new format. She said that by changing the format, we save \$500 in printing.

Harder recommended that the voting be done by secret ballot, which would be accomplished by having a signature page on the front, which can be detached and saved.

Wilhoit reported that the computer belonging to AIS which she has been using has malfunctioned. On a motion by Mahan, seconded by Epperson, carried, Wilhoit was authorized to dispose of the CPU as she sees fit.

AWARDS SYSTEM REVIEW REPORT

Chairman Epperson reported that upon meeting with members of his committee subsequent to the Fall, 1997 AIS Board meeting, it was decided that in 1998 there would be three John Wister Medals awarded each year to the three eligible cultivars receiving the greatest number of votes on the Official Ballot, thereby advancing three eligible tall bearded irises to the Dykes category. Therefore, in 1999, there will only be medal winners eligible for the Dykes Medal. He added that if a TB wins the Dykes every year, by the year 2001, there would be a constant 7 tall bearded irises eligible for the Dykes Medal.

EXHIBITIONS REPORT

Chairman Moller reported that the new system using three people to handle various aspects of Exhibitions tasks, is working well. He clarified that he is checking show schedules and mailing out show certificates and show order blanks, Barbara Figge is handling show supplies and Maxine Perkins is taking care of EC ballots and issuing medals. Moller reports 197 shows approved to date.

Mahan recommended that a model show schedule be developed. Moller said that such a model may even be appropriate for the AIS web page, and A. Lowe suggested writing an article for the *Bulletin*. After discussion, the topic was deferred to the Fall meeting.

After discussion about the merits of creating special youth award certificates, on a motion by Probst, seconded by Morris, carried, the Board approved the creation of Award Certificates in the categories of (adult) Design and Design Sweepstakes and (youth), Design and Design Sweepstakes as well as Best of Show, Youth, for an

appropriate cost of \$60/year.

INSURANCE REPORT

G. Snyder reported for Chairman M. Snyder that the recent *Bulletin* article has resulted in fewer questions on AIS liability insurance coverage.

Upon consideration of an alternative insurance plan, on a motion by M. Lowe, seconded by Pope, carried, the Board authorized M. Snyder, with input from AIS Secretary Plank, to change liability carriers if in her professional opinion a more favorable arrangement is found.

HISTORICAL REPORT

Chairman Harder reported that from time to time, he is asked for historical information from a region. He reminded those present that he would appreciate receiving regional newsletters and show schedules, as well as any iris articles that may be published. He reported on material forwarded to the AIS Library.

HONORARY AWARDS REPORT

Chairman Barr will write an article on the Honorary Award system for the *Bulletin*.

JUDGES TRAINING REPORT

Chairman Corlew reported that a letter had been sent to Board members regarding a Master Judge who was dropped from the Judges Roster, 1997 for failing to have the minimum hours of training. Although he had met the standard, the Judge was not restored for 1998 because the report was overlooked. Corlew said that it is his understanding that a judge cannot be restored without Board action.

After discussion, it was decided that the Judges Training Chairman has the authority to make changes in the approved roster when, his information indicates that an error has occurred.

On a motion by Corlew, seconded by J. Plank, carried, the Board approved the reinstatement of Ray Blicharz, to the active Judges Roster.

Corlew asked whether the submission of the Japanese Iris ballot only qualifies for continuation of active status. The Board believes that the stipulation is clear that the main ballot must be submitted and that the Japanese iris ballot alone is not valid.

M. Lowe moved, Moller seconded that if the Judges Training Chairman discovers a documented clerical error in an approved judges roster, he be permitted to correct the error immediately and report the action taken at the next scheduled Board meeting. Motion carried.

Epperson reported that the Sixth edition of the Handbook for Judges and Show Officials has been published and is on sale at this meeting. He gave a brief chronology of the revision process and indicated that two new chapters (Historic Iris and Space Age Iris) had been added to the Handbook.

Epperson noted that the major change was one of format, in that the criteria for garden judging and exhibition judging for a particular class of iris have been included in a single inclusive chapter for each class. He briefly reviewed several other changes: the awarding of three (3) Wister Medals; changes in the quantitative criteria for awarding of silver and bronze medals at accredited spring and fall shows and for Youth silver and bronze medals; and a re-wording of a sentence in the chapter for selecting the Best Specimen of Show so that historic iris are not categorically eliminated for consideration.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Epperson with applause.

The Board recessed at 4:55 PM.

Niswonger reconvened the Board at 8:05 am, June 3, 1998.

Stahly asked for clarification on the new membership year policy. It was noted that the policy will take effect immediately, that it will be retroactive to include those who have joined since April and that the policy will be publicized through every means possible, including a posting on the iris e-mail list, direct mail to the RVP's and a mention in the *Bulletin*.

Gossett referred to the previous day's Judge's Handbook report and moved that the minutes reflect an official thank you to Hilda Crick, Ron Mullin, Phil Williams, Chairman Roy Epperson, along with the presidents of all Sections and Cooperating Societies and all others who participated in the publication of the Judges Handbook. The motion was seconded by J. Plank and carried.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST REPORT

The Board discussed a discrepancy in the winners of the membership contest. The matter will be referred to the Executive Committee with input from Chairman, L. Miller.

AIS POLICY REPORT

M. Lowe distributed the latest policy update and reminded those present that when they go off the Board, their Policy Manual should be passed along to new Board members.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Waters reported on successful 1998 calendar sales and on the use of the two available AIS display screens. She further reported a good response from answering questions

for *Fine Gardening* magazine.

After discussion, on a motion by J. Plank, seconded by Harder, carried, the price of the 1998 AIS calendar will be reduced on an annual basis, effective with the April *Bulletin*, to \$20 per 10, or \$2 each.

By consensus, the Board decided to keep the price of the 1999 calendar at \$5 each, 10 for \$30.

ROBINS REPORT

Chairman Cross submitted her report to the Board which states that most robins are doing well, however, some new topics, Fragrance, Arts and Crafts and Space Age, are faltering.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Fulton submitted his report that Dr. Currier McEwen's study on iris diseases is continuing and that he enthusiastically supports efforts to study means of borer control, as reported in the April *Bulletin*.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Chairman Taylor submitted his report on scholarship.

Epperson moved, Gossett seconded that the Board accept the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee to approve a grant for a study of patterns of morphological development in Paleozoic seed. However, upon additional recommendations of the Scholarship Committee that awards be restricted to the study of Iridaceae, Epperson withdrew his motion.

After discussion, on a motion by Corlew, seconded by Moller, carried, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee to limit the grant awards to studies related to the study of Iridaceae.

On a motion by Barr, seconded by Waters, carried, the current recommendation for the study of patterns of morphological development in Paleozoic seed was accepted. Motion carried, but not unanimously.

WAYS AND MEANS REPORT

Chairman Larson reported that in her opinion, we need to put more effort into promoting AIS. She thanked those regions who worked on increasing sales of *World of Iris*, *Basic Iris Culture* and postcards.

Larson submitted a prototype form that she believes may help to address some of the

confusion regarding donations to AIS. She said she believes that many people may not be aware that they may make donations, or what funds are available to donate to. With this in mind, she created a form or guideline that may be useful. On a motion by Probst, seconded by A. Lowe, carried, the Board authorized Larson to send the Donation Guidelines with a cover letter to AIS Affiliates and RVP's with a cover letter, to be used as a club tool to stimulate donations. Moller recommended that an "undesigned" category be added.

On a motion by Waters, seconded by A. Lowe, carried, the Board extended a vote of confidence to Larson for her efforts and work.

On a motion by Epperson, seconded by Plank, carried, the Board approved the AIS Ways and Means Committee's statement of purpose, which includes "The Three P's Program"; process, promotion and profit.

YOUTH REPORT

Chairman Morris reported there were five nominees for the Clarke Cosgrove Memorial Award for Youth Achievement, with first place going to Shilo Gillam (Reg. 18); second place (tie), Laura Gibson (Reg. 4) and Stephanie Rust (Reg. 18) and third, Joe Shott (Reg. 9). The membership contest winner, youth category went to Stephanie Rust (Reg. 18).

Morris noted that youth membership stands at 417, an increase of 178 over 1997.

Morris reported on Classroom Iris Projects in Region 14 and in Region 18. She added that she would be happy to supply anyone interested with Classroom Project packets.

RVP COUNSELOR REPORT

Chairman Epperson submitted his report which included his efforts working with R. Plank, AIS attorney, to assist regions wishing to become incorporated as a 501(c)(3) corporation.

Epperson reported on the RVP meeting of 6/2/98, stating that one point of discussion was the relative duties of the RVP Counselor and RVP Representative. He announced the results of the election of the RVP Board of Counselors as follows: President, Jim Morris (Reg. 18); Secretary, Carryl Meyer (Reg. 11); RVP Board Representative, Brad Kasperek (Reg. 12); 1999 Nominating Committee, Louise Carson (Reg. 22) and Carryl Meyer (Reg. 11).

The Board took a 15 minute recess at 9:50 am.

In answer to a question posed, Epperson reported that in order to carry out the group exemption letter, we must have an approved copy of the bylaws of each region to go with the exemption letter, which will define the time needed to effect the incorporation.

Models of bylaw language required will be sent to each RVP.

REGIONAL BOUNDARY COMMITTEE

Chairman of the special committee to study regional boundaries, Stahly summarized their policy as follows: regional boundaries should coincide with state lines (California is one reasonable exception), the geographic size should be balanced, and that changes may be initiated by submitting a request to the Board, who will then poll the members of the region. No change should take place unless 60% of the members of the region wishing to change and 60% of the members of the Region it wishes to join approve the change. This vote will be conducted by mail ballot by disinterested parties.

Mahan moved that the policy be adopted, Epperson seconded, carried.

CONVENTION LIAISON REPORT

Convention Liaison Mahan provided an update to conventions scheduled. He said that one ongoing complaint he receives is that meetings of committees often overlap at conventions. He suggests that the Convention Liaison could help with the schedule and work with the Convention Chair to minimize conflicts. He would like to explore the problem further in the fall.

SECTION LIAISON REPORT

Section Liaison Representative Probst distributed a copy of a report which lists addresses and phone numbers for the president, membership secretary and editor for the Sections and Cooperating Societies. He distributed the following section convention schedule:

1999	Pacific Coast Natives	California	April
	Louisiana Iris	Little Rock, Arkansas	May
	Japanese Iris	Portland, Oregon	June
2000	Louisiana Iris	Lafayette, Louisiana	April
	Historic Iris	Syracuse, NY	June
	Siberian Iris	Ames, Iowa	June
2001	Louisiana Iris	Lafayette, Louisiana	April
	Median Iris	Boston, Massachusetts	May
	Dwarf Iris	Maine	May
2002	Louisiana Iris		April
	Japanese Iris		
2003	Louisiana Iris		April
	Siberian Iris	Ontario, Canada	June

Probst reported on concerns arising from the Sections Meeting include questions about the status of insurance as it affects the Sections under the umbrella policy. The question

will be referred to the Insurance Chairman. There was a question about whether a list of section display gardens can be listed in the *Bulletin*. It was suggested that perhaps the Section could pay for inclusion of such a listing.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer B. Nichols distributed copies of the interim financial report. She commented that our income was better than expected and we have held the line on expenses. She noted that, due to the way in which memberships are received, we have already received the bulk of our membership income for this fiscal year. She reviewed interim income in other categories; Advertising, Registrations, Sales and etc., all of which have been in line with, and even ahead of, projections.

She reviewed expenses line-by-line, answering questions as they arose. B. Nichols anticipates that we will be significantly over budget on *Bulletin* expense, and she and Editor Aitken will meet to compare records and discuss expenses.

B. Nichols reviewed the restricted funds, noting the confusion about how a club may designate its donations. Niswonger advised her that the Board is aware of the problem and is addressing it. She reviewed the fund line by line. M. Lowe suggested that a Publications Fund line be added to the restricted fund line item. There was considerable discussion about the designation of various items under "restricted funds", especially the scholarship category. No action taken.

Treasurer Nichols reported that a loan had been made to AIS by Judges Handbook Chairman Epperson to fund the publication of the revised Handbook. On a motion by A. Lowe, seconded by Probst, carried, the Board directed that the loan be repaid to Epperson, with interest earned retained by AIS.

B. Nichols reported that the Life Membership fund has been paid back.

Niswonger adjourned the session for lunch at 12:05 PM.

RARE IRIS STUDY CENTER

Dr. J. Waddick reported that the Rare Iris Study Center organization was begun in 1995 following the International Iris Species Symposium in an effort to coordinate the study of wild iris populations, determine their status, encourage their protection and get them into cultivation. Furthermore, Dr. Waddick explores and supports funding opportunities for these studies. To this end RISC has been successful in securing several grants, and they have an active seed and rhizome distribution program to ensure the protection of the species. Finding responsible growers has been an ongoing challenge due to the difficulties in growing some types of irises.

TALL BEARDED IRIS SOCIETY PETITION FOR RECOGNITION

President Niswonger returned to the petition from the Tall Bearded Iris Society for recognition as a Cooperating Society. A copy of the *ad hoc* advisory committee report was distributed.

After a reading of the full Committee report, [NOTE: The complete report of the Advisory Committee to Study the Tall Bearded Iris Society Petition for Recognition was printed in *AIS Bulletin* 310, July 1998] President Niswonger added that he had attended the *ad hoc* advisory committee meeting and that several options were presented. One option is that TBIS members be polled as to whether they wish to be a Section or Cooperating Society and another option being that if they decide to become a Cooperating Society, the bylaws be changed to address AIS concerns. Niswonger reminded those present that the difference between the TBIS and other Cooperating Societies is that tall bearded iris enthusiasts represent the core of AIS membership.

Many comments were received from both the Board and audience. On a motion by O. Waters, seconded by Epperson, carried, the Board accepted the report of the *ad hoc* Committee.

President Niswonger noted that the TBIS has a copy of the report which they will need to discuss with their members and then return to AIS with their response.

SLIDES REPORT

Slide Chairman H. Nichols said that he has charged \$10 for every slide rental requested. President Niswonger responded that the Board is unclear whether a decision was made to change the policy whereby Affiliates received one free set of slides per year. H. Nichols said that he understood the Board voted to eliminate this policy last fall, and he has proceeded accordingly.

In the interest of clarity, on a motion by M. Lowe, seconded by Perkins, carried, the Board approved the recommendation to charge a \$10 fee for any person or organization renting slides from the AIS slide library.

H. Nichols remarked that the AIS slide library could use significantly more slides of newer irises and he urged anyone taking slides to have duplicates made for AIS. J. Morris suggested that two or three members be appointed to the committee who could be assigned to take slides at the convention for the cost of film and developing. No action taken

The meeting recessed for ten minutes at 3:05 PM.

LIBRARY REPORT (continuation).

Library Chairman McNames reported on equipment needed in order to perform his functions as Library Chair. He said that he has received a pledge from the AIS Foundation to fund the following equipment: a computer, copier and printer at a cost of

\$3,500. He said he requires additional office equipment such as a table, lamp, surge protector, etc. He is petitioning the AIS Board to fund these items at a maximum estimate of \$500. On a motion by Harder, seconded by B. Nichols, carried the AIS Board approved the purchase of the above-listed equipment by Keith McNames to include telephone and fax connection at a total cost not to exceed \$500.

MILLENNIUM CHECKLIST PROJECT

Niswonger reported that he had not remembered his request that Anne and Mike Lowe approach HIPS regarding the Millennium Check List Project, and that they were make a report to the Board at this meeting. A. Lowe reported that HIPS is unable to take on any major projects at this time. She distributed a copy of a feasibility report which notes that the requirement of the project is a compilation of iris varieties through the year 2000. She said that the *Check List* would be in two parts, a printed and bound index and a computerized database which includes all information from all the *Check Lists*. She explained that due to size, it is not feasible to produce printed compilation of all the information contained in all the *Check Lists* and that such a volume would, in fact, be in competition with existing *Check Lists*. She said that a person interested in a particular iris may look it up in the *Millennium Index* which would list iris name, type, hybridizer and year of introduction and which checklist the iris is described in. Detailed information could then be gotten from the appropriate *Check List*.

Howard

Hughes (Reg. 6) displayed a large volume which represents his independent work toward the completion of a *Millennium Check List*. He said that he is 60% complete with the project, and that although he understands the need for careful proof reading and review, the work is well underway.

On a motion by Mahan, seconded by Barr, carried, the Board accepted the Millennium Index report, including the format as proposed, up to and including the year 1999, to be published in the year 2000.

President Niswonger will meet with Keppel, Hughes and A. and M. Lowe and report further on the project in the Fall.

OLD BUSINESS

Change in *Bulletin* printer question will be deferred to the Fall meeting.

On a motion by Probst, seconded by J. Plank, carried, the Board approved of the printing of the 1999 calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Mahan asked that the Board consider revision of the Invitation to Join form at the Fall Board meeting.

The Board went into Executive Session to consider the slate of candidates prepared by the Nominating Committee. Returning to regular session, Niswonger announced the following nominees for election at the fall meeting for the Board of Directors are Farron Campbell, Barbara Figge, Kathy Guest, Bobby Shepard. Niswonger noted that the names of these nominees will be published in the annual President's letter, in addition to procedures for nominating additional candidates.

~~Niswonger noted that his term as President ends in November and that at this time, a President-elect is selected so that he may begin to appoint people to fill committee positions. Pope nominated Mahan for President-elect, Corlew moved nominations cease, Gossett seconded, motion carried.

Niswonger appointed Maxine Perkins and Roy Epperson to represent the AIS Board on the Nominating Committee.

Niswonger concluded the meeting by thanking David Miller and the Elmohr Iris Society for their wonderful hospitality.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Austin, Texas October 31 to November 2, 1997

President O. David Niswonger called to order the regular fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society at 8:30 p.m. on October 3, 1997. Present at the various sessions were President Niswonger; Immediate Past President Barr; 1st Vice President Mahan; 2nd Vice President and Editor Aitken, Secretary J. Plank; Treasurer B. Nichols; Registrar Keppel; Membership Secretary Harlow; Recording Secretary Guest; Publication Sales Directors N. & I. Pocklington; Directors-elect Epperson, Gossett, Jean Morris, Perkins; Directors Corlew, Harder, M. Lowe, Moller, Pope, Probst, Waters, and M. Wilhoit; RVP Board Representative A. Lowe (4); RVPs Thurman (7), Meyer (11), Reid (13), Reuter (21), Bergamo (23); Parkins (24); RVPs-elect James Morris (18), Louise Carson (22); Region Representative Honkanen (5); Section Representative R. Figge (RIS), and guests J. Wilhoit (9), R. Plank (15), Alexander, Byrne, Guerrero, Guinn, Foster, Freeman, Jones (17); Holman, Simmons (22); B. Figge, Gordon, and T. Perkins (23).

In his opening remarks, President Niswonger recognized those present and encouraged everyone to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may vote.

The minutes of the 1997 Spring Meeting in Dearborn, MI, printed in *AIS Bulletin* #307, were approved with the following corrections: J. Plank asked that the names of Dr. Roy Epperson and Hal Stahly be added to the attendance list and that under the "Statement of Basic Governing Principles" (pg. 82): 'ro' should be changed to 'or' to insure clarity of meaning. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Election of Directors

J. Plank reported no additional nominations were received and that, therefore, Dr. E. Roy Epperson, Paul W. Gossett, Jean Morris and Maxine Perkins are duly elected and qualified to serve as AIS Directors with terms expiring in the year 2000.

President Niswonger expressed his appreciation to those directors whose terms have ended and who will not be returning.

President's Report

President Niswonger reported on interim events, most significantly the move of the Storefront office in mid-July from Nashville, Tennessee to Carlinville, Illinois when Irv and Nancy Pocklington assumed the directorship.

Niswonger announced that, following Board recommendations at the Spring meeting, two new committees were formed and, in an interim action, the chairmen and committee member appointees received Board approval. Appointed to Ways and Means, a standing committee with fund-raising as its primary function, are Iris Larson, chairman, Jim Brown, Rita Gormley, Kathy Guest, Larry Harder, Carla Lankow, Carol Meyer and Bonnie Nichols. Appointed to the Regional Boundaries Committee, an ad hoc committee formed to examine and evaluate all Region boundaries and address the most recently raised boundary questions, are Hal Stahly, chairman, George Sutton, Riley Probst, Shirley Pope and Everett Lineberger.

Niswonger reported on the completion of the formation of the European Iris Society, and on the status of the formation of a World Iris Association. He stated that Dr. Rodionenko has received a \$6,500 grant from the AIS Foundation, which will be distributed over a two year period. Rodionenko has shipped seeds to Dr. J. Waddick for distribution across the US to people interested in growing species irises.

Secretary's Report

J. Plank reported that the Executive Committee approved a bid for printing an updated version of the membership form submitted by Membership Secretary Harlow. Approval was granted also of the bank selected to handle AIS credit card services.

J. Plank reported that the proposed bylaws changes have been approved, and that a notice declaring this was printed in the October 1997 *Bulletin* (#307). These changes will be phased in as they become effective.

J. Plank observed that the distinction between gifts and memorial donations to AIS Funds and donations to the AIS Foundation presents a confusing ambiguity to potential donors, and that this ambiguity should be clarified. She cautioned that neither the AIS nor the Foundation are well served by the existing confusion.

J. Plank concluded her report by announcing that she will leave the office of Secretary at the end of 1998.

Membership Secretary's Report

Membership Secretary Harlow stated that all members will be on a calendar year renewal cycle by May, 1998. She reported that current membership stands at 7,704 as of September 30, 1997.

Harlow distributed the new updated Invitation to Join membership application. The new application advises that AIS membership is on a calendar year basis with the option of choosing the year in which membership becomes effective. It indicates that the AIS is now able to accept payment for membership through VISA or MasterCard; and it includes the AIS website address.

The remaining, outdated color printed Invitations to Join were referred to Ways and

Means for possible creative uses.

Niswonger asked whether the credit card capability could be used for things other than membership. Harlow replied that the only stipulation is that the data entry must go through her office. She added that credit card service will cost 3% or less of sales.

Editor's Report

Editor Aitken offered his apology for errors occurring on the 1997 Symposium ballot. After discussing the effects of the errors, Mahan moved, Moller seconded, carried, that MYSTIQUE be added to the 1998 Tall Bearded Symposium Top 100 and annotated to indicate the special circumstance.

Noting that many requests are received for articles on particular subjects published in past *Bulletins*, Aitken proposed the development of a *Bulletin* master index. After discussion, Aitken was directed to research the cost of developing an index. Keppel was asked to check with the AIS Library for any *Bulletin* indices which may have been previously compiled and to advise Aitken.

Registrar's Report

Registrar Keppel requested that the Board clarify the policy adopted at the Spring Board Meeting which cuts the holding time for reserve cultivar names from five years to three years. On a motion by Mahan, seconded by Pope, carried, the Board approved the action taken at the 1997 Spring meeting to limit the reservation of cultivar names by the Registrar to three years, adding that this change is to be phased in over the next year and that an exception to the three-year limit is to be made for names reserved by the Society for Japanese Irises.

Keppel reported 713 irises were registered in 1997.

On a motion by Barr, seconded by Epperson, carried, the Board approved the printing of 800 1997 Registration and Introduction books, to be sold at \$7.00 each.

On a motion by Corlew, seconded by J. Plank, carried, the Board approved increasing the price of previous R & Is to fall into line with this new pricing, effective with the January *Bulletin*.

Keppel expressed his concern about the compilation of a Millennium Check List. He advised that this work should be compiled by a committee separate and distinct from the Registrations Committee. He noted that Howard Hughes of Region 6 has begun to combine the Decennial Check Lists into a single database and that Hughes has been acting independently so far, but is looking for direction, which Keppel believes should come from the Board. Mahan suggested that this may be a project that could be undertaken by HIPS. Niswonger requested Board members give thought to this project and to submit the names of individuals who might qualify to serve on such a committee. He added that the subject of the Millennium Check List will be included in the agenda for the Spring Meeting in Denver.

Storefront Report

N. Pocklington asked that the minutes reflect her appreciation to Keith & Donna Moore, Robert & Lettie Crays and Patrick Hayden who assisted with the task of moving the Storefront inventory from Nashville, Tennessee to Carlinville, Illinois. On a motion by Epperson, seconded by J. Plank, carried, the Board approved N. Pocklington's recommendation to grant complimentary one year AIS memberships to the Crays and the Moores for their help with the move.

N. Pocklington described the inventory storage arrangements in Carlinville. She

advised that the order backlog is now current and recommended that, as no order records were included in the turn over, the *Bulletin* should carry a statement requesting anyone still holding an outstanding order to contact the Storefront office so that the order may be completed, if possible. In the interest of goodwill, orders have been shipped with payment to follow based upon people's word.

The Storefront's current inventory was reviewed. In an effort to reduce surplus inventory, long stocked, slow moving inventory items. will be referred to Ways and Means for disposition. Inventory unit price setting was deferred until a later session.

The meeting was recessed at 10:55 p.m. and reconvened at eight o'clock the following morning.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Nichols distributed copies of the Financial Statement and the proposed Budget for 1997-98. She reported total income at \$144,000 and expenses at \$136,000 for the fiscal year, October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1997. The balance sheet will be published in full in the *Bulletin*. The bulk of AIS income continues to come from memberships. Because of problems experienced in the sales office last year, revenue is significantly down from that source. Nichols noted that the silent auction provided an unexpected revenue boost. She commented that, thanks to everyone's efforts, expenses were below projections.

Based upon the recommendation of Treasurer Nichols, Mahan moved, J. Plank seconded that the Special Reserve Funds - Life Membership Fund and Restricted Funds - be combined into one high yield, special access, fifteen month CD, in order to generate greater interest income from these funds and to accelerate the rebuilding of the Life Membership Fund. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the confusion resulting from the existence of two different AIS library funds: the AIS Library Fund maintained by the AIS and the Evelyn Jones Library Fund maintained by the AIS Foundation.

Nichols asked for an expression of Board opinion on the current standing of AIS salaried positions. J. Plank noted that the task of reviewing and making recommendations to the Board on all salaried positions has been charged to the Executive Committee and that at this time, no salary reviewing action has been taken. Epperson pointed out that without Executive Committee recommendation no action can be taken on salaries for this budget period. He went on to say that, through the discussion at this meeting, the Board has indicated its dissatisfaction, as a whole, with the current arrangement, and has provided direction for the Executive committee toward a resolution of this question.

Treasurer Nichols reported that the Rainbow Iris Society of Sherman, Texas, has made a large donation to the 1999 Check List project, with the request that an acknowledgment appear in the Check List stating that a donation was made by the Rainbow Iris Society in memory of Lt. Col. (Ret.) Randolph L. Hall and Millie Hall, founders.

After much discussion, Barr moved, Mahan seconded, carried, that the generous donation from the Rainbow Iris Society be gratefully accepted, and that a note be sent explaining that all donations to special funds will continue to be acknowledged and listed only in the Gifts and Memorials column in the AIS *Bulletin* in the traditional manner of AIS.

An expression of appreciation from the Board was extended to all contributors who have so generously made donations to the American Iris Society and its special projects such as the 1999 and the Millennium Check Lists.

Exhibition Chairman Moller reported that through an error by the supplier, youth-style medals were mistakenly shipped instead of the regular show medals. Correct medals have been reordered, but this mistake has caused long delays in furnishing medals ordered by affiliates.

Jim Morris offered a donation of approximately 70 silver medals, once belonging to Sheldon Butt, for possible reuse for exhibition purposes. On a motion by Mahan, seconded by Epperson, carried, the Board accepted the Sheldon Butt silver medals as a donation which will be acknowledged in the *Bulletin*.

The meeting recessed for fifteen minutes.

Epperson reviewed the quotes he had obtained for printing the revised Judges Handbook, and received Board direction to order 2,500 binders and inserts in order to have an adequate supply for all current judges, apprentices, interested parties and future sales.

Treasurer Nichols reviewed the projected income budget line by line, answering questions and making adjustments where appropriate. Finalization of the Budget was deferred to follow the committee reports.

The meeting recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

Affiliates Report

Affiliates Chair Pope reported 5 new affiliates for 1997, for a total of 174. She reported that some groups have lost their affiliation because they can not meet the 10 AIS member minimum requirement to be an affiliate. She recommended that this requirement be removed. In a motion by Corlew, seconded by A. Lowe, carried, the Board approved the recommendation to remove the 10 AIS member minimum requirement to qualify for affiliation.

Pope read a letter received from G. Snyder, President of the San Fernando Valley Iris Society. Snyder suggests that a time be provided at the Denver convention for a meeting of affiliates to discuss mutually experienced problems and solutions. By consensus, the Board directed that a reasonable attempt be made by the organizers of the Denver convention to provide time in the schedule for such a meeting, with Pope presiding.

Awards

Award Chair Wilhoit reported that 848 judges ballots were mailed to judges in March and 624 were returned to the four regional tabulators before the deadline. She observed that the new system for tabulating ballots appears to be working well.

Wilhoit distributed copies of her recommendation for reformatting the official ballot in order to reduce reproduction and mailing costs. Additionally, Harlow recommended, using a system in which each cultivar on the ballot is associated with a number, for speed and ease in tallying votes by computer.

Wilhoit announced that of the US Regions voting the Symposium Ballot, Region 12 had the highest percentage of participation at 86%, and Region 2 had the lowest at 8%.

Most of the AIS members overseas and those in Region 16 received their Symposium Ballots too late to vote by the deadline. Aitken suggested that overseas members be allowed an extra two weeks beyond the deadline to return their

Symposium Ballots. Consensus favored allowing the additional time for overseas members.

Returning to the recommendations to change the awards ballot format and the procedure used for tallying the vote, Moller moved, Plank seconded, that the Board approve the recommendations presented by Wilhoit and Harlow. After much discussion, Niswonger called the question and the motion carried.

Jim Morris presented a petition for Board resolution of a situation involving the border bearded iris, LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE, which, though introduced in 1990, did not complete the requirements for official AIS Registration until 1996, by which time its award eligibility had expired in accordance with AIS policy. On a motion by Probst, seconded by Jean Morris, carried, the Board approved the recommendation that LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE be added to the 1998 ballot, and allowed to remain eligible for awards for three years.

Bulletin Recycling

Gossett reported that his supply of 1984-1996 *Bulletin* s for recycling has been replenished and will be available for sale and distribution after January 1. Gossett was asked to cover the Storefront address printed in the 1996 issues with a label giving the current Storefront address. He reported that this need had been noted and is being done.

Convention Liaison

On a motion by Mahan, seconded by J. Plank, carried, the year 2000 Fall Board meeting location was changed from Omaha to Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mahan noted that the Chair for the 2003 convention in Virginia has been changed to Clarence Mahan.

Exhibitions

Moller distributed the annual Exhibition report. He noted that 1997 was similar to 1996, with 197 spring shows and 6 fall shows scheduled, 13 shows canceled and 20 failing to report. This year the Nelson Award ended with a three way tie for first place between CELEBRATION SONG, DUSKY CHALLENGER AND SILVERADO.

Moller described the duties of the Exhibition Chairman and asked the Board to consider approving changes to the way exhibition operations are handled.

Exhibitions is a committee of one, currently. In the interest of improving the flow of paperwork and the delivery of show supplies and show medals, Moller suggested that his committee be divided into three parts: 1) approving show schedules, 2) filling of orders for show supplies, and 3) recording and reporting final results. Mahan cautioned that there needs to be one person coordinating and overseeing all three elements of the exhibition process.

After a discussion on the problems of providing an accurate report for the winter *Bulletin* , with the Board's consensus and in the interest of establishing policy, Niswonger authorized Moller to report fall shows with the spring shows on a trial basis. Furthermore, by consensus, the Board gave approval for a one year trial of the three-part division of labor system for Exhibition work.

On a motion by Aitken, seconded by Probst, carried, "Fall Show" shall be defined as any show taking place after August 1st, and that the results of these shows shall be counted with results of the following spring in voting for the Nelson Award.

Pope suggested that a *Bulletin* article about the changes and new policy affecting

exhibitions could also incorporate a description of the intricacies of the job and an explanation of the 1997 problems to gain understanding from the membership. Moller and Aitken were directed to work together on the project.

A ten minute recess was called at 3:40 p.m.

Foundation Liaison's Report

No report was submitted by Foundation Liaison Mazur.

Niswonger reported that he authorized the AIS Foundation to receive *AIS Bulletins* at no charge since they are undertaking a *Bulletin* binding project for us.

J. Plank commented that an article will be written for the January *Bulletin* to call attention to the difference between the AIS gift and memorial funds and the AIS Foundation.

Historian's Report

Harder stated that he had no report.

In response to a question from Mahan, J. Plank answered that she has not received the official set of *AIS Bulletins* from the previous Secretary, Jeane Stayer. A letter will be written to Stayer requesting that this official set be sent to J. Plank at the Board's request.

Honorary Awards

Barr read a policy statement, drawn with the assistance of Hal Stahly, which set forth the guidelines from which the committee works in making a selection for each honorary medal. It was her recommendation that publishing a short article in the *Bulletin* would be of value to familiarize AIS members with the work of the Honorary Awards Committee.

Insurance

A written report from Insurance Chair Snyder stated briefly the work accomplished during this report period, and related that the work in progress is to establish guidelines for affiliates requesting certificates for upcoming show/sales.

Harder, referring to a Board request at the Spring Meeting, reported only recently learning the name of the carrier to which the American Hemerocallis Society has transferred their insurance coverage to gain a considerable savings. This information will be forwarded to Snyder for investigation.

Judges' Training

Corlew opened his report by stating that the training format at national convention continues to be well-received, and that the series on medians will be continued at the Colorado convention.

Corlew distributed his written report which showed a decrease in the number of judges from 1,001 to 998. The Board discussed with special concern the loss of those judges dropped from the roster either for nonpayment of dues or for neglecting to vote the official ballot as required. Epperson pointed out that the official AIS policy as stated in the Judges Handbook is that any judge who is dropped for nonpayment of dues may not reapply for reinstatement for three full years. Mahan urged the Board to consider extenuating circumstances before permitting the judges under discussion to be dropped from the roster.

Epperson read from the Judges Handbook the policy for reinstatement of Master and Emeritus judges which states that, '...they may be reinstated upon payment of dues if reinstatement is requested.' And continues that 'For reinstatement to be granted, the

judge must receive recommendation from the RVP and full approval of the AIS Board of Directors.' Lorena Reid, Region 13 RVP, being in attendance, gave her recommendation for the reinstatement of Opal Brown. On a motion by Epperson, seconded by Pope, carried, the Board approved the reinstatement of Opal Brown as Emeritus Judge.

Mahan moved, Pope seconded, that, recognizing the existence of special extenuating circumstances, the Board of Directors grants reinstatement without penalty to Bob and Judy Hollingworth as members of AIS.

After discussion about the fate of less prominent judges who may be caught in this same circumstance, Mahan amended his previous motion to add, 'that the remaining judges listed as dropped for nonpayment of dues on this report be notified that they have until January 1, 1998 to pay their dues and have their membership continue as uninterrupted.' Motion carried. Corlew was directed to make the necessary notifications.

Mahan moved, Epperson seconded, that the join date for O. Brown be kept as originally carried. Motion carried.

Corlew moved, Epperson seconded, that the Judges and 1997 Judges' Training Report be approved as amended to reinstate O. Brown and R. Hollingworth. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for dinner at 5:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8 p.m.

Library Committee

J. Plank read the report for Library Chairman McNames.

The Board recommended that the equipment needs identified in the Library report should be submitted to the AIS Foundation, as well to this Board. Niswonger suggested that McNames submit a prioritized list of the equipment he wants, prices included, to the Spring Board meeting for reconsideration. Meanwhile, Niswonger urged Board members to return to their Regions and solicit donations for equipment for the Library. Mahan emphasized the importance of the AIS Library Fund, which provides the money with which to purchase the equipment that will one day enable the Library to provide services to the members.

Membership Contest

Reporting for Membership Contest Chairman L. Miller, J. Plank announced that first place for Affiliates was won by the Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society (Reg. 4), and first place for individuals was won by Bob Keup (Reg. 2).

In his report, Chairman M. Lowe recommended that the policy which 'softens' publishing parameters for scientific studies be carried as an article in the *Bulletin*. He also recommended that a notification of the policy for black and white advertising rates should be published.

M. Lowe moved, Mahan seconded, that it be AIS policy that either the Board or Executive Committee approve any changes made to prices charged for AIS products. Motion carried.

Public Relations

O. Waters reported that as instructed by the Board, she placed an ad in Fine Gardening, but, due to the unanticipated and significant costs involved, she received Board consent to delay placing the ads in "Horticulture" and "Flower and Garden" magazines until costs could be reconsidered at this meeting.

Waters moved, M. Lowe seconded, that ads be taken out for the calendar year in

both "Horticulture" and "Flower and Garden" magazines for a total cost of \$2,450. After discussing various means of reducing our advertising costs, Mahan moved, Probst seconded, that the Waters motion be amended to authorize a calendar year ad to be placed only in "Flower & Garden." Amendment carried. The original motion, as amended, carried.

With regard to reciprocal ads with other plant societies, Mahan moved, Probst seconded, carried, that the Board approve the purchase of four ads in the "Daylily Journal."

Registrations

Keppel repeated his concern that efforts toward a millennium Check List go forward, and that this Check List not be undertaken by the registrations committee, but instead be a special project with a chairman who can devote full attention to the project. Niswonger remarked that HIPS might be able to provide guidelines and be a source for potential committee members. A. Lowe will explore the project with HIPS, and report back in the spring.

Robins

J. Plank read a brief report from Robins Chairman Libby Cross.

RVP Counselor

J. Plank presented the report from RVP Counselor Stahly.

A. Lowe moved, Harder seconded, carried, that the motion tabled at the 1997 Spring Meeting regarding the purchase of RVP pins be taken off the table. M. Lowe read the tabled motion, "In response to the Board of Counselors request, Mahan moved, Miller seconded that the AIS Board act in accordance with the recommendation from the Board of Counselors that the AIS no longer pay for past-RVP pins. but make them available as a sales item to those Region wishing to honor an outgoing RVP." Motion carried.

It will be the RVP Counselor's responsibility each year to notify any region with an outgoing RVP that it will be the region's responsibility to purchase a pin to award an outgoing RVP as an acknowledgment of their service.

Epperson moved, J. Plank seconded that the Board approve the RVPs named in Stahly's report as follows:

Terms expiring in 1998:

Warren Hazelton (1), Kathy Guest (2), Bettie Nutter (3), Anne Lowe (4), Marshall Goforth (5), Peggy Lamb (17), Calvin Reuter (21), Karen Bergamo (23).

Terms expiring in 1999:

Mary Thurman (7), Elaine Bourque (10), Brad Kasperek (12), Lorena Reid (13), Dr. Herbert Holk (15), Michael Moller (20), Leland Parkins (24).

Terms expiring in 2000 (incoming RVPs):

Howard Hughes (6), Edwin Kelsey (8), Orville Dickhaut (9), Carryl Meyer (11), Kitty Loberg (14), Catherine Boyko (16), Jim Morris (18), Margaret Griner (19), Louise Carson (22).

Motion carried.

Scholarship

Chairman Witt submitted a written report.

Niswonger reported that Witt will retire from this position at the end of the year and that a successor is being sought.

Section Liaison

Section Liaison Probst said there is ongoing confusion on what distinguishes a Section from a Cooperating Society. Niswonger said that one understanding of the difference is that a Section is part of the American Iris Society, while a Cooperating Society is not. It was pointed out and discussed that some Sections have 'subscribing members' who subscribe to the Section's publication without holding membership in the AIS. Such members have no vote, only Section members who are also AIS members may vote on Section matters. Cooperating Societies have no AIS membership requirements.

In response to a request for guidelines from Membership Chair Harlow, Mahan moved, Probst seconded, carried, that the AIS will absorb the percentage fee when a Section's dues are paid by MasterCard/Visa. Treasurer Nichols advises that both the Sections and the Cooperating Societies should be notified that the Cooperating Societies will be charged the percentage fee, but that the Sections will not. Harlow will include this information on her notification of the MasterCard/Visa capabilities.

Slides

Chairman Nichols reported on this year's slide program activity. It was agreed that the large number of old slides in his possession should be forwarded to the AIS library, and that any Section wishing to add some of these slides to their own program or archives may make copies for that purpose.

Nichols recommended charging a fee for slide rental to cover the rising costs of shipping and maintaining the slide programs. Epperson moved, J. Plank seconded, carried, that the Board approve H. Nichols' recommendation that a fee of \$10 be charged for each program set rented, with the renter responsible for return postage.

Mahan remarked that it should be a matter of policy that only AIS members, clubs and affiliates may rent slides. H. Nichols will formulate policy statement.

Ways and Means

J. Plank reported for the Chairman of the newly formed Ways and Means Committee, Iris Larson. Each Board member received a complementary bookmark created by Larson from surplus calendars, as an example of a way to utilize surplus inventory to raise funds.

Waters moved, J. Plank seconded, carried, that Larson has the Board's permission to contact Scott Aitken, who maintains the AIS web page, to explore ways in which this medium may be used to raise funds and consciousness about the AIS.

It is the Board's consensus that Larson be directed to contact the RVP Counselor, and, working together, to prepare a letter to RVPs that may be forwarded to their region affiliates to encourage them to promote and purchase *The World of Irises*.

Waters moved, J. Plank seconded, carried, that the Board approve Larson's request to produce 75 sets of bookmarks for marketing on the AIS web page, with sales occurring through the AIS Storefront.

Youth

Chairman Morris reported on the status of Regional Youth Chairmen and number of

youth members in each Region. She described the Classroom Iris Projects. She acknowledged, with appreciation, donations to the Foundation for the Ackerman Essay contest fund and donations to the AIS for the Clarke Cosgrove Youth Award fund.

Chairman Morris described plan for raising funds for the Youth program by selling silk-screened shirts containing a winning coloring contest entry. She explained that they will fund the project by asking for loans which will be used to finance the project and which will be repaid as the shirts are sold. Mahan's concerns about how the financial bookkeeping for this project may be handled were satisfied during discussion. The Greater Saint Louis Iris Society will act as sponsor of this project and handle the financial accounting.

Mahan moved, Probst seconded, carried, that the AIS name may be used on the proposed shirts.

The session adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

The meeting reconvened the following day, Sunday, November 2, 1997 at 8 a.m., and continued business with reports from special committees.

Awards System Review Committee

Chairman Epperson reported that his request for input on the Awards System resulted in a number of suggestions which were taken up for discussion by the committee

The major concern, which centers around being able offer a minimum of three eligible tall bearded irises on the ballot each year for the Dykes Medal, has been studied in detail, however, a final vote was not taken. Epperson asked that the Board adopt in principle his committee's recommendation that there be three Wister Medal Award winners each year, beginning in 1998. By 2001, therefore, there would always be seven TBs on the Dykes Medal eligibility list, assuming a TB wins the Dykes Medal each year.

Corlew moved, Pope seconded, carried, that the Board adopt the committee's recommendation in principle, and ratify this upon securing a vote from the Award Study Committee.

The Board agreed that after the Awards Study Group votes, the Board will be polled by mail for its final decision on that vote.

With regard to a question from N. Pocklington about the now current but soon-to-be-obsolete Judges Handbook, M. Lowe moved, Probst seconded, carried, that the Board grant approval of the recommendation to sell current Handbooks for the cost of postage only, or \$3 each.

Study of Non-Profit Incorporation and Tax Exempt Status for Regions

R. Plank reported that volunteer officers of a non-profit organization are exempt from liability upon the passage of a new law. The non-profit organizations, however, are still liable.

R. Plank referred to a publication regarding securing tax exempt status for organizations. He said that one way to accomplish this is to have a parent organization, such as the AIS, write a group exemption letter to the IRS for all the subordinate organizations that they sponsor, and that those organizations would, therefore, enjoy 501(c)(3) status without having to become incorporated and apply individually. It is required, however, that individual region bylaws conform to the 501(c)(3) pattern. He reminded the Board that this process began when Region 14 asked for sponsorship as a tax exempt organization from the AIS. Upon investigation, however, R. Plank found

their bylaws to be out of compliance with requirements and so they are currently undergoing revision.

R. Plank said that his committee met and voted to open the opportunity to all Regions. Epperson will contact the Regions to gauge their interest, and Chairman Plank will then craft his request to include all interested regions. There is a \$500 one-time application fee, that the committee recommends be paid by AIS, that could be recouped from the regions. He said that we will need to update annually, and additional regions can be added at that time.

On a motion by Epperson, seconded by Mahan, carried, the Board voted to proceed with the project to sponsor the regions as tax exempt subordinate organizations and to fund the application at \$500.

Election of Officers

Niswonger relinquished the chair to First Vice President Mahan to begin the election of officers.

Barr nominated Niswonger for President. Epperson moved that nominations cease and that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot. Pope seconded, motion carried.

Pope nominated Mahan for First Vice President. Epperson moved that nominations cease and the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot. Gossett seconded, motion carried.

Waters nominated Aitken for Second Vice President. Mahan moved, that nominations cease and the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot. A. Lowe seconded, motion carried.

Aitken nominated J. Plank for Secretary. Epperson moved that nominations cease and the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot.

Mahan seconded, motion carried.

Mahan nominated B. Nichols for Treasurer. Epperson moved that nominations cease and the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot. A. Lowe seconded, motion carried

Moller nominated Aitken for Editor. Epperson moved that nominations cease and the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot. Gossett seconded, motion carried.

President Niswonger called the Board into Executive session to consider recommendations for Honorary Awards.

Regular session resumed with the announcement of the Honorary Award recipients.

Honorary Awards

Emeritus Judge status was awarded to: Mrs. Wells E. Burton (Reg. 5) and Rosalie Figge (Reg. 4). Hybridizers' Medals were awarded to Dr. Robert Hollingworth and Sterling Innerst; the Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Emma Hobbs (Region 6); and the prestigious American Iris Society Gold Medal was awarded to Keith Keppel.

Appointment of Officers and Standing Committee Chairmen

Niswonger announced the following appointments:

Registrar	Keith Keppel
Membership Secretary	Marilyn Harlow
Publication Sales	Irv and Nancy Pocklington
Recording Secretary	Kathy Guest
Advertising Editor	Jean Erickson

Epperson moved, Corlew seconded, carried, that the appointments be approved.

Niswonger appointed the following Standing Committee Chairs:

Affiliates	Shirley Pope
Awards	Melody Wilhoit
Convention Liaison	Clarence Mahan
Exhibitions	Michael Moller
Foundation Liaison	Roger Mazur
Historical	Larry Harder
Honorary Awards	Claire Barr
Insurance	Michelle Snyder
Judges/Judges Training	Glen Corlew
Library	Keith McNames
Membership Contest	Lynda Miller
Policy	Mike Lowe
Public Relations	Olive Rice Waters
Registrations	Keith Keppel
Robins	Libby Cross
RVP Counselor	Dr. E. Roy Epperson
Scientific	Dr. Chandler Fulton
Scholarship	Dr. John Taylor
Section Liaison	Riley Probst
Slides	Hooker Nichols
Ways and Means	Iris Larson
Youth	Jean Morris

Corlew moved, Epperson seconded, carried, that the Standing Committee appointments be approved.

Niswonger appointed Allen Ensminger, Bennett Jones, and Dorothy Howard to serve as members-at-large on the Honorary Awards Committee with Barr. Corlew moved, Waters seconded, carried, that these appointments be approved.

Old Business

Pricing of items in the Storefront:

Mahan moved, Harder seconded, carried, that the price of the World of Iris be increased to \$27, effective with the January *Bulletin*.

Mahan moved, Pope seconded, carried, that the price of all hardback *Check Lists* be priced at \$17.

Mahan moved, Probst seconded, carried, that the price of all soft cover *Check Lists* be priced at \$14.

N. Pocklington asked for Board approval to reduce prices of such aging stock items as AIS seals, posters, medals, Anniversary *Bulletins* and Basic Iris Cultures in an effort to reduce inventory.

Corlew moved, Probst seconded, carried, that the price of Basic Iris Culture be reduced to \$1.50 each, and fifty for \$15.

Pope moved, Waters seconded, carried, that existing AIS seals be turned over to the Ways and Means Committee for disposition. Epperson moved, J. Plank seconded, carried, that the Storefront director be authorized to reorder AIS seals and to make

decisions on quantity and price, and that a listing for AIS seals not appear on the *Bulletin* Storefront page until the they are restocked.

Mahan moved, A. Lowe seconded, carried, that the 75th Anniversary *Bulletin* be sold for \$4.50 each.

Pope moved, Epperson seconded, carried, that the 75th Anniversary posters be given to the Ways and Means Committee for disposition, with fifteen given to the Youth Committee.

Epperson moved, Mahan seconded, carried, that the bronze 50th Anniversary medals remain in the Storefront to be sold at \$2.50 each.

Corlew moved, Pope seconded that the Board approve suggestions submitted by Harlow that 1) the 1994 Membership Book be removed from the Storefront listing in the *Bulletin* and the copies remaining in the Storefront inventory be destroyed and that 2) the statement announcing that Visa/MasterCard are now accepted be carried on the Storefront page, but not in gray scale. Motion carried

Harder moved, Epperson seconded that the commemorative medals be referred to Ways and Means for promoting their sale. Motion carried.

Mahan moved, Epperson seconded that old AIS calendars be referred to Ways and Means, with 25 given to Youth. Motion carried.

Epperson moved, Corlew seconded that the postcards remain in the Storefront as is. Motion carried.

Judges Handbook Printing & Pricing

Epperson reported that with an order of 2,500 copies, the Judges Handbook will cost \$6.11 per unit, complete, before shipping. The addition of shipping the costs will raise the unit cost to about \$7.50. Discussion followed in an effort to arrive at a reasonable price for the revised handbook.

Corlew moved, Harder seconded that the price for the new Handbook be \$12.50 each. Motion defeated.

Epperson moved, Harder seconded, that the new Judges Handbook be offered for sale, complete, at \$15.00 each. Motion carried.

Finalizing the 1997-1998 Budget

Treasurer Nichols reviewed the proposed budget in detail and encouraged Board members to ask questions and offer suggestions about amounts assigned to budgeted items. After careful consideration, the proposed budget was balanced and accepted by consensus.

Mission Statement

Nichols stated that she has the objective portion and the strategy portion of the Mission Statement formulated but that she has been unable to complete the action plan portion since formulating this part of the Mission Statement is dependent upon further input from committee chairmen. She issued a request to those chairmen who have not yet contributed to the action plan design to contact her and work with her in order to bring about a timely completion of this phase of the Mission Statement.

Closing announcements

Before adjourning the meeting, President Niswonger announced the next meeting of the AIS Board of Directors will take place in Denver, Colorado on June 2, 1998. Niswonger's expression of thanks to Don Freeman and the Iris Society of Austin for hosting the Fall Board Meeting was followed by a round of applause in appreciation

from those present.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

AIS Minutes
June 3rd-5th 1997

President Niswonger called to order the regular spring meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society at 1:10 PM on June 3, 1997. Present at the various sessions were President Niswonger; 1st Vice President Mahan; 2nd Vice President & Editor T. Aitken Secretary J. Plank; Treasurer B. Nichols; Membership Secretary Harlow Recording Secretary Guest; Legal Advisor R. Plank; Directors Corlew Harder, L. Miller, Pope, Waters, M. Wilhoit, M. Lowe, Probst, Moller and Witt; RVP Board Representative G. Sutton (14); Foundation Liaison Mazur; Standing Committee Chairmen McNames, J. Morris, and Snyder; RVPs W. Hazelton (1), B. Nutter (3), A. Lowe (4), Thurman (7), Reid (13), Holk (15), McMillen (16), Reuter (21), Bergamo (23), Parkins (24); RVP Representatives Meyer (11), Szmuriga (19); and guests M. Hazelton (1), Weinbaum (2), Marley (4), Lineberger (5), Outcalt (6), N. Pocklington (9), J. Wilhoit (9), Maryott (14), Messick (14), M. Sutton (14), Carson (15), G. Snyder (15), Byrne (17), Pfarner (17), Wyss (18), Gossett (22), Hickerson (22), Lack (22), Simmons (22), B. Figge (23), Sluizer (23)

In his opening remarks, President Niswonger recognized those present and encouraged everyone to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may vote.

The minutes of the fall, 1996 meeting in Colorado Springs, CO, printed in *AIS Bulletin # 304* were approved with the following corrections: S. Pope noted that the correct number of affiliates should be 171, not 154 as reported. J. Plank noted that the Hybridizers' Award does not include the word "distinguished" as part of its official title.

Niswonger reported on events that have occurred since the fall Board meeting:

The death of Richard Pettijohn, who served as the AIS Foundation Liaison to the AIS Board of Directors, created a vacancy which the AIS Foundation filled by appointing Roger Mazur to the position.

Following the death of Evelyn Jones, Chairman of the Library Committee, Niswonger asked Keith McNames to assume her duties. J. Plank moved, Miller seconded that the McNames appointment be ratified. Motion carried.

Sharon McAllister has prepared an extensive check list of aril and aril-bred irises which has been submitted, at her request, to the Board for approval. Offers for possible publication have been received, and since the material contained therein was obtained from AIS publications, McAllister would like Board approval for her work using that material. Action was delayed until later in the meeting.

Continuing the President's report, Niswonger announced that the Publications & Sales Director, Jerry Gifford, has resigned due to work demands and health problems and that a replacement is being sought. Until a replacement is found, Gifford has been instructed to get a committee together to address the backlog and to get the inventory down as far as possible.

With regard to the proposed merger of Regions 7 and 24, Niswonger stated that he has continued to receive correspondence on the subject since the fall meeting. Time has been set aside later in the meeting to examine the situation and try to arrive at resolution.

The fall meeting stimulated discussion about raising funds for the AIS, which in turn produced several workable suggestions. One suggestion, to conduct a silent auction, has been put together for a 'trial run' at this convention. If successful, this could be expanded upon in the future.

Niswonger pointed out that definitive action on the establishment of the Warburton Medal was not apparent in the Fall minutes, so to clarify, he asked for a formal motion to authorize the establishment and the striking of the Medal. J. Plank so moved, Harder seconded, motion carried. It was noted that AIS has received over \$2,000 towards the funding of this medal and Niswonger asked those present to encourage their clubs to make a donation.

Niswonger reported receiving a request to order RHS color charts in conjunction with other plant societies to qualify for a discounted price. Harder remarked that there are no quantity discounts available. Mahan suggested that the information on how to obtain the charts be made available, but that no charts be purchased for resale.

The World Iris Society position paper has been drafted and a site has been established on the world wide web.

Niswonger reported that a request has been made that AIS soften its policy on scientific papers so as not to discourage submission for publication in the *Bulletin*.

Secretary Plank, referring to her written report distributed earlier, emphasized the recommendation that the AIS increase promotion of its various special funds, such as the Scholarship and Library Funds.

Plank reported that the AIS has received an announcement from the New Zealand Iris Society that they will celebrate their 50 year jubilee in year 2000. An invitation was extended to all AIS members to begin now to make plans to attend the celebration.

Lowe asked if J. Plank had contacted the previous secretary for the collection of AIS *Bulletins* in her possession as called for in the minutes. J. Plank reported contact was made and that she has been promised that the *Bulletins* will be forwarded.

Membership Report

Harlow reviewed her written report forwarded to Board members in advance of this meeting. She said that we entered 1996 with 7,878 members, 700 did not renew in March. With new memberships received since then, total AIS membership is at 7,452 as of March 31, 1997. M. Lowe noted that Harlow had asked that the new membership year be allowed to stand for a one year trial period without modification. Harlow said that the calendar year membership is working well and recommended that it remain in place.

It was noted that a new membership application that can be economically produced is needed. On a motion by M. Lowe, seconded by J. Plank, carried, the Board approved reprinting of the membership application, adding an option to choose when the membership will begin. The bid for printing of the brochure will be submitted to Executive Committee in the interest of saving time.

Following discussion during which the possibility of initiating the use of charge card dues payment was examined, Harlow was asked to explore this option, with input from Treasurer Nichols, and to report the findings to the Executive Committee for decision. If it is found to be feasible to accept charge payments, the goal is to be operational by January 1st.

Corlew noted a recommendation in Harlow's report that we advertise in gardening magazines. Mahan moved that ads be placed in *Flower and Garden*, *Horticulture* and the *American Hemerocallis Society Bulletin* and that ads be placed for one year with coded box numbers for evaluating results. Stahly seconded, motion carried. Probst suggested that we work with the plant societies for reciprocal advertising (i.e. Hemerocallis, Hosta, Dahlia, Rose, Orchid, societies).

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Nichols distributed copies of the interim financial report. Before addressing several points of importance in the report, Nichols called attention to the importance of the AIS internet web site to the growth and development of the organization. She recommends that our web site address be on every piece of information produced by the AIS and further, that the growers also be asked to include this information when promoting the AIS.

After reviewing the income, expenditures and total cash balance for the interim, Nichols pointed out that the decrease in membership income of about 35% was anticipated due to some members purchasing memberships at the old rate in advance of the increase.

Nichols called attention to several areas in which the problems involving the Publication Sales office has adversely affected the AIS financial position.

M. Lowe questioned how the Board decision to set aside money towards a regular audit cycle will be implemented. Nichols responded that as funds are available, she will put some aside for an audit. She offered copies of the current audit statement.

In response to a question about the amount of money to be shifted from the AIS

General Fund toward replenishing the Life Membership Fund, Nichols stated that she recommends none be shifted at this time. Stahly remarked that the Board had agreed that a footnote be included on each budget report which states how much money had been borrowed from the restricted Life Membership fund. Nichols acknowledged that this had been omitted on the current statement.

Nichols read a draft mission statement she was asked to create for AIS. Nichols added her personal remarks on the importance of having a stated mission and stated goals in order to move forward.

Registrar's Report

Registrar Keppel's written report was distributed to Board members prior to the meeting. Secretary Plank reviewed the report's recommendations in Keppel's absence: revision of the registration form; reprinting the AIS *Bulletin* article on how to register an iris, and the immediate formation of a committee to begin the electronic *Check List* project, since both the decade and the millennium will soon be upon us. In addition, Keppel recommends revision of the policy regarding the length of time an iris name may be reserved, changing the time from 5 years to 3 years. Harder moved, Miller seconded that the maximum time for holding an iris name in reserve be changed from 5 years to 3 years. After discussion, Harder amended his motion to allow a year's time for input from interested parties before this change goes into effect, Miller seconded, motion carried. Keppel will be asked to write an article with regard to this change.

On Keppel's recommendation, Witt moved, Corlew seconded that fragrance be listed as an optional item on the registration form. Motion carried.

Stahly informed the Board that Howard Hughes of Region. 6, acting under his own initiative, has combined all Check List and R & I listings from 1929 to 1996 into one computer file, and that all detail for the letter "A" has been completed. Hughes requested Board approval to proceed further, given that the material is AIS copyrighted. After much discussion over the scope of the work, by consensus, the Board authorizes Howard Hughes to proceed with Keppel as coordinator for the work and the assistance of volunteers as needed. Stahly added that any printing can proceed only with Board approval.

Plank moved, Pope seconded that an Electronic Registrations Committee be formed, as an *ad hoc* committee, using the members of the current Registrations Committee in addition to Howard Hughes and Donna Spears and any volunteers who may come forward. Motion carried.

Stahly moved, Waters seconded, that the reprinting in the *Bulletin* of "How to Register an Iris", with or without the proposed changes, be left to the discretion of Keppel and Aitken. Motion carried.

Special Committees - Bylaws Revision

Chairman, R. Plank reported that the most recent recommendations from the Bylaws

Revision Committee were distributed in advance to Board members, RVP's, Committee Chairs, Section Leaders, Cooperating Society leaders, as well as some additional interested parties. He read aloud a minor clarification received late and distributed to Board members just prior to the opening session of the meeting. R. Plank recommended approval of the proposed Bylaw changes and related policy statements. Upon approval, a ballot will be developed to be mailed with the July *Bulletin*.

Following discussion, Stahly moved, Moller seconded, to approve the AIS Bylaws changes as presented—including the addendum—for dissemination to the membership. Motion carried. Stahly moved, J. Plank seconded, to approve the policy statements included in R. Plank's report. Motion carried. Lowe noted that policy changes are effective when the minutes in which those changes are reported are approved at the next Board meeting.

Policy Statements -

1. Policy with regard to SELECTING NOMINEES from the candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee:

The AIS Board of Directors,

a. Believing that candid discussion of the qualifications of candidates for officers or members of the AIS Board during the period immediately preceding voting is in the best interests of the AIS and

b. Believing that some voting members may be reluctant to discuss candidly the qualifications of candidates for office in the presence of such candidates; and

c. Believing that candidates eligible to vote in the election must be allowed to do so, therefore

Issues this statement of basic governing principles:

Candidates for office or vacancies on the AIS Board shall be excused from the room during discussion of their qualifications and Candidates excused during discussion of qualifications shall be called back and allowed to vote.

2. Policy with regard to the use of a SECRET BALLOT

The AIS Board of Directors,

a. Believing that the independent exercise of individual judgment in the selection of officers or members of the AIS Board is in the best interests of the AIS, and

b. Believing that some voting members may be reluctant to vote their conscience in an open meeting, and

c. Believing that some voting members may be reluctant to vote their conscience if

forced to state their preferences on a personally handwritten ballot; therefore

Issues this statement of basic governing principles:

Voting for the election of officers or members of the AIS Board of Directors shall be by uniform, fully preprinted secret ballot requiring only marks to indicate preferences.

3. Policy with regard to a DIRECTOR'S SECOND THREE YEAR TERM NOT AUTOMATIC

The AIS Board of Directors,

a. Believing that the AIS membership at large includes a significant number of individuals who are keenly interested in, highly qualified for, and fully capable of, distinguished service on the AIS Board of Directors; and

b. Believing that nomination for a second term should be in recognition of outstanding performance of assigned individual and committee duties; therefore

Issues this statement of basic governing principles:

Consideration for a second term as director following a first three year term shall be at the discretion of the Nominating Committee and the Board of Directors.

From the audience, A. Lowe requested that the minutes show appreciation for the work done by R. Plank in preparing these proposed Bylaws and Policy changes.

Publications & Sales

Paul Gossett reported that all old *Bulletins* have been sold, with the exception of a few that will be offered in the next *Bulletin* and that excess copies of the 1996 *Bulletins* will be held until the beginning of 1998.

Awards System

Roy Epperson reported that copies of the Award System Guidelines with a cover letter inviting comments and suggestions had been forwarded to the Board, RVP and Section Presidents, Cooperating Society Presidents, Committee Chairs and other interested parties in advance of this meeting. He has received expressions of concern in regard to:

1. The large number of cultivars eligible for HMs in the SDB and TB classes; 2. The small number of HMs available in other classes; 3. Finding an equitable way to insure that the Dykes Medal list will include 3 eligible TB cultivars each ballot; 4. The too few numbers of eligible cultivars in the species and species cross classes.

Epperson is continuing to solicit recommendations and intends to present said recommendations at the fall Board meeting.

Judges Handbook Revision

Chairman of Judges Corlew reported that Roy Epperson has taken over the Judges

Handbook Revision chairmanship. Epperson reported that his committee has established objectives and a timeline. Consideration has been allowed for Board approval of proposed revisions at both the Fall, 1997 and Spring, 1998 meetings. Publication will be accomplished in 1998. Based upon the current number of judges and past demand, Epperson will get quotes for printing 2,000 handbooks, and also in increments of 500.

Scientific Papers

Niswonger read an amended version of the *Bulletin* technical paper publishing policy statement. The revised statement "softens" the language used in the original policy statement in an effort to enable more papers to be eligible for publication and to encourage more authors of scientific or technical articles to consider submitting their work. On a motion by Stahly, seconded by Corlew, carried, the Board approved of the revised technical paper publishing policy as presented.

Affiliates

Affiliates Chairman, Pope reviewed her written report. A total of 168 approved AIS affiliates has received approval to date.

Awards

Awards Chairman Wilhoit announced that 841 Judges' ballots were mailed in March. She noted that the Regional counters were changed after receiving complaints from people who did not believe that counters should be tallying their own region's ballots.

Exhibitions

Exhibitions Chairman Moller reported that former chairman Gristwood had forwarded all information to him in December. Because Exhibition supplies were low, heavy restocking orders were necessary. He reported that our charge to the affiliates for exhibition supplies had been close to cost and did not include shipping costs. In an effort to make things more cost effective, Moller has increased Exhibition item prices by 25% with no negative effect.

Editor's Report

In response to concerns voiced regarding layout rates, Editor Aitken distributed a proposed price schedule for ad layouts. Camera ready ads will be accepted per the schedule, and a service charge imposed when special work is required. The proposed schedule was designed to reflect the increased time needed to set-up some ads, yet remain attractive for most advertisers. On a motion by Miller, seconded by Probst, carried, the Board adopted the proposed pricing policy for advertising other than color as submitted. Aitken will prepare a color schedule to be submitted for Board approval at the following morning session.

The Board discussed various aspects of publishing the *Bulletin*, including: font type and size, content, white space and color.

The Board considered the position of Advertising Editor and how it could be made

more efficient and meaningful given today's technology. It was suggested that the position's most valuable function might be to serve as a liaison between advertisers and editor as well as being an active sales solicitor.

The discussion on the topic of paid employees prompted Mahan to relate that his efforts to solicit opinions on cost savings, found that most people did not believe the salaried personnel should be affected unless the job becomes vacant. He said that there is a high satisfaction level with both the offices of the Membership Secretary and Registrar, both salaried positions. Niswonger asked the Board if they believed we should create a personnel committee to review jobs and salaries on an on-going basis. Stahly moved, Waters seconded that the questions raised be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration over the summer and with their recommendations for studying the issue brought back to the Fall Board meeting. Motion carried.

Historian Report

Harder reports that he continues to send material to Keppel and to Keith McNames, recently appointed Library Chairman.

The ongoing inventory processing of library material, and the reduction of duplicated materials was discussed. Niswonger read of a list of such materials that have been submitted for possible inclusion in the silent auction to be held at the convention (noting that there are two additional copies of each item remaining in the library inventory). Corlew moved, Pope seconded that the items as listed be added to the silent auction. Motion carried. Witt moved, Probst seconded that the proceeds from items donated out of the AIS library go back to the library fund. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5 PM, reconvened at 8:15 am, June 4

Insurance Report

Michelle Snyder reported that she had written an article published in the April, 1997 *AIS Bulletin* explaining the AIS insurance policy and how to request a certificate of insurance.

Harder reported that the American Hemerocallis Society has realized a large savings in insurance costs by changing carriers. He was asked to forward this information to Snyder.

Judges Training

Corlew reported that everything is functioning as usual.

Membership Contest

Miller reported receiving good response for this year's contest from affiliates, but not from individuals which she believes is caused by some confusion on the rules. She requested that a reminder about the contest be printed in the October *Bulletin*.

Policy

M. Lowe reported that some Ad Hoc committees are 'dangling', still in force, but not

active. He will try to contact those involved to determine the status of the committee. He also said that he is working on compiling all AIS policy into one computer file that may be easily searched and which would be available upon request to anyone with a computer.

Public Relations

Waters reported that the annual Horticulture article on award winners appeared in April and that she responded to any written requests for information. She also reported that the AIS Display Screen has been enjoying heavy use, and that the 2-screen system is working well.

Waters said that she had sent out requests for pre-orders for the 1998 AIS calendars and has orders in hand. Waters expressed regret that calendar sales were off for 1997, due in part to problems in the Sales Office. Waters recommends that the calendar prices remain at \$5/each, \$3/each in quantities of 10, with a \$5 shipping charge for each bulk calendar order.

Niswonger reported receiving a request from the Iris Society of Massachusetts, that irises used on the calendar be named and that the calendars reflect more beardless irises. The Board discussed the reasons for the policy of not naming the irises and noted that non-bearded irises were amply represented in the 1997 calendar.

Robins

J. Plank reported for Cross that she recommends the formation of more regional robins and is looking for a volunteer to become director for an international robin, since there is much interest in a robin of that type.

Scientific Report

No new business. Dr. Fulton reports that Dr. McEwen continues in his study of apogon disease.

Scholarships

Witt reported donations to the scholarship fund from New Mexico (\$1,000), a William Hannon (\$100), and the King Co. Iris Society (\$500). Witt reports eighteen applicants for scholarship funds were received. Witt submitted the names and projects of two applicants selected by the committee from which to choose this year's scholarship recipient. On a motion by Miller, seconded by Mahan, carried, the Board approved of the applications of Aaron Rodriguez for the study of the genus *tigridia* and John Burke for a study on Louisiana irises. Niswonger observed that we are not finding applicants to work on projects important to irisarians, and he invited various groups and individuals to consider

underwriting research projects. Wilhoit stated that research is urgently needed on how to prevent iris borer damage in the north and east.

Slide Report

B. Nichols reported for H. Nichols that he has received 50 requests for slides since

January, with heaviest demand for Iris Trivia, The Popularity Poll and The Newest in Irises. Nichols acknowledged two generous donations of slides by Mary Dunn (Reg. 14) and Betty Jamieson (Reg. 22), and requested that a thank you letter be sent to each on behalf of the AIS Board.

Youth

J. Morris reported on the winners of the 1996 Clarke Cosgrove Award: 1st place Erin Marie Griner, Reg. 19, 2nd Shilo Gillam Reg. 18, and a tie for 3rd place between Kay Weathers Reg. 5 and Jessica Lynn Braeuner Reg. 18. She further reported there are six new Regional Youth Chairmen and several regions now have a youth regional newsletter. Morris reminded those present that she has classroom packets available for those who will be speaking at schools which enable a class to become members of AIS

Rare Iris Study

Niswonger stated for the record that the Rare Iris Study Committee is an *ad hoc*, rather than a standing committee, that was created to take inventory of what species iris exist and are available. J. Plank reported for Dr. Waddick that he continues to work with Dr. Rodionenko.

RVP Counselor's Report

Stahly reported that at the RVP meeting held the previous night the following RVPs were elected to serve as officers for the Board of Counselors for the coming year: Anne Lowe, RVP representative; Herb Holk and Karen Bergamo, Personnel (Nominating) Committee; Mary Thurman, Chairman of the Board of Counselors, and Lorena Reid, Secretary.

Stahly said that topics discussed included: encouraging youth membership, the status of the Judges Handbook and the Awards and Ballots system revision, the by-laws revisions report, and Regional Incorporation.

In response to a report that the Ackerman Youth Fund has run out of money, it was agreed that each RVP should return to his or her region with the recommendation that the Region contribute \$100 to this fund, if affordable.

There was considerable discussion about the lack of responsibility on the part of some RVPs. Stahly reported that both the Membership and Affiliate Chairman spoke the subject, saying that they have no contact at all with some RVPs.

Stahly said that the RVPs discussed the awarding of RVP pins and have suggested that they not be awarded when the RVP did not perform basic duties. He said that the RVPs passed a resolution asking that the Board to consider that AIS no longer pay for a pin for outgoing RVPs but make them available as a sale item for those Regions wishing to honor an outgoing RVP. In response to the Board of Counselor's request, Mahan moved, Miller seconded that the Board act in accordance with this recommendation.

In discussion, A. Lowe expressed her opinion that any sanctions should not come from the Region, but rather from the Board. She said that it is up to the various chairs to report to the Board when they are not getting a response from an RVP and the Board may then wish to decline to reappoint that RVP. Stahly moved, J. Plank seconded that the motion be tabled and the question be studied. Motion carried.

AIS Conventions

After reporting on conventions previously scheduled, Convention Liaison Mahan moved, Stahly seconded, that the following additional convention sites be approved:

2004	Spartanburg, SC
2005	St. Louis, MO
2006	Portland, OR

Motion carried.

After a short break the Board reconvened at 10:20 am.

Foundation

Foundation Liaison Mazur reported approval of two grants, one to Dr. Rodionenko on species and one to Dr. McEwen to finish his study on iris diseases. He said that an Evelyn Jones Library Fund has been established in her memory and that a donation was collected for the Ackerman Fund.

Mazur observed that there is confusion between the AIS and the AIS Foundation giving rise to misdirected donations.

Newly elected AIS Foundation Board Members are Will Plotner and Call Reuter. Dick Butler was reelected as President.

Section Liaison

Probst reported that R. Hollingworth was elected at the previous night's meeting to serve on the AIS Nominating Committee.

Probst said that the sections discussed the rotation of meetings at the AIS Convention in order to avoid conflicts. He said there was considerable discussion on the difference between a Section and a Cooperating Society, the main difference being a requirement that members of Sections also be members of AIS. This requirement was discussed at length, and it was acknowledged that this is not the case in practice, and that therefore, the distinction between the two bodies has gradually diminished. M. Lowe suggested that one distinction is pro bono advertising to sections.

World Iris Society

M. Lowe reported that the web page for the WIS is in place at (<http://www.worldiris.com>). He asks that anyone who has material that may be useful to this page, to please contact him.

Tax Exempt

D. Niswonger reported that Region 14 has requested tax exempt status, based on research they have conducted which advises that subordinate organizations to a tax exempt organization may enjoy that status by virtue of a letter from the parent organization to the IRS, providing they meet certain requirements. R. Plank added that he has asked experts from his law firm to research the question. He recommended that the Board approve Region 14's request conditionally, that this be implemented, barring any negative findings, with final Board approval in the Fall to send a letter to the IRS. Sutton moved, Miller seconded that the Board proceed with the request from Region 14, using it as a pilot, and that if there are no negative findings and Board approval is granted in the Fall, other Regions will be invited to use this means to establish tax exempt status. Motion carried.

New Business

Niswonger referred back to his Presidential Message where he spoke of the AIS's need to raise funds, and posed the desirability of forming a Ways and Means Committee to study how that may be accomplished. Corlew moved, J. Plank seconded that AIS create a standing committee to handle ways and means. Motion carried. Niswonger asked for the names of volunteers to serve on this committee.

Aril Publication

On a motion by J. Plank, seconded by Probst, carried, the Board granted approval of Sharon McAllister's request that the checklist she prepared be made available for printing to any group wishing to do so.

Personnel Committee

Witt submitted the names of candidates for nomination for election to the Board. The Board went into Executive Session at 11:30 am followed by their standard lunch break, reconvening at 1:45 PM.

Niswonger announced the following candidates were selected as nominees for election to the Board; Dr. Roy Epperson, Maxine Perkins, Paul Gossett and Jean Morris.

Color Ads

Aitken submitted the following proposed rates for color ads for the *Bulletin* based upon location:

Back cover: \$500	Inside front:	\$425
Inside back: \$400	Centerfold:	\$400
Regular page: \$275	multiple std:	\$250

Mini ads: \$150, on a space-available basis.

Aitken moved, Waters seconded, that the above schedule be accepted, effective

with the October *Bulletin*. Motion carried.

Mission Statement

Nichols proposed the following Mission Statement including specific strategic plans and action plans on how to get there:

Mission Statement

"The American Iris Society is a non-profit institution, incorporated in February, 1927 in the County of Philadelphia, state of Pennsylvania. By the terms of the charter, the corporation has no stockholders and exists for the sole purpose of providing for the culture and improvement of the iris. This organization should provide an avenue of communication and guidance to our membership, youth, scientific research and our affiliate sections and regions through exceptional publications and national and local activities that enhance all types of irises, keeping a grasp on the past while moving forward."

Strategic Plans

1. To increase membership

Action Plan: promotional means, share with other associations

2. To maintain solvency

Action Plan: Ways and Means - alternative revenue outside the membership dues

3. To provide avenues for iris research

Action Plan: To encourage contribution of funds devoted to research

4. To develop youth knowledge

Action Plan: to promote youth with contests and prizes and scholarship plan

5. To enlighten and educate the general public

Action Plan: have a positive attitude, donate rhizomes, support plantings at civic buildings

Nichols recommended that when a Mission Statement/Goals Statement is adopted, it be printed for every member and included with all new member packets.

Epperson suggested that the effort be 'adopted in principle', with a completed statement presented at the fall meeting following input from the RVPs and other interested parties.

On a motion by Mahan, seconded by Harder, carried, the Mission Statement proposal was adopted in principle, with direction that a rough draft be sent to RVPs, Section Chairman and other interested parties and that the statement be printed in the *Bulletin* soliciting comments and input. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee

Niswonger requested approval for the appointments of J. Plank and R. Probst to serve as Board representatives on the 1998 Nominating Committee: J. Plank and R. Probst. Lowe moved that nominations be approved, Pope seconded, motion carried.

Announcements

Niswonger reported that the Fall Board meeting is scheduled for October 31, November 1 and 2 at Fourpoints Hotel in Austin, TX.

Library Committee Request

On a motion by Corlew, seconded by J. Plank, carried, the Board approved of M. Lowe's request for approval to copy and distribute copyrighted articles to individual members who may request same.

After a short break, the meeting reconvened.

Regional Boundaries

Merger Question Involving Regions 24 and 7

Niswonger reported that he has received requests to revisit the topic of the merger of Regions 24 and 7. He pointed out that although he received correspondence requesting that Mississippi be annexed to Region 7, several of the

affiliates let their opposition to such a merger be known. Furthermore, the merger proposal has actually stimulated activity in Region 24 and they are working hard to revive their area. The issue was once again discussed.

Probst moved, Witt seconded that Mississippi merge with Region 7. Motion defeated. Sutton moved, Pope seconded that the request to merge the area North of the Tennessee River with Region 7 be denied. Motion carried.

Staten Island, Region 2, Region 19 and Region 3

Niswonger reported that after consulting with Kathy Guest, RVP of Region 2, and Nancy Szmuriga of Region 19, it was learned that there are currently no active AIS members on Staten Island and it has been recommended that SI be reunited with Region 2. Region 19, meanwhile, is requesting to merge with Region 3. Niswonger said that that request is under discussion with the Regions involved.

Miller moved, Corlew seconded, that Staten Island be reunited with Region 2. Motion carried.

Sutton moved, Miller seconded that an *ad hoc* committee be formed to study and make recommendations on the geographical boundaries of AIS. Motion carried. Niswonger will proceed with appointment to this committee.

Adjournment

Niswonger thanked Region 6, the Iris Club of Southeast Michigan for hosting this

convention. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

ADDENDUM

Following adjournment of the AIS Board of Directors, a recommendation was received by President Niswonger from the SIGNA Board regarding the "Founders of SIGNA" and the "Randolph-Perry" medals. President Niswonger polled a majority of the AIS members of the Board and the recommendation was approved as follows:

1) The Founders of SIGNA and Randolph-Perry Medals should be awarded for the first time in the year 2000 (1999 ballot) and not in 1998.

2) Eligibility of the cultivars PARTY LINE and PINK PEAKS for the Founders of SIGNA Medal and ASIAN ALLIANCE for the Randolph-Perry Medal listed on the 1997 Ballot should be extended with the 1999 ballot being considered their first year of eligibility and the 2001 ballot being their last year of eligibility.

Therefore, any candidate listed as eligible for these medals on the 1999 ballot will have 3 years of eligibility for the medals,

3) Voting for the Founders of SIGNA and Randolph-Perry Medals will not occur until the 1999 official ballot.

4) To avoid possible confusion in the 1997 Official Ballot, the vote for these awards SHOULD NOT BE announced in any form.

SECRETARY'S LONG WRITE OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Radisson North
Colorado Springs, CO**

November 1-3, 1996

The regular fall meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Iris Society was called to order by President O. David Niswonger at 8:30 p.m., November 1, 1996. Present at the various sessions were President Niswonger; Immediate Past President Barr; 1st Vice President Mahan; 2nd Vice President Stahly, Secretary J. Plank; Treasurer B. Nichols; Editor Aitken; Membership Secretary Harlow; Recording Secretary Guest; Publication Sales Director Gifford; Advertising Editor Erickson; Legal Advisor R. Plank; Directors Pope, M. Wilhoit, Corlew, L. Miller, Harder, Waters, and Witt; RVP Board Representative G. Sutton (14); Directors-elect M. Lowe, Moller and Probst; RVPs B. Nutter (3), A. Lowe (4), Goforth (5); Smith (13), P. Lamb (17), Chapman (20), Bergamo (23); RVPs-elect Thurman (7), Kasperek (12), Holk (15), L. Perkins (24); Section Representative R. Figge (RIS) and guests D. Nutter (3), Honkanen (5), R. Miller and D. Stahly (6), J. Wilhoit (9), Messick and M. Sutton (14), D. Lamb and H. Nichols (17), M. Niswonger (18), Crouch, Conklin, C. and D. Gates, Foster, Stetson, W. and V. Wiekhorst (20), and Gossett (22).

In his opening remarks, President Niswonger invited and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may vote.

The following corrections were made to the minutes of the spring Board meeting in Sacramento, CA:

Membership Secretary Harlow requested that a line on pg. 89, paragraph 4, be clarified to reflect that she was only to update the chapter on membership for the RVP's Handbook.

Public Relations Chairman Waters requested in the interest of clarity, that the phrase on pg. 93, paragraph 14, line 2, be changed from "for use in" to "to be shipped from", and on pg. 89, paragraph 1, line 2, the wording be changed to read "A couple living in the Northeast has agreed take responsibility for shipping, on request, the new display screen, which AIS will obtain for \$694."

There being no further additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as printed in the AIS Bulletin #303.

M. Lowe noted that the minutes of January, 1996 (Bulletin #300) omitted stating that an RVP takes office immediately upon approval at the Fall Board meeting.

Secretary J. Plank reported that the listing of the nominees to the Board was inadvertently omitted from the July Bulletin. The AIS Bylaws call for members to be notified of the slate of candidates before August 1. A direct mailing to all AIS members could not be accomplished fast enough to satisfy the time requirement, and would be cost-prohibitive. A direct mailing to all RVPs asking them to notify AIS members in their respective regions, could be accomplished, however, before the August 1 time line, and for far less cost. Although this was a gesture made in good faith, it was not entirely successful in satisfying the Bylaws requirement. In an effort to remain in compliance with the Bylaws, it was suggested that the authority granted to the President in the Bylaws (Article 4, Section 1, paragraph e), be used to appoint the candidates to interim directorships, and that this was a proper procedure for fulfilling the needs of the organization while remaining in harmony with the Bylaws.

Following discussion of the suggestion, President Niswonger appointed the four nominated candidates and asked approval for the appointment. On a motion by Stahly, seconded by Waters, carried, candidates Mike Lowe, Mike Moller, Shirley Pope and Riley Probst were approved as appointed.

President Niswonger reported that: 1) Upon the resignation of Betty Burch, Kathy Guest was appointed Recording Secretary and approval received for her appointment; 2) Bob Pries asked that a call go out for computer-oriented volunteers who would be interested in helping with data entry for the AIS Millennium Check List project proposed by Pries; 3) The transportation of archival material from Tulsa, Oklahoma to Silverton, Oregon has taken place successfully, through the efforts of Kitty Lack and the Lack family; 4) Dr. Currier McEwen has submitted a request that The AIS find a way to honor Bee Warburton. It is Niswonger's suggestion that a Bee Warburton Memorial Medal be created to recognize and honor international achievement. The Warburton family has offered to initiate a fund for the development of such a medal, following Board approval.

Secretary J. Plank reported briefly on her office's activities, stating that the change in 1996 to non-personalized logo stationery for AIS officers, directors, RVPs, chairmen, etc., saved considerable funds.

Membership Secretary Harlow had provided copies of her report in advance of the meeting. Her report shows an unprecedented loss of 1,038 members, of which only 40% were one year members. This loss represents a 9% drop in membership and

amounts to a revenue loss of more than \$18,000. Current AIS membership stands at 7,641. This is the first time since 1989 that our membership has dropped below the 8,000 level. The Life Membership payment plan has been a successful offer, however. Although the change in the membership year has generated many complaints, Harlow recommends that we make no changes until a full year has passed.

Corlew moved, Pope seconded, to reaffirm the recommendation not to prorate dues. Motion carried.

Mahan moved, Sutton seconded, that new members of AIS be afforded the option of having their membership begin on January 1 of the year in which they apply, or on January 1 of the next year. Further, that this be effected by having appropriate check-off boxes on the "Invitation to Join," together with the statement that if no box is checked, membership will begin on January 1 of the current year. This is to be included in the next printing of the "Invitation To Join." Motion carried.

Copies of the October issue of the AIS Bulletin were distributed to Board members, along with Editor Aitken's report. Various aspects of producing the Bulletin were discussed and suggestions were offered toward economizing on scarce Bulletin space.

Niswonger reported that the AIS has been receiving complaints from members about growers who have accepted money in payment and have neither returned the money nor shipped plants. Complaints are submitted to the AIS because the customer believes that if a grower has an ad in the Bulletin, the AIS endorses the advertiser. Advertising Editor Erickson recommended adoption of a policy whereby the AIS could refuse to accept advertising from growers whom we believe have not conducted their business in an admirable manner. M. Lowe stated that a motion to this effect was made and tabled at the '96 Spring Meeting. This motion, to accept an advertising policy as drawn and recommended by Erickson and M. Lowe, was taken from the table and carried. M. Lowe pointed out that the policy statement tabled last spring has been amended. Stahly moved, Plank seconded, motion carried, that the policy statement be accepted as amended.

The meeting was adjourned until the following morning.

Niswonger called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Treasurer Nichols distributed copies of the financial statement. She reported that at present the AIS is more financially sound than it was at this time last year. She reviewed the condensed financial statement and noted that we have met and exceeded the budgeted income by over \$800. Nichols pointed out that the Life Payment Plan seems to be a tremendous success. Membership continues to be the primary source of income for the AIS. Nichols has projected a 1997 Membership income of \$125,000. A discussion followed which focused on how best to keep AIS membership enrollment from dropping. Nichols reviewed a chart reflecting income, expense and net income from 1982 to date, which shows the current year to have the best ratio of expense to income since 1988. Net income was worst in 1995 due to expenses associated with the AIS 75th Anniversary celebration. B. Nichols reviewed month-to-month income and expense versus the budget in detail, and encouraged questions, discussion and suggestions on how to increase income and decrease expenses. She concluded by stating that she is encouraged by the "bottom line."

In a review of the reserve funds, the Life Membership Fund was discussed at length. Corlew pointed out that although the Life Membership Fund had been borrowed against,

the AIS Board has stated a goal to return the money to that reserve fund as circumstances permit. Mahan stated that it is imperative that the AIS set aside income in a restricted Life Membership Fund, with interest only coming back coming back to the General Fund.

A. Lowe noted that at a previous meeting the AIS Board had approved setting aside Life Membership funds in a separate account which may not be accessed. From the Policy Index, M. Lowe read the previous Board action which read, "Stahly moved, Mahan seconded, that the Restricted Life Membership Fund be kept as a restricted fund, with a footnote that it had been borrowed against. Motion carried."

Mahan moved, Stahly seconded, motion carried, that the amount of Life Membership funds collected in FY '96 be set aside in a separate, restricted fund, The Life Membership Fund, which can not be used for any purpose, except to accrue interest, and that all future Life Membership income go into that account. Niswonger added that we will still carry the footnote of how much is owed to the account.

Mahan moved, Stahly seconded, motion carried, that in each treasurer's report the Treasurer will recommend an appropriate amount to transfer from the operating funds to the separate, restricted, Life Membership Account, until such time as the full amount borrowed is restored.

B. Nichols asked to have the minutes reflect that the Board accepts the balance of \$74,252 as accurate. Stahly moved, Harder seconded, that the Board assert the \$74,252 accurately reflects the balance forwarded as of 9/30/95, from the Life Membership Fund, as previous audits have attested. Motion carried.

As directed by the Board, Nichols presented a draft of an AIS Mission Statement which she believes addresses the most important areas of concern.

The meeting recessed for 10 minutes.

Discussion on the Mission Statement continued following the short recess with both guests and Board members offering suggestions to be considered for inclusion in the final statement which Nichols has been asked to bring to the Spring Board meeting.

J. Plank read the report from Registrar Keppel. Keppel stated that registrations have leveled off to 866 cleared names, 200 more than the previous year, with the final figure as of December 1 to be projected around 900. Bids have been received based on the 100 page registration book for 1995. Keppel reported that four foreign irises introduced in 1996 have been certified as eligible for AIS awards. Keppel remarked that the most pressing problem facing the registrar is the issue of putting registrations on disk, and he recommends that a committee be appointed to study the question. Keppel concluded that he is grateful to Kathy Wells of Salina, Texas who has supplied him with an alphabetical list of all R & I and Check List cultivar names, a project she undertook on her own.

Corlew moved, J. Plank seconded, that 800 Registration and Introduction booklets be published and that the sales price remain at \$6 each. Motion carried.

Mahan moved, Witt seconded, that Kathy Wells be commended by the Board for alphabetizing the registrations. Motion carried.

M. Lowe stated that a new electronic committee needs to be established with a precise mission. He suggested that the people responsible for putting section information on computer be made part of that committee. Niswonger asked for names in recommendations from which he might appoint such a committee, and then request

Board approval.

Publication Sales Director Gifford reported on inventory as of 9/30/96. He noted that he has had some difficulty being prompt with shipping orders, but he has resolved that problem. Noting the small inventory on Membership Lists, Barr inquired if it was time to update this publication. Harlow responded that it is time. She added that she has been asked to consider providing the membership list on disk and that she has done so, but notes that most people would appreciate a printed copy. Mahan moved, Miller seconded, that the membership list be updated and published in an economical manner on prepunched paper for a total of 150 printed copies. Motion carried. Waters moved, Lowe seconded that the membership list be offered on disk at the same price as the printed list. Motion carried.

Paul Gossett reported that he has 1992 and 1995 Bulletins available for bulk sale, but that sales have fallen off since the spring meeting. He suggested that RVPs encourage the affiliates in their region to purchase these excess Bulletins as a public relations/membership tool.

Affiliates Chairman Pope distributed copies of her report showing affiliate gains and losses for the year. With a net gain of one, the total number of AIS affiliates is 154.

The meeting recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

Awards Chairman M. Wilhoit reported the 1996 Awards ballots were returned to Wilhoit instead of to Bennett and Evelyn Jones because of the illness of Evelyn. Wilhoit stated that counting ballots is an astronomical job and suggested a plan which would lessen the burden by dividing the 24 Regions into 4 counting areas and selecting a counter for each. Wilhoit has done this and four individuals have agreed to act as counter for their area as follows:

Area 1 (Regions 1,2,3,6,16,19)	Barbara Schmieder
Area 2 (Regions 4,5,7,8,9,10,24)	Dr. E. Roy Epperson
Area 3 (Regions 11,12,13,14,15)	Marilyn Harlow
Area 4 (Regions 17,18,20,21,22,23)	Karen Bergamo

On a motion by Witt, seconded by J. Plank, carried, the Board approved this new plan for counting AIS ballots for one year.

Wilhoit said that most of the complaints she receives about the AIS ballot are in reference to the high number of HMs allowed in the tall bearded section. Discussion on the subject TB HMs produced no clearly preferred solution or course of action to remedy the problem. The matter was referred to the Awards Committee which Niswonger will appoint to develop recommendations to be brought to the spring meeting.

On the topic of Dykes Medal eligibility for the tall bearded classification, Stahly moved, Harder seconded that the Wister Medal winner and the top three Wister Medal runners-up be considered for the Dykes Medal eligibility list.

A statement from Barbara Schmieder was read by Pope in which Schmieder expressed her opinion that each year there should be three irises from each class eligible for the Dykes Medal, but at this point this may only be able to be accomplished for tall bearded irises by adding not only the year's Wister Medal winner but also the two runners-up. The two runners-up should remain on the Wister list until their years of eligibility for that medal are up. The same promotion of runners-up for other classifications' medals would occur should an iris from that classification win the Dykes

Medal and reduce the number for that classification on the Dykes Medal list to less than three.

A lengthy discussion revealed serious concerns about the Stahly-Harder motion. Stahly and Harder withdrew their motion in favor of a resolution proposed by Mahan for correcting the eligibility inequities.

Mahan moved, Harder seconded the resolution that there will always be three cultivars of every class of iris on the eligibility list for the Dykes Memorial Medal on the official awards ballot, effective immediately. This will be accomplished by designating the first two runners-up for the Wister Medal in 1996 as eligible for the Dykes Medal in 1997. In subsequent years, the iris which wins the Dykes Memorial Medal will be replaced on the list by the Medal winner and first runner-up (and second runner-up, if necessary) for that class of iris. Any iris deemed eligible for the Dykes which has not won the medal for its class will retain its normal eligibility for its class medal. Furthermore, a committee will be appointed to study the award system for further adjustments. Motion carried

Stahly moved, Miller seconded, that the Mahan motion be modified only to the extent that in any category where there is a tie for the medal, that more than three from that category may be on the Dykes eligibility list. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for 10 minutes.

Stahly moved, Probst seconded that as a matter of policy that there should be no more than three TBs on the eligibility list for the Dykes Medal at any time, and if a non-TB wins the Dykes Medal, therefore causing four TBs to be eligible when the Wister Medal is selected, the runner-up that had the least number of votes (2nd runner-up) would drop off the Dykes Medal eligibility list. Motion carried.

Niswonger recommended the appointment of an awards committee consisting of respected people from each of five geographical regions. After discussing, considering, and offering many suggestions of representatives from the five geographic regions who would be appropriate to serve on this committee, Barr moved, Moller seconded, that the Board approve any of the people named in the discussion and let Niswonger make his choice of five representatives for appointment to this committee. Motion carried.

Upon Niswonger's announcement that the next item to be addressed would be the Term Limits proposal, Corlew asked to be excused for the duration of the discussion on the proposal.

Term Limits Committee Chairman Smith had sent copies of the Committee's proposal on Term Limits to RVPs and members of the Board in advance of the meeting. She remarked that at the Spring Board meeting, a straw vote was taken on a term limit proposal, with the result being that all recommendations were acceptable with the exception of what to do with the Second Vice President. Currently the Bylaws require only that the Second VP be a Director, and furthermore, the only duty assigned to that position is to take over the duty of the First VP, which is to take over the duty of the President. Smith recommends that the position be *ex officio*, elected from current or past Directors, thereby providing that position a spot on the Executive Committee and opening up a Board position.

Smith went over changes that were made in committee to those points that need to be reworked in order to produce an acceptable proposal.

Smith pointed out that the Bylaws revision recommendations reflect almost all of the

term limits changes proposed at this meeting. She said that she will be able to make the two corrections, provide the corrections to Board members within a week, and that the completed Bylaws will be available in the spring.

Active discussion took place in which the concerns of various members of the Board were aired and the potential ramifications from shortening the term limits for Directors were considered.

Following the discussion period, Smith said she would like to complete the changes on the Term Limits proposal before considering the Bylaws changes.

Niswonger said that the question has been raised whether his verbal comments in Sacramento made it clear that term limits would be discussed at this meeting as required by the AIS Bylaws, Article 10, Section 1. Board members agreed that this was made clear. Stahly stated that, moreover, Smith's letter, sent to all Board members, gave notice that the Term Limits Proposal would be discussed, and that she had the authority to give such notice. Smith added that even if we pass the term limits proposal, changes to the Bylaws will not be reviewed by the Board until spring at the earliest, and following that they must be published for approval by the membership.

Mahan stated to verify his understanding of the situation, that changes to the Bylaws will not occur until the spring, that the proposed revision will be provided to Board members before the Spring Meeting, that we will vote on them at that meeting, and that then the revised Bylaws will be submitted to the membership for approval.

Sutton moved, Moller seconded, that the Term Limits Proposal be accepted as distributed with the following exceptions: Section A, item #3 is struck from the proposal; Section C, Item #5 is changed to read: The Second VP must be elected from the current or past Directors. Once elected, the Second VP becomes a voting member, *ex officio*, and vacates the position of Director if applicable.

Mahan expressed concern that policy and bylaw requirements were being mingled. Stahly clarified that the Board is not voting on the Bylaws at this time. Lowe added that the Board is voting on policy, which will force Bylaws changes.

Motion carried.

Smith said that the proposed changes to the AIS Bylaws have been distributed, and that she would like all Board members to review them over the winter. She restated that the amendments dealing with the Second VP that were just discussed will become part of the revision and will be sent to Board members. Smith then resigned, recommending Robert Plank be appointed to take her position as chairman of the Bylaws Revision Committee. Niswonger appointed R. Plank with the approval of the Board.

With regard to the proposed Bylaws changes, Stahly voiced his disagreement with Article X, Section 4 of the proposed Bylaws, stating that this should be a statement of policy. He expressed concern that the ability to nominate from the floor at the time of election be retained. It is his opinion that the Bylaws proposals will need to be changed to allow for that.

Niswonger addressed the question of the proposed merger of Region 7 and Region 24. He reported receiving letters from both sides of the question from each region. Lee Parkins, incoming RVP for Region 24, presented the position against the merger or partitioning of Region 24. Niswonger read from a lengthy letter from J. Burch, former RVP for Region 24, in which Burch recommended that the area north of the Tennessee River in Alabama and the state of Mississippi be merged with Region 7, and that the

area south of the Tennessee River should remain part of Region 24.

Legal counsel R. Plank noted that the AIS has been careful to distance itself from the governance of the affiliates so as not to be drawn into liability risks, but that the AIS has reserved authority to define areas.

Following discussion, Witt moved, J. Plank, seconded that Regions 7 and 24 be advised that the Board will not, at this time, divide or merge these areas, but advise them to work on their internal problems, with our assistance, to resolve their problems.

The meeting was recessed for dinner and reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

As Convention Liaison, Mahan reported on the following scheduled Fall Board meetings: 1997 Austin, TX; 1998, Bedford, MA; 1999, St. Louis, MO; 2000, Omaha, NE. On a motion by J. Plank, seconded by Pope, carried, the Board approved the 2001 Fall Meeting to be held in High Point, NC.

On a motion by J. Plank, seconded by Miller, carried, the Board approved the following Spring Conventions: 2001, York, PA; 2002, Memphis, TN; 2003 Northern Virginia.

Moller reported for Exhibitions Chairman Gristwood in her absence. An all time high of 197 spring and 6 fall shows were scheduled for 1996, however, 20 were canceled and 13 did not report. The report noted that the Nelson Award was won by DUSKY CHALLENGER, with SONG OF NORWAY in second place.

J. Plank read a letter of thanks from Gristwood whose nine year term limit as Director is completed this year, and who is stepping down from her position of many years as Exhibition Chairman.

The AIS Foundation report from Pettijohn was read by J. Plank in his absence. Pettijohn reported no significant activity by the Foundation since the Spring Meeting. Furthermore, he reported that donations are off, as are requests for grant applications, especially in the area of iris diseases.

Historian Harder reported on the efforts made toward transferring materials to the AIS Library.

Insurance Co-Chairman M. Lowe reported that the AIS has had no claims and that the amount of the AIS coverage has been increased from \$1 million/occurrence to 3 million aggregate. There will be announcements in both the January and April Bulletins indicating whom to contact for certificates of insurance for shows and sales. He reported that Co-Chairman Michelle Snyder is assuming full chairmanship of the Insurance Committee .

Chairman of Judges Corlew distributed copies of his report and recommended judges for the coming year. Corlew stated that the format used for scheduling Judges' Training sessions at the Sacramento Convention was well received. This format, which allows people to attend more than one training session, will be used at the 1997 Michigan convention. The programs in Michigan will focus on median irises: SDB training by B. Schmieder, IB training by T. Aitken, and MTB training by L. Miller.

J. Plank moved, Witt seconded, carried, that the Chairman of Judges' report and recommendations be accepted as presented, with corrections.

Corlew reported the nomination of Wily Hublau as overseas judge. On a motion by Corlew, seconded by M. Lowe, carried, W. Hublau was approved as an overseas judge.

Corlew noted that there are currently no written guidelines for approval of an overseas judgeship, so therefore he proposed the following:

1. A candidate for overseas judgeship must have expressed an interest and willingness to be appointed an AIS judge.

2. A letter of nomination must be submitted by an AIS judge outlining the qualifications of the proposed judge and forwarded to the Chairman of Judges and Judges' Training.

3. The letter of nomination must be endorsed by a minimum of three additional AIS judges when it is submitted to the Chairman of Judges and Judges' Training.

Corlew moved, Waters seconded, that the proposal be adopted. Motion carried.

Corlew moved, Probst seconded, that the requirement that all judges' training tests contain 20 or more questions be modified so that sessions of under two hours may have fewer questions with a minimum of 10 questions for a one hour session. Motion carried.

In closing, Corlew recommended that his official title be changed to Chairman of Judges.

President Niswonger called the Board into Executive Session to consider the reports of the Honorary Awards Committee and the recommendations for Emeritus Judge status from the Chairman of Judges.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 10:15 p.m.

On a motion by Stahly, seconded by Miller, carried, the Board approved the resolution that eligibility for the Hybridizer's Medal not be limited to North American hybridizers but may be awarded to hybridizers of any country.

Niswonger announced the following: Emeritus Judge status was awarded to Claire Barr and Lorena Reid; Distinguished Hybridizer Medals were awarded to Terry Aitken , Barry Blyth , and Carl Boswell; and Distinguished Service Medals were awarded to Claire Barr, Lillian Gristwood, and Phillip A. Williams.

Membership Contest Chairman Miller announced that the Iris Club of SE Michigan, a Region 6 affiliate, was the winner of the Membership Contest with 525 points, although the Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society recruited the most new members. Miller expressed her belief that youths need incentive, and she is willing to offer irises to youths who participate in the contest.

J. Plank read the report from Library Chairman E. Jones on the activities of the Library Committee.

Mahan displayed one of 150 copper plate blocks used in the printing of The World of Irises. He suggested that some of these blocks, which are the property of The American Iris Society, may be offered for sale as artifacts for the benefit of the library.

Harder moved, Mahan seconded, that 10 of the 150 copperplate blocks be retained by the AIS Library, and the balance be sold to benefit the library, details to be worked out later. Motion carried.

The Library Committee has recommended that excess Bulletins in the Library's collection be sold. Mahan moved, Corlew seconded, carried, that decisions on the disposal of Library material not be made until such time as a complete inventory is conducted and made available on our current holdings.

In the discussion about the Library's Bulletin collection, it was stated that the AIS Secretary's Office is supposed to keep a complete set of AIS Bulletins. Secretary Plank stated that she has never had such a set. Niswonger directed J. Plank to contact former Secretary Jeane Stayer on behalf of the Board in order to locate the complete Bulletin set that was believed to have been in kept in Stayer's office.

Niswonger announced the appointment of Mike Lowe to the Library Committee and asked for Board approval. Corlew moved, Pope seconded, that Niswonger's appointment of Lowe to the Library Committee be approved. Motion carried.

Policy Chairman Lowe distributed copies of the Policy Index distilled from the Spring Meeting minutes. Lowe reported that he is attempting to meld all the policy information into a unified policy document rather than a collection of twice a year installments.

Public Relations Chairman Waters presented a comparison of the annual costs to produce the calendar since 1987. The calendars are revenue producing. However, Waters recommends that Board members promote the sale of AIS calendars in quantities to nurseries and bookstores in order to avoid or reduce inventory overage. Waters made her annual request to AIS photographers to send her slide candidates for both the display screen and the calendar/

Mahan moved, Barr seconded that the Board commend George Waters for his many contributions to AIS. Motion carried.

Witt reported for Robins Chairman Cross. Since November 1995, 33 new AIS members have requested a place on one or more Robins. At least five new Robins have been added in the past year and there is hope of getting an International Robin flying. Growing faster than all the rest are the E-mail Robins.

RVP Counselor Stahly reported that as of this date, two regions remain without RVPs, Region 10, and Region 19, and expressed concern about these two vacancies. Stahly moved, Witt seconded, carried, that the Board approve the RVPs named in Stahly's report, as follows:

RVPs whose terms expire in 1997

Region 6	Emma Hobbs	Region 11	Oz Reyna
Region 8	Mrs. Mickey Giefer	Region 14	George Sutton
Region 9	George S. Poole	Region 18	Mike Hargrove
		Region 22	Ron Mullin

RVPs whose terms expire in 1998

Region 1	Dr. Warren C. Hazelton	Region 17	Peggy Lamb
Region 2	Kathleen Guest	Region 20	Glenna Chapman
Region 3	Bettie Nutter	Region 21	Calvin Reuter
Region 4	Anne Lowe	Region 23	Karen Bergamo
Region 5	Marshall Goforth		

RVPs whose terms expire in 1999

Region 7	Mary Thurman	Region 15	Dr. Herbert Holk
Region 12	Brad Kasperek	Region 16	Gloria McMillen
Region 13	Lorena Reid	Region 24	Leland Parkins.

Niswonger expressed the Board's appreciation to the outgoing RVPs for their service. Publication Sales Director Gifford was given authorization to send Past-RVP pins to the retiring RVPs.

The meeting recessed at 11:30 p.m. and reconvened the following day, Sunday, November 3, 1996 at 8:00 a.m.

President Niswonger relinquished the chair to Second VP Stahly, in the absence of First VP Mahan, for the beginning of the election of officers. J. Plank nominated Niswonger for President. Harder moved that nominations cease, and the Secretary cast

a unanimous ballot. Pope seconded, motion carried.

Niswonger resumed the chair. Waters nominated Mahan for First VP. Stahly moved that nominations cease and the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot. Miller seconded, motion carried.

Waters nominated Aitken for Second VP. Miller nominated Moller. There being no further nominations, Harder moved that nominations cease and that a secret ballot be conducted. Pope seconded, motion carried.

Niswonger asked Lowe whether policy allows Aitken to serve as Second VP as long as he is not receiving a salary as Editor. Lowe responded that it does. Mahan restated for verification that as long as Aitken does not accept a salary as Editor, he is eligible for nomination to Second VP. Lowe agreed. Stahly added that at the present time the second VP must be a Director. The Bylaws do not specify whether he be elected or *ex officio*. Aitken is an *ex officio* Director by virtue of his position as Editor, as long as he is non-salaried. Stahly concluded that in the spirit of the Bylaws, Aitken is qualified. Mahan states that he just wanted to make sure Aitken's nomination was valid.

The ballots were counted and Niswonger announced that Aitken was elected Second VP.

B. Nichols nominated J. Plank for Secretary. Mahan moved that nominations cease and the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot. Witt seconded, motion carried.

Miller nominated B. Nichols for Treasurer. Miller moved that nominations cease and the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot. Harder seconded, motion carried.

Plank nominated Aitken for Editor. Miller moved that nominations cease and the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot. Witt seconded, motion carried.

Niswonger appointed the following administrative officers:

Registrar	Keith Keppel	Membership Secretary	Marilyn Harlow
Recording Secretary	Kathy Guest	Publication Sales Director	Jerry Gifford
Advertising Editor	Jean Erickson		

Corlew moved, Harder seconded that the appointments be approved. Motion carried.

Niswonger appointed the following chairmen of standing committees:

Affiliates	Shirley Pope	Policy	Mike Lowe
Awards	Melody Wilhoit	Public Relations	Olive Rice Waters
Convention Liaison	Clarence Mahan	Registrations	Keith Keppel
Exhibitions	Mike Moller	Robins	Libby Cross
Foundation Liaison	Richard Pettijohn	RVP Counselor	Hal Stahly
Historian	Larry Harder	Scientific	Dr. Chandler Fulton
Honorary Awards	Claire Barr	Scholarship	Jean Witt
Insurance	Michelle Snyder	Section Liaison	Riley Probst
Judges	Glenn Corlew	Slides	Hooker Nichols
Library	Evelyn Jones	Youth	Jean Morris
Membership Contest	Linda Miller		

Witt moved, Moller seconded that these appointments be approved. Motion carried.

Niswonger requested Board approval of the appointment of Dr. James W. Waddick as Director of the Rare Iris Study Center. Witt moved, Probst seconded that the appointment be approved. Motion carried. Stahly moved, Sutton seconded that the Rare Iris Study Center be designated as an *ad hoc* committee. Motion carried.

Treasurer B. Nichols reviewed the proposed budget for the coming year in detail, adjusting her figures with input from Board members, keeping efficiency and economy in mind. She restated that memberships are our primary source of income. Harlow cautioned that she is anticipating a slowdown in membership income since many current members paid ahead to take advantage of the old dues rates. Since membership represents the largest source of income, this is a major cause for concern.

It was decided that in the interest of efficiency and cost savings, the Membership Secretary will no longer send out dues notices for the sections.

It was decided that although an audit is not necessary every year, a policy should be put in place for a regular audit cycle, recommended to be every three years.

During the discussion of expenses, J. Plank noted that the upcoming Bylaws changes will require an expense line, and should probably be reflected in the budget's miscellaneous column. This observation precipitated a lengthy discussion about when and where the Bylaws changes would take place. Niswonger recognized Probst who requested that the discussion return to the budget.

Returning to the budget and the need to find ways to economize, the discussion that followed produced a number of suggestions offered in the interest of both increasing revenue and reducing costs.

The new rates for advertising in the Bulletin were discussed. The new requirement that the Bulletin ads be camera-ready or be subject to a set-up charge has turned away some advertisers, puzzled some and irritated others. Aitken was asked to make clear to advertisers that this charge will not be significant, or to find a way to include the set-up cost in the basic charge.

Considerable discussion was held on projected income, ways to economize and the rising costs of operation until a projected break-even budget was reached. On a motion by Mahan, seconded by Pope, the 1997 Budget was adopted as presented and modified. Motion carried.

Youth Chairman Morris' report was given by Probst. The total youth membership for this year is 224, with a net gain of 33. Regions with the largest youth membership numbers are: Region 18 (61 youth members), Region 7 (18 members), Regions 14 and 17 (17 members), Region 2 (13 members) and Region 22 (11 members). There is a Youth Chairman in 22 of the 24 Regions.

Probst moved, Plank seconded that the AIS adopt a Classroom Membership Policy, whereby students are allowed to pay the no-Bulletin rate when their teacher joins AIS, with all mail to be sent to the school address. Motion carried.

Probst reported that the Ackerman Youth Essay Contest Fund, formerly supported by Mrs. Robert Thrun's memorial to her parents, Jay and Marion Ackerman, will be depleted in 1997. There is need for a new source for funding that would support the contest on an ongoing basis. Corlew pledged a donation of \$100. Stahly stated that he would raise this need for funding at the RVP Meeting in the spring. A. Lowe added that if each Region would donate \$100, the Fund would be endowed.

The Board recognized the hard work and contributions of Youth Chairman Jean Morris.

J. Plank announced that Morris has provided her with copies of Morris' project plans for classroom participation. These are available from Plank upon request.

Scholarship Chairman Witt reported on the activity of the Scholarship Fund projects.

The committee awards \$2,000 yearly to US citizens for graduate study in the plant sciences.

Aitken reported as Section Liaison that there is a conflict in the year 2000 between a HIPS convention and a Siberian Iris Society convention scheduled for the same date. The HIPS convention was originally scheduled and then later, the Siberian Iris Society announced their plans for the same date, although they were aware of the conflict. After discussion, the Section Liaison was directed to frame a letter to Dr. Hollingworth making it clear that this is a Board position, not an individual one, and that section conflicts are not in the best interest of the AIS.

J. Plank read a report prepared by Scientific Committee Chairman Fulton on the activities of the Scientific Committee with an associated report on the AIS disease project submitted by Dr. Currier McEwen. The disease project will continue for at least another year since funds approved by the Board for this project are still viable.

Slides Chairman Moller reported that he is converting to slides a program that he has put together on Awards and Ballots. G. Sutton will be providing slides for a slide program on Space Agers. The program most in need of new material is also the most popular program, the Popularity Poll. Anyone having a slide of any iris on the AIS Popularity Poll is asked to submit it to H. Nichols, who is the new Slides Chairman.

Corlew stated that concern has been expressed to him about the rate of progress being made toward revising the Judges' Handbook. Dr. E. Roy Epperson will be taking a more active role in the coordinating and editing of material. This additional help will expedite completion of the project. Corlew projects the project should be ready for budgeting by the next Fall Meeting.

No new business was presented.

Stahly announced that the 1997 Spring Convention will be held from June 3 through June 7 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn, Michigan. The announcement along with registration information will be found in the January Bulletin.

Niswonger asked for clarification regarding the Bylaws Revision work. He asked for verification of his understanding that R. Plank is to draft the proposed revision and to provide copies of this draft to members of the Board in advance of the Spring Meeting. Stahly verified that this was what he understood.

Rosalie Figge inquired about the progress being made toward publishing a new book about irises, saying that there is a great need for a book that goes into depth on the cultural requirements of different varieties of irises. Mahan, who is working on the new book with Witt, apologized for the long delay and promised progress by the spring. Mahan pointed out that the new book will not be a remake of The World of Irises, but a completely new book. Figge suggested that the book should be published with two editions, one for the East and one for the West.

Niswonger thanked Region 20 and the Elmoir Iris Society for hosting the Fall Board Meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Guest and Jeanne Clay Plank

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Hyatt Regency

April 24-25, 1996

Sacramento, CA

President Dave Niswonger called to order the regular spring meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Iris Society at 1:15 p.m., April 24, 1996. Present at the various sessions were President Niswonger; Immediate Past President Claire Barr; 1st Vice President Mahan; 2nd Vice President Stahly; Secretary J. Plank; Treasurer Nichols; Editor Aitken; Registrar Keppel; Membership Secretary Harlow; Recording Secretary B. Burch; Publications Sales Director Gifford; Legal Advisor R. Plank; Directors Corlew, Gristwood, Harder, Miller, Pope, Waters, Wilhoit, and Witt; RVP Representative M. Smith (13); Foundation Liaison Pettijohn; Committee Chairmen M. Lowe, Jean Morris, M. Snyder; Advertising Editor Erickson; RVPs Guest (2), A. Lowe (4), Sutton (14), Rinehart (15), Griner (19), Reuter (21), Bergamo (23), J. Burch (24); Assistant/Substitute RVPs Koza (8), Meyer (11); Section Representatives Goodnight (HIPS), Jim Morris (MIS), Abrego (Spuria); Guests J. and L. Doucette (1); M. Duvall (8), C. Gabrysiak, B. Maryott, M. Sutton, R. Tasco (14); G. Snyder (15); B. Alexander (17); R. Probst (18); K. Lack, R. Simmons (22); D. Gordon, B. Figge, S. Sluizer (23).

In his opening remarks, President Niswonger invited and encouraged all present to participate in discussions, with the reminder that only Board members may vote.

The minutes of the fall 1995 Board meeting in Oklahoma City, OK, printed in AIS Bulletin #300 were approved.

Niswonger reported that interim Board action included the appointment of Jerry Gifford as Publication Sales Director; the appointment of Evelyn Jones (Chairman), Clarence Mahan, Larry Harder, Tom Abrego, and Anne Lowe to the Library Standing Committee; the appointment of Mike Lowe (Chairman) and Michelle Snyder to the Insurance Standing Committee; the appointment of Roger Mazur to draw up guidelines for Board review for filming famous iris people.

The President has received correspondence containing suggestions that cultivars on the AIS calendar be identified and that more beardless irises be featured. He has received proposals that a "Rare Iris Study Center" be established, that Regions 7 and 24 be merged, that a Millennium Check List be published. He reported that the On Line Internet Committee has been busy, and that progress has been made on a new angle for scholarships.

Niswonger announced that permission was granted the use of a map in *The World of Irises* so long as AIS was credited as the source. He also informed the group that Sergey Loktev, President of the Central Iris Society from Moscow, is attending the convention. All are encouraged to attend a meeting to discuss organization of a World Iris Association.

Secretary Plank gave a brief summary of the activities/ involving her office. She emphasized that gifts and memorials sent to either the AIS Foundation or the AIS Secretary's office should include the name and address of the next of kin.

Editor Aitken reported on quotes for producing the *Bulletin*. Quotes range from \$55,000 to \$66,000 annually; these are comparable to the *Bulletin's* actual cost for recent years. After a lengthy discussion pertaining to the quality and quantity of pictures, size of *Bulletin*, paper weight, transportation, the Board agreed that a strong quality publication is required. The President recommended that a decision on these items be postponed until the Treasurer's report is received.

Aitken also reported that the cost of putting AIS on the World Wide Web is about \$500. The purpose of this is to promote membership in AIS. This will be discussed later.

Advertising Editor Erickson stated that about \$8,530 in income has been received from *Bulletin* ads this year. She requested a policy to be used as guidance in refusing ads. There is also a need for consistency for receiving payment for ads: billing vs. paying in advance.

Registrar Keppel informed the Board that the cost of the 1995 *R&I* increased. He reported that questions have arisen about the eligibility of a small number of irises that have a delayed registration. Mahan moved that when an iris is in commerce, but with a delayed registration, the date of introduction is the determining factor for eligibility for AIS awards. Motion carried.

After a twenty-minute break, Publications Sales Director Gifford provided an inventory of AIS publications and related items on hand and Paul Gossett's report. The cost of the move of the inventory from Oklahoma to Tennessee was \$1,000.52. There are no more color charts in the inventory; he endorsed comments made by Secretary Plank in her report that color fans are very expensive, demand is small, and fan inventory ties up funds that could be used elsewhere. Information about fan availability will be provided by Gifford on the *Bulletin's* sales page. There are 740 calendars on hand. A number of items were sent to the convention for sale, including calendars. Gifford suggested that *Bulletin* ads be used to promote items in the inventory.

Affiliates Chairman Pope distributed copies of the list of 166 approved affiliates for 1996. Pope expressed appreciation to President Niswonger for his help.

Awards Chairman Wilhoit stated that 759 awards ballots were distributed to Garden, Master, and Emeritus Judges in March. She expressed the need for clarification of the placement of Sino-Siberians on the ballot. Registrar Keppel provided instructions that the registrant determines placement of Sino-Siberians on the ballot. The Board will be informed and SIGNA may provide assistance if there are future problems.

Exhibitions Chairman Gristwood reported the approval 174 show schedules for 1996. She reminded the Board that some affiliates do not use AIS ribbons. She reminded the Board that her 9 year term as Director expires this year, and she will be retiring as Exhibitions Chairman this year.

AIS Historian Harder stated that the function of the library and the historical committee differ and that he should still receive all current material. Marky Smith moved that all current publications be sent to the library and the historian. Motion carried. Harder requested that affiliates keep sufficient histories of their own groups; Affiliates Chairman Pope and RVPs will make this request known.

Mike Lowe, Insurance Committee Chairman, welcomed Michelle Snyder, an insurance professional, who will serve as co-chair on the committee with him. The contact person for insurance is Ruth Anne Pattangall, Rodman Insurance Agency, 617-527-3000.

Training at the convention will be in three separate time frames in response to requests and Board approval, according to Judges and Judges' Training Chairman Corlew. He clarified the Board policy regarding tests. Tests must be completed by all persons receiving credit for judges' training.

Secretary Plank read the Library Report from Chairman Evelyn Jones. The committee is working weekly, and material is being filed according to standard library procedures. A vote of appreciation was extended and the committee was praised for its efforts.

Membership Contest Chairman Miller reported a lack of interest in the contest. She expects more participation and better understanding when contest rules are published in the October *Bulletin*. Possibly, the internet may be utilized to increase interest in AIS and the membership contest.

Policy Committee Chairman Lowe distributed an AIS Policy Index. Lowe stressed that policy documents should be passed to job successors.

Public Relations Chairman Waters updated the Board on activities and projects being handled by her office. She has obtained a couple to ship a new screen, which will be obtained for \$694, for the Northeast. She is obtaining 1997 calendar costs, which will be discussed later. Waters and Aitken will prepare an ad for the anniversary poster for the Bulletin.

The meeting was recessed at 5:05 p.m. and re-convened at 7:21 a.m. the next day, April 25, 1996.

Membership Secretary Harlow reviewed her written report mailed to Board members prior to the meeting. The AIS membership stands at 8,262. Region 14 continues to lead with 793 members; Region 4 is still a strong second with 678; Region 18 with 629 is third, and Region 6 with 607 is fourth. Only two letters of protest of higher dues were received. Fifty percent of the 505 members lost were one-year members. The RVPs were reminded that second notices are no longer sent. Implementing the change from twice a year to calendar year membership dues will be a challenge. Other items of

discussion included:

Color invitations to join AIS are in short supply. Reprinting *Invitations to Join* will be discussed at the fall meeting.

The RVP Handbook is outdated and can only be updated by authorization of the Board. Jeanne Plank made a motion authorizing Marilyn Harlow to update the RVP Handbook. Motion carried.

The current AIS membership list is outdated. Following a discussion, President Niswonger requested that Marilyn and Terry place a query in the Bulletin, soliciting members' feelings about publishing their telephone numbers in an AIS directory. Action was deferred on printing a new list.

Treasurer Nichols distributed copies of the interim financial report. Nichols called attention to several items of importance:

Cash in the bank as of March 31, 1996, was \$144,467, which includes the Life Membership Fund, that is no longer in a separate reserve account and has been borrowed against for operating expenses.

There was a savings of 50 percent by eliminating personalization on logo stationery provided to RVP's, directors, and committee chairmen.

Handling of section dues has been improved.

Income is 22 percent above the budget plan; expenses are 23-24 percent above budget projections.

A 30-day, 5 percent \$100,000 CD, has been purchased.

The *Bulletin* has cost about \$44,000 for two issues this year.

There are two more to go. Since this expense is a great concern, it may be desirable to contract Bulletin printing.

Many ideas for improving the financial condition of AIS were discussed. Among them was a motion by Mahan, amended by Stahly, to reduce the calendar inventory by putting current stock on sale for \$2 each or 5 for \$5. Motion carried.

Nichols suggested that a mission statement for setting goals is needed. Niswonger requested that Nichols prepare an outline for a mission statement to be discussed at the fall meeting.

After a ten-minute break, the meeting resumed.

Kitty Lack reported that there are still archives items at her house. Her son, Michael

Lack, has volunteered to transport the archives to the library in Silverton. Mahan made a motion to authorize \$1,200 (transportation expense) plus additional cost be paid to Mr. Lack for transporting the archives to the library. Motion carried.

A discussion followed regarding AIS archives in various locations. Stahly made a motion that the French vase that is in the possession of Dorothy Howard (Tulsa, OK) be forwarded to Silverton, along with other archives from the Lack's home. Motion carried.

The financial commitment to Silverton in support of the library was discussed. (Keppel reports that there is some conflict between the Regional Library Board and the city of Silverton.) It was agreed that E. Jones should request funds from Secretary Plank when needed.

Registrations Committee Chairman Keppel informed the Board that new rules for naming plants have been spelled out by the International Commission for Nomenclature of Cultivated Plants. Keppel and his committee are negotiating with the group as they do not agree with all of the changes.

In the absence of Chairman Cross, Secretary Plank read the Robin report. Chairman Cross requests communication to bring her up to date with all Robin activities. Aitken stated that the July Bulletin will provide additional information on Robin activities. The Board voted a note of appreciation for Cross' work in getting the Robins flying again.

Secretary Plank read Scientific Committee Chairman Fulton's report. The AIS "disease project", with guidance from Currier McEwen, will continue this growing season and will continue to involve two plant pathologists from Cornell University. Scholarship Chairman Witt has provided Fulton with a list of proposed projects that need attention.

Scholarship Committee Chairman Witt stated that there were 24 applicants for the scholarship this year. The committee chose Gretchen LeBuhn, Ph.D. candidate from the University of California, Santa Barbara, who deals with twice-flowering in the desert annual Pale Gilia. Mahan made the motion that the committee's report be accepted and award the scholarship to Ms. LeBuhn. Motion carried.

The current year's scholarship recipient, David Jones, has received the second installment of \$1,000. His successful work with magnolias has developed an improved protocol for cleaning up DNA extracted from plant tissues. A report of this work has been published.

A \$3,000 donation was provided by the Iris Society of New Mexico. The Scholarship Committee recommended that Professor Zhou Yong-hong, Sichuan Agricultural University, Ya-an, Sichuan, China, who will study Crested Iris species, be funded in the amount of \$2,000. Corlew made the motion that the committee's recommendation to fund Professor Zhou Yong-hong's research be accepted. Motion carried.

Witt suggested that the internet be a means of soliciting iris researchers interested in nominal scholarship money, which will be provided by her region and club. Niswonger requested that regions and affiliates fund some research projects and foreign expeditions in search of rare irises.

No report was provided by Mike Moller, Slides Chairman; however, he has requested that slides be sent to him.

Youth Chairman Morris announced the Youth Achievement Award Contest winners.

1st Kevin T. Gormley, Cedar Hill, MO	(Region 18)
2nd Erin Marie Griner, Bordentown, NJ	(Region 19)
3rd Monica Combrink, Glencoe, OK	(Region 22)

In addition to the Clarke Cosgrove Memorial Award for Youth Achievement Trophy, this year's winner will receive a check for \$200, contributed by several regions, affiliates, and individuals.

AIS youth members have increased by 57 since the AIS fall meeting to a total of 238 members. Winners in the AIS Membership Contest are

1st Danika King, St. Clair, MO	(Region 18)
2nd Kevin Gormley, Cedar Hill, MO	(Region 18)

Morris has made unsuccessful attempts to get correspondence and books to Issack Soosa in Tamale, Ghana. She requested permission to award the books to a deserving youth, subject to Mahan's attempts to get the material to Ghana. Corlew made the motion to grant permission to Morris to award the material to whomever she feels is deserving. Motion carried.

Foundation Liaison Pettijohn reported the results of the election held at the meeting of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

President	Richard C. Butler
Vice President	Donald R. Saxton
Secretary-Treasurer	Richard T. Pettijohn
Trustees	Robert Hollingworth
	Bennett Jones
	Richard T. Pettijohn

Pettijohn distributed the Foundation's financial statement.

The Ackerman Memorial Youth Essay Contest was won by Jennifer Brewer.

RVP Counselor Stahly reported on the RVP meeting held the previous night. RVPs reported on their region's youth activities. A question arose over when RVPs take office on the Board of Counselors. Mahan moved that officers elected by the RVPs for the

Board of Counselors, with the exception of the Representative to the AIS Board, will take office immediately following the annual RVP meeting. Motion carried.

Newly elected to the Board of Counselors are

Chairman	Anne Lowe	(Region 4)
Secretary	Cathy Guest	(Region 2)
Personnel Committee	Karen Bergamo	(Region 23)
	Emma Hobbs	(Region 6)
RVP Representative to the AIS Board	George Sutton	(Region 14)

Convention Liaison Mahan provided an update to conventions scheduled. He appealed for locations for the future, especially 2001, and made suggestions for good sites. Stahly has requested RVP assistance in locating future convention sites and the RVPs have requested convention information. Mahan will send convention booklets to them.

Section Liaison Aitken reported that, in addition to the annual conventions of SLI and SPCNI, conventions are scheduled as follows:

1998 Spuria	Phoenix, AZ	April
1999 Japanese	Portland, OR	June
2000 Japanese	Michigan	
HIPS	New York	
Siberian		
2004 Siberian		

Aitken announced that Bob Ward (SPCNI), AK, has been selected to serve on the Personnel Committee. The sections' Library Committee representative is Tom Abrego (Spuria), OR. Section representatives requested that meeting schedules at the national convention be staggered so that the same sections do not always get the early meetings. Stahly is scheduling section meetings for the 1997 convention and will contact section leaders for input.

After recessing for lunch at 11:45, the meeting reconvened at 2:15 p.m. with Reports from Special Committees.

Marky Smith expressed appreciation for those who comprise her committee and answered questions about the Committee's summary proposal.

Smith began the report with the fact that RVP's would like a change in the length of service for AIS directors. In their opinion, the present nine-year term denies opportunity to members who would like to be of service to AIS. (It was recognized that the proposed limits will affect bylaws.) Smith felt that there should be a discussion of the items in the committee report at this time. Pope suggested polling members.

Then President Niswonger recommended a discussion of the proposal, one item at a time. (Straw votes were taken and are indicated in parenthesis.)

A. TERM LIMITS:

1. AIS Directors shall be eligible to serve two three-year consecutive terms. (11 for - 1 against)
2. After completing two terms, a retiring Director must be absent from the Board for one year before renomination. (16 - 0)
3. A Director may be elected to an Ex Officio position any time prior to the completion of the fifth consecutive year of the terms described in A 1. (0 for, will be considered later)
4. Retiring Ex Officio positions must observe the same hiatus of one year before nomination as a director. (16 - 0)
5. A retiring Director may serve as a non-voting committee chair whenever appointed by the AIS President. (16 - 0) [Acceptable by the current bylaws]
6. An appointment to complete more than 18 months of another Director's unfinished term shall be considered as serving one full term. (16 - 0) [In compliance with Roberts Rules of Order]
7. These term limits shall apply following approval by the AIS Board and a timely rewrite of the bylaws. (16 - 0)
8. Following approval, term limits shall apply retroactively to all Directors presently serving at the completion of their present terms. (6 - 9)

B Nominating Committee

1. The name of the Personnel Committee shall be changed to the Nominating Committee. (16 - 0)
2. The AIS Board of Directors and the AIS general membership may submit names to the Committee for consideration as nominees. (16 - 0)
3. Nominations for a second term as Director shall be at the discretion of the committee.
Revised Nominations by the committee for a second term as Director shall be at the discretion of the committee. (16 - 0)
4. The committee shall be composed of the following: Two AIS Board Members, one of whom will be the current RVP Representative to the Board; two Regional Vice Presidents; and one Section Representative.
Revised The committee shall be composed of the following: Two AIS Board Members, two Regional Vice Presidents, and one Section Representative. (14 - 2)

C DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS AND VACANCIES

1. The Nominating Committee shall provide a slate of double the number of names for every vacancy to be filled. All names shall constitute a general pool for the election.
Revised The Nominating Committee shall provide a slate of double the number of names, if possible, for every vacancy to be filled. All names shall constitute a general pool for the election. (16 - 0)
2. Resignations or vacancies must be filled from the remaining pool of names on the

lists submitted by the two most recent Nominating Committees.

Revised Resignations or vacancies should be filled from the remaining pool of names on the lists submitted by the two most recent Nominating Committees as a matter of policy. (16-0)

3. Resignations or vacancies will be filled from the list by appointment by the AIS President with Board of Directors' approval.

Revised Resignations or vacancies will be filled by appointment by the AIS President with Board of Directors' approval. (16 - 0)

4. When a Director is elected to an Ex Officio position, his directorship is vacated. One position, one vote. A new Director will be elected or appointed to fill the vacancy.

Revised When a Director is elected to an Ex Officio position, his directorship is vacated. A new Director will be elected or appointed to fill the vacancy. (16 - 0)

5. The Second Vice President must be elected from the current Directors within the time frame set forth in A 3. Once elected, the Second Vice President will become a voting member of the Ex Officio committee, and his directorship will be vacated, as in C 4. (It was recommended that this item needs revising; Marky Smith will rework.)

D ELECTION PROCEDURE

1. Candidates should be excused from the room during Executive Committee discussion of their qualifications.

Revised Candidates should be excused from the room during Board discussion of their qualifications. (14 - 2 abstentions)

2. Candidates eligible to vote in the election must be allowed to do so. (16 - 0)

The Board commended Marky for her work.

Bylaws changes must be approved by the entire AIS membership. President Niswonger assigned the Term Limits Committee the task of working on bylaws changes required by the committee's recommendations as well as additional changes that need to be made in the bylaws. Everett Lineberger has previously compiled a list of needed bylaws changes; he should be included on the committee to review the bylaws. Smith requested that R. Plank also be included on the committee; Niswonger appointed him to that task also.

Secretary Plank read the report from the Committee to Electronics Communication - Internet/E-Mail.

Committee consensus is 1) well defined goals need to be set,

2) adequate information supplied by others is already available, 3) another committee should be appointed to define goals and make a recommendation to the Board.

Even though there are individuals, commercial firms, and robins on line, Mahan feels that the AIS Board should have an official page. M. Smith suggested that pages already on the Internet be provided for the Board to view.

Mahan moved that the Executive Committee be empowered to act on getting an AIS page on the Internet and allot \$500 for the establishment and maintenance of the Web Page. Motion carried.

Niswonger appointed Terry Aitken, Roger Mazur, and Christine McKinnon to the Internet Study Committee; members will select the chairman.

Just before her term ended, Claire Barr appointed a special committee, with Niswonger as chairman, to look into scientific contributions to the *Bulletin*. The committee report will be considered at the fall meeting.

Aitken presented estimate he had received for printing the *Bulletin*.

The estimates were reviewed, and the Executive Committee will consider the information researched by Aitken. Action will be taken by this committee, based on Aitken's information, at a later date.

Advertising Sales Director Erickson suggested that advertising costs be raised 10 - 15 percent. Mahan moved that all ad rates be increased to 15 percent, rounded off to reasonable dollars, excluding costs for color separations. Motion carried. M. Lowe and Erickson prepared a policy with guidelines for denying advertisers space in the *Bulletin*. A motion was made; however, the motion was tabled until the fall meeting. In the meantime, the Executive Committee will deal with any problems that may arise.

Niswonger suggested that the Region 7 and Region 24 merger consideration be delayed until the fall meeting.

Other items on the current agenda will be considered in the fall.

Waters requested direction on the purchase of a second screen. Barr moved that a second screen be purchased for use in the Northeast. Motion carried.

The Board went into Executive Session to consider the report of the Personnel Committee.

Returning to the regular session Niswonger announced the following:

Nominees for election at the fall meeting for the Board of Directors are Mike Lowe (VA), Mike Moller (CO), Shirley Pope (ME), Riley Probst (MO).

Shirley Pope and Jean Witt were elected to serve as the Board representatives on the 1997 Personnel Committee.

Miller moved that the meeting be adjourned at 5:22 p.m. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Best Western-Saddleback Inn
Oklahoma City. Oklahoma November 3, 4, 5, 1995**

The regular fall meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Iris Society was called to order by President Barr at 8:30 P.M. Present also at the various sessions were First Vice President Niswonger; Second Vice President Mahan; Secretary J. Plank; Treasurer Nichols; Editor Mullin; Membership Secretary Harlow; Publications Sales Director C. J. Lack; Advertising Editor Erickson; Legal advisor R. Plank; Directors Aitken, Corlew, Gristwood, Harder, Miller, Pope, Stahly, Waters, M. Wilhoit and Witt; RVP Board Representative Smith (13); Foundation Liaison Pettijohn; Committee Chairmen M. Lowe and Jean Morris; RVPs Schmieder (1), Schueler (2) Honkanen (5), Hobbs (6), Gifford (7), Reyna (11), Rinehart (15), Mazur (21) and Perkins (23); RVPs-Elect A. Lowe (4) and Reuter (21); Section Representative James Morris (MIS); Cooperating Society Representative Dyer (SLI); and guests J. Wilhoit (9), Followwill, Gossett, Holman, K. Lack, McVicker, Poore and Simmons (22), and Figge (23).

The President welcomed everyone, inviting and encouraging participation from all, with the reminder that only Board members may vote. Introductions followed. Shirley Pope and RVP Representative Marky Smith were welcomed to the Board.

The following correction was made to the minutes of the spring Board meeting as printed in *Bulletin* #299: Affiliates Chairman Niswonger stated that the number of approved affiliates for 1995 in his report was 167. Three additional affiliates came in later but not until after the report had been given. The minutes were approved as corrected. (See Registrar's report for an additional correction.)

Secretary Plank announced that there were no further nominations to the Board of Directors; therefore, Corlew, Harder, Waters and Wilhoit are duly elected and qualified as AIS Directors with terms expiring in 1998.

Barr reported on interim Board action as follows:

1) Shirley Pope was approved as a Director to fill the unexpired term of the late James McWhirter, who died shortly after the spring Board meeting; 2) Lynda Miller was approved as Membership Contest Chairman, a post formerly held by McWhirter; 3) Terry Aitken was approved to be *Bulletin* Editor when Editor Mullin's resignation becomes effective. The Executive Committee took no action during the interim except to give advice on a matter which came up with regard to advertising. It was announced with regret that Joanne King had resigned as Recording Secretary and that Betty Burch of Region 24 had agreed to take that job beginning with the spring meeting in Sacramento. Barr announced also that the library materials which had been stored in Dresden, Tennessee, were moved in the summer to Silverton Oregon the new home of the AIS Library. A contract has been recently signed with the City of Silverton; the signed copy is now in Secretary Plank's files.

Secretary Plank reported as follows: 1) An insurance policy for the society has been secured, and it is her recommendation that there be a permanent Insurance Committee Chairman; 2) the Bylaws have been reprinted incorporating the most recent changes, and copies have been sent to Board members and RVPs; 3) it is time for stationery orders; 4) there was an error in the printing of the last lot of *Bulletin* mailing envelopes; it was a printer error, not Johnson Graphics, and the printer will bear the expense of reprinting the lot.

Barr announced that as Treasurer Nichols must return to Dallas the following morning, her report would come next.

The Treasurer presented a detailed annual report showing monthly income and expenses for the past fiscal year which noted that some restricted funds had been borrowed against. A graph depicting income, expenses and net income since 1982 was also presented. A list of many cost reduction strategies, one of which was to increase the dues and delete the Dual Life Membership option, were suggested. (The dues were last raised in January, 1992.) Treasurer Nichols and Membership Secretary Harlow suggested an increase of Single Annual dues to \$16.00. After discussion, Corlew moved that Single Annual dues be set at \$18.00, with the remainder of the dues structure set accordingly, and that the Dual Life Membership option be kept intact. Stahly seconded. Motion carried. Stahly moved, Mahan seconded, that the restricted Life Membership Fund be kept as a restricted fund with a footnote that it had been borrowed against. Motion carried. Stahly moved also that the budget as set forth by Nichols be accepted. Waters seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 11:10 P.M. and reconvened at 8:30 A.M. the following day, November 4, 1995.

Barr announced that in response to her request sent to officers, committee chairmen, RVPs, and section leaders that each one write a job description, replies had begun to come in.

Membership Secretary Harlow presented her annual report stating that new members who are beginners show a thirst for knowledge, particularly about culture and where to find commercial growers. She repeated her challenge of last year that every AIS member bring in one new member during the coming year. Total membership stands at 8,194. Region 14 leads with 767, Region 4 is second with 681, Region 18 third with 629 and Region 6 fourth with 618. In an effort to assist the regions Harlow suggested that the AIS provide labels, free of charge, to the Region Editors for their regional publications. Mahan so moved. Plank seconded. Motion carried. Harlow asked that those regions receiving labels advise her office of publications returned because of bad addresses in order that corrections might be made on a faster basis. The Membership Secretary then proposed that beginning January 1, 1996, all memberships be on a calendar year basis. She suggested that memberships expiring at the end of this calendar year, December 31, 1995, have the opportunity of paying dues at the old rate. Memberships expiring mid-year, June 30, 1996, would get an additional six months of membership at no further cost but would be paid at the new rate. Harder moved that AIS memberships be placed on a calendar basis, January 1 to December 31, implemented as proposed. Smith seconded. Motion carried. Harlow stated that she would accept payment for current dues or any extension at the old rate if received by December 31, 1995. Payments received after January 1, 1996, will be at the new increased rate. It was noted also that there is a payment plan available for life memberships. Interested persons may contact the Membership Secretary for details. The new dues schedule will be sent to all RVPs as soon as possible for distribution to the affiliates.

Advertising Editor Erickson gave a detailed report on the amount of advertising sold, stating that April and July are the heaviest months. There was discussion of costs and of color and color separations. Mahan moved that a rate schedule be developed which

would include the cost of color separations and that henceforth payment be required to accompany all ads. Miller seconded. Motion carried.

This policy should be advertised in the *Bulletin*. Following discussion of a new rate schedule, Erickson was asked to bring a recommendation to the Board meeting in the spring. Appreciation was expressed for Erickson's work.

Plank read a report from Registrar Keppel which included a "Notice to Foreign Hybridizers" to be reviewed by the Board and then printed in the *Bulletin*. The notice reads as follows.

"Notice to Foreign Hybridizers"

Under certain circumstances, your originations may be eligible for American Iris Society awards. In order to qualify, the following points must be met:

(1) The variety must have been registered with the American Iris Society Registrar.

(2) It must be introduced (offered for sale for the first time) by one (or more) North American seller(s); during that first sale and shipping season it must not be sold elsewhere.

(3) The hybridizer must furnish The American Iris Society Registrar with a letter stating that the conditions set forth in (2) have been met, giving the name of that variety, the seller(s) and the year of introduction. A form for this purpose may be obtained from the Registrar's office if desired.

"By 'sale and shipping season' is meant the same calendar year in the Northern hemisphere; or prior to spring/summer (catalogues September or later of the same calendar year, shipping December or later) in the Southern hemisphere."

"If the hybridizer is unable to submit the necessary letter or form, it may be furnished by his survivor, heir or local assignee."

"Canadian irises, being of North American origination, are automatically eligible for American Iris Society awards."

The Registrar notes further: "(1) The 'first' North American introduction should be exclusively North American, not a co-introductory situation involving other than the United States or Canada. Any other introduction action during the same shipping season would negate the eligibility. Otherwise it is too hard to verify...and in my interpretation opposes the intent of the award. (2) The hybridizer (as specified by Board action in 1993) must be the one certifying that requirements have been met, not the registrant/introducer (as written in the May, 1995, Board minutes). Only the hybridizer, his heir or assignee in the foreign country would know first hand if requirements have been satisfied; the introducer in North America, would not have first-hand knowledge."

Stahly moved, Mahan seconded, that Keppel's "Notice to Foreign Hybridizers" be accepted as written. Niswonger proposed an amendment to the motion changing the wording from "...must not be sold elsewhere" to "...must not be advertised for sale elsewhere." Mahan seconded. The amendment was accepted, and the amended motion carried.

In response to another concern of the Registrar, Stahly moved, Miller seconded, that irises of any origin be eligible for awards if first introduced in North America. Motion carried.

Witt moved that 1000 copies of the 1995 R & I booklets be published, that they be priced at \$6.00 each and that all other R & I booklets on hand be priced also at \$6.00.

Mahan seconded. Motion carried.

Publication Sales Director Lack presented his annual report which included a breakdown of sales figures for the year, a stock inventory, a listing of AIS archival materials and a listing of old *Bulletins* in stock. Lack stated that he had had reports that the AIS Logo decals were defective. Waters will contact the supplier. The stock of AIS lapel pins is getting low. Mahan moved that the Secretary investigate the cost of reproducing the pins and report to the Board at the spring meeting. Plank seconded. Motion carried. Regarding the 75th anniversary posters, Stahly moved that the posters be available for sale to anyone for \$3.00 each for any number. Miller seconded. Motion carried. Mahan moved that a poster ad be placed in the April *Bulletin*. Harder seconded. Discussion revealed that Youth Chairman Jean Morris has a framed poster. Morris will send a picture of the poster to Editor Mullin for use in the April *Bulletin*. Waters will prepare the ad. Motion carried. Harder moved that the 75th anniversary medals be advertised in the April *Bulletin*. Mahan seconded. Motion carried. With regard to the RHS color charts, Secretary Plank was asked to find the cost of the new color charts from England. With regard to a new printing of the AIS Membership List, it was the consensus that the printing could be delayed for another year. It was noted that about 165 binders (covers) are needed for *Judges' Handbooks*. Witt moved, Plank seconded, that 165 binders be ordered. Motion carried.

Lack then announced his decision to resign his position as Publication Sales Director, citing health problems as the cause. President Barr asked for a resolution of thanks to both C. J. and Kitty Lack for their untiring efforts in running the AIS sales office. Corlew so moved; Plank seconded. The motion carried with enthusiasm.

Paul Gossett reported on the number of old *Bulletins* he has received from the Publications Sales office. He has been mailing them out or giving them away. The old issues are being put to good use.

Outgoing RVP Mazur, having extrapolated the amount of dues increase in the various categories, presented Membership Secretary Harlow with a complete listing of the new dues structure as follows:

Single Annual	\$ 18.00
Single Triennial	43.00
Dual Annual	23.00
Dual Triennial	54.00
Youth, no <i>Bulletin</i>	4.00
Youth w/ <i>Bulletin</i>	7.00
Single Life	360.00
Dual Life	435.00
Single Annual Overseas	23.00
Single Triennial Overseas	54.00
Dual Annual Overseas	26.00
Dual Triennial Overseas	65.00

Editor Mullin gave a brief report, noting that he had been editing one publication or another since 1967 and that he will have completed editing 35 *AIS Bulletins* by the time his resignation takes effect with the April issue of 1996. Stahly moved, Smith seconded, that a vote of formal thanks and high commendation for excellence in editing be given to

Mullin. Motion carried.

Affiliates Chairman Niswonger discussed the advantages and problems of affiliation, noting that in 1995 there are 170 affiliates; in 1990 there were 145. Four others are being organized at this time. For clarification it was stated that affiliates are subscribing members with no vote, as are institutions, libraries, etc.

Awards Chairman Wilhoit reported that 799 ballots were mailed out in March, 1995. There have been some problems in voting. Wilhoit recommended that each judge should vote his/her own individual ballot (some married judges have been voting on one ballot with x's and o's), that copies of the official ballot not be accepted and that those voting on copies not be given credit for voting. Mahan so moved. Plank seconded. Motion carried. Wilhoit mentioned that various inquiries had been made to tabulators Bennett and Evelyn Jones for specific information; such information is not always easily accessible. Niswonger moved, Mahan seconded, that response to such inquiries be left up to the discretion of the tabulators. Motion carried. Wilhoit further suggested that there be some guidelines for keeping the results of the voting. She reminded apprentice judges that their ballots are for study purposes only. Symposium results were given, with percentages of voting by region. RVPs present requested again that both percentages and numbers of votes by region be given. In response to a request that write-in voting on the Symposium ballot be reinstated, it was suggested that write-in votes could be counted by the RVPs and the results used for regional purposes.

Convention Liaison Mahan reported that the Greater St. Louis Iris Society wishes to host the AIS fall Board meeting in 1999; he recommended that the invitation be accepted. Niswonger seconded. Motion carried. The Greater Omaha Iris Society wishes to host the fall Board meeting for the year 2000, and the Oklahoma Iris Society has offered to host the AIS spring convention in 2007. Mahan moved that both the Nebraska and the Oklahoma offers be accepted. Niswonger seconded. Motion carried. Mahan stated that invitations are needed for spring conventions and requested that RVPs ask their regions about this possibility.

The meeting recessed for lunch from 12:00 noon until 1:30 P.M.

The Exhibitions Committee report was presented by Chairman Gristwood. There were 188 spring shows scheduled, 10 of which were canceled. Six fall shows were scheduled. Five societies failed to send in their show reports. There were 129 sets of medals sent to affiliates, four to regional shows and 17 sets of Youth medals to Youth divisions. Tall bearded irises were selected most for Best Specimen awards; Louisiana irises were second in number of awards. No Nelson Award was given this year, as there was a tie. Youth Chairman Morris suggested that the Best Youth Specimen of shows be recognized in *Bulletin* show reports.

Foundation Liaison Pettijohn reported that there had been no large gifts but that many memorial gifts had come in. The Foundation trustees had approved one grant to study *I. nelsonii*. Pettijohn noted that the AIS Scholarship Committee could apply for a 3-year grant of \$2,000 each year for the purpose of funding the AIS Scholarship program (if the other Foundation trustees agreed to the grant).

It was noted here that several life memberships had been received during this meeting. It was suggested that Treasurer Nichols be instructed to restart the Restricted Life Membership Fund, with separate accounting, beginning with the first quarter of the new fiscal year.

Historian Harder advised that he has four boxes of catalogs and other data to be sent to the Library headquarters in Silverton, Oregon, as soon as they are ready to receive them. Harder would like to receive all regional publications and those of affiliate clubs. He would like to receive foreign publications also. It was announced that Silverton had acquired land for a new Botanical Garden, but the Board was informed that the land had been acquired by the West Coast Association of Nurserymen.

The Judges and Judges' Training report was given by Chairman Corlew, who had several recommendations. First was that on the Judges Quota listings the term "Transferred in (to a region) judges" and the RVP listings be dropped. These affect the quota. Niswonger so moved, and Smith seconded. Motion carried. Next it was recommended that the Judges' Training sessions at conventions be on a staggered basis and the time cut back to one and one-half hours duration so that judges could attend more than one session. It was the consensus that this should be done.

Training sessions at Sacramento are to be held on Tall Bearded, Spurias and Artistic Design. Next Corlew recommended: (1) that Judges Training sessions be approved in advance by the RVP or by the Regional Judges' Training Chairman when so authorized by the RVP; (2) that notification is to be sent to the AIS Chm. of Judges and Judges Training when a session has been approved; notification should list Region, sponsoring group, date, subject, instructor and proposed length; (3) that a report of the Training Session be forwarded to the approving Regional Officer within two weeks following the session; the approving Regional Officer is then to forward the report to the AIS Chairman of Judges and Judges Training within one week; the report should give the information listed in (2) and include also a list of attendees showing name as given on AIS membership records, type of Judge and the Judge's region; (4) that a written test containing a minimum of 20 questions on areas to be covered by the session must be prepared by, or under the supervision of, the instructor and completed by the attendees at the conclusion of the session; a blank copy of the test is to accompany the report.

Plank moved that these guidelines be approved. Stahly seconded. Motion carried. Corlew concluded with a report on the progress of the new Handbook.

Chairman Miller presented the Membership Contest report. Winner of the 1995 contest for individual members was Kathy Guest of Region 2. The Youth winner was Danika King, Region 18. In first place for the Affiliates was the Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society. Seventeen individuals from 5 regions and twelve societies from 4 regions participated. A certificate will be sent to all who participated. Many new members are gained by this contest.

Policy Chairman Lowe gave a brief report and then distributed copies of the latest policy index update. Lowe brought up a question concerning an action previously taken concerning pictures of irises. After discussion of the intent of the action Barr asked Aitken, Corlew and Witt to consider the matter and suggest a change in wording later in the meeting.

Public Relations Chairman Waters stated that she would like to establish a resource file of writers, lecturers, Board members, etc., and moved that this be done. Niswonger seconded. Motion carried. Waters reported that the 1996 calendar is ready, and she was applauded for its beauty. It was announced that Ed Wilkinson will be the shipper of the AIS Display Screen and that a new case has been purchased for the screen.

There was a brief recess.

Witt reported for the ad hoc committee appointed earlier to consider the action referred to by Policy Chairman Lowe. That motion, approved at the spring Board meeting, stated, "that color pictures used in AIS publications should be of registered, introduced irises." The committee recommended that the following words be added, "..... properly published species, historical cultivars, and those used for illustrative purposes and overall garden shots." Witt so moved, Corlew seconded. Motion carried.

There was general discussion about possible AIS use of computer on-line service. Barr appointed the following as a committee to gather information about this service, especially as it might pertain to AIS information for Robins and Internet use: Harlow, Mahan, Bob and Jeanne Plank, Mike and Anne Lowe, Claire Honkanen and Bill Smoot. Harlow was asked to coordinate the information and report at the spring meeting. Stahly moved that the committee be approved, Niswonger seconded. Motion carried.

Scholarship Chairman Witt reported on inquiries regarding scholarships. She stated that a donation had been received from the Greater St. Louis Iris Society. Witt then recommended that such donations be placed in the Scholarship Fund and used along with money from the General Fund so that the Scholarship Fund's balance each year returns to zero. Mahan so moved. Miller seconded. Motion carried. Following discussion about future funding for scholarships, Mahan moved, Witt seconded, that the existing scientific scholarship policy be amended to include applicants from Canada. Motion carried. Niswonger moved, Smith seconded, that efforts be made toward funding an additional graduate level scholarship of scientific research restricted to irises but not restricted as to geographic location. Motion carried.

Scientific Committee Chairman Fulton's report was read by Secretary Plank. Fulton stated that the main ongoing activity of the committee is the Disease Project led by Currier McEwen. It would be helpful to the project to have a pathologist as an active participant in the study. Fulton requests that if anyone knows of a person who might be interested he should contact Fulton or Dr. McEwen. There have been no significant expenses for the project thus far, but the chairman requests that funds approved in 1993 remain available should they be needed. He concluded by stating his belief that there is too little scientific study on irises. Attached to Fulton's report were comments from the Scientific Committee concerning the scientific publishing policy approved at the spring Board meeting. Barr asked Niswonger, Aitken, Witt and Stahly to review these comments along with the previously approved policy and report findings to the Board whenever possible.

Section Liaison Aitken reported on future mini-conventions planned by the various sections. Scheduled are:

Apr. 12-14, 1996 Louisiana Iris Society, Lafayette, LA.

Apr. 30-May 1, '96 Median Iris Society, Portland, OR.

June 13-15, 1996 Soc. for Japanese Irises, St. Louis, MO.

June 13-15, 1996. Species and Siberians by Iris Soc. of Massachusetts.

June, 1999 Soc. for Japanese Irises Portland, OR

Year 2000 Siberian Iris Society Western NY.

The Slides Committee report from Chairman Moller was read by Secretary Plank. Moller outlined use of the slides sets during the year and requested that all hybridizers send slides of recent introductions for use in the "Newest in Irises" set. He stated his

intent to put together a set which would visually present the subject of Awards and Ballots if the Board thought it would be helpful. Mahan moved that such a set be put together. Pope seconded. Motion carried.

Youth Chairman Jean Morris reported statistics on youth membership. A youth recruitment letter was sent to all affiliate presidents in the summer with positive response. Six regions still do not have a Regional Youth Chairman. Over 100 AIS youth members received free irises this summer from Dr. Charles Price and his son (14) and from Ruth Simmons and her granddaughters (22). An AIS coloring contest was held via *The Iris Fan*. The overall winner was Sandra Sekutershi (2). There have been regional, affiliate and individual donations to the Clarke Cosgrove Youth Achievement Fund. Mahan moved that \$200 be presented to the Youth Award winner each year if that amount is available and that any additional funds received be held over until the next year. Niswonger seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 5:00 P.M. for dinner and reconvened at 8:30 P.M.

Reporting for the Committee to Study Awards Guidelines and Policies, Niswonger stated that for the time being the duties of the Awards Committee have been split. Wilhoit makes up and sends the ballots. Bennett and Evelyn Jones are responsible for the tabulation. There was discussion of the fact that there is now only one tall bearded iris on the eligibility list for the Dykes Medal. No action was taken. Bennett and Evelyn Jones were thanked for their help.

Mike Lowe reported for the Committee to Study Liability Insurance. The American Iris Society now holds a Commercial General Liability policy underwritten by Travelers Insurance Co. This coverage is designed to protect the personal assets of AIS members as well as the assets of local chapters, regions, sections and the national society in the event of a claim arising during Society functions. The policy protects the insured against claims from outside parties. The cost will be about \$3,984 per year, depending on the number of AIS members. Lowe asked that there be an Insurance Committee appointed as a standing committee. Barr thanked Lowe and Secretary Plank for their considerable efforts in obtaining this coverage.

For the Committee to Study Non-Profit Incorporation and Tax-Exempt Status for Sections, Regions and Affiliates, Attorney Robert Plank explained that his firm has agreed to take the AIS as a pro bono client. An agreement has been drawn up and signed by Barr as AIS President. Plank now has Attorney Glen Spain's AIS files, and he stated that Spain had guided the society well. He then outlined those things which still need to be done with regard to completing the move toward incorporation of the sections, regions, and possibly the affiliates, and to drafting charters tailored to each of those organizations that tell the relationship between them and the AIS and that define the relationship for insurance purposes. Plank, along with others of his firm, will assist those groups in completing these moves. He will also research other questions as they arise. A vote of thanks to Plank was expressed by the group.

Mahan reported on the status of the AIS Library. A contract has been secured with the city of Silverton, Oregon, for ten years. Help will be needed from RVPs and others in obtaining contributions for the Library Fund. Mahan proposed that there be a permanent Library Committee established composed of a chairman elected by the Board and a member of the Board, a person elected as a Director, a person from Region 13, a person elected by the RVPs from the RVPs and a person elected by the sections from

the sections, this committee to be non-reappointed and on a five-year rotation; the first job of the committee would be to write the duties of the committee and decide what kind of catalog system should be used. Mahan so moved. Corlew seconded Motion carried.

Niswonger reviewed the recently conducted survey concerning the formation of an international iris society. Reaction to the letters and questionnaires sent to many foreign societies and individuals had been mixed. It was suggested that the European Iris Society be first established as a stepping stone to a World Wide Iris Association.

At this point, Barr welcomed the new American Iris Society President, O. David Niswonger.

Niswonger called for the election of the remaining officers. The following were duly nominated and elected:.

First Vice President	Clarence Mahan
Second Vice President	Harold Stahly.
Secretary	Jeanne Clay Plank.
Treasurer	Bonnie Nichols
Editor	Terry Aitken.

Niswonger then asked for approval of the following appointments:.

Registrar	Keith Keppel.
Membership Secretary	Marilyn Harlow.
Recording Secretary	Betty Burch
Publication Sales Director	C. J. Lack
Advertising Editor	Jean Erickson.

Corlew so moved, Aitken seconded. Motion carried.

RVP Counselor Stahly presented the list of recommendations for Regional Vice President appointments for 1996, moving that the following incumbents be approved:.

Region 6	Emma C. Hobbs	13	Marky D. Smith
7	Jerry Gifford	14	George Sutton
8	Mrs. Mickey Giefer	15	Bill Rinehart
9	George S Poole	16	Catherine Boyko
10	Mrs. Hubert Rena	18	Mike Hargrove
11	Oz Reyna	19	Joseph John Griner
12	Cathy Hagen Reed	22	Ron Mullin

Corlew seconded. Motion carried Stahly then moved that the following new appointments be approved:.

Region 1	Dr. Warren C. Hazelton	17	Mrs. David Lamb
2	Kathleen Guest	20	Glenna Chapman
3	Bettie A. Nutter	21	Calvin Reuter
4	Anne Lowe	23	Karen Bergamo
		24	James G. Burch.

Harder seconded. Motion carried. Stahly expressed thanks to all the retiring RVPs. Niswonger expressed his thanks for the cooperation given to him by the RVPs when he served as Affiliates Chairman. The Publication Sales Director will send Past RVP pins to those retiring RVPs who wish them.

Niswonger asked for approval of the following standing committee appointments:.

1	Affiliates	Shirley Pope
2	Awards	Melody Wilhoit

3	Convention Liaison	Clarence Mahan
4	Exhibitions.....	Lillian Gristwood
5	Foundation Liaison	Richard Pettijohn
6	Historical	Larry Harder
7	Honorary Awards	Claire Barr
8	Judges and Judges Training	Glenn Corlew
9	Membership Contest.....	Lynda Miller
10	Policy	Mike Lowe
11	Public Relations	Olive Rice Waters
12	Registrations.....	Keith Keppel
13	Robins.....	Libby Cross
14	RVP Counselor	Hal Stahly
15	Scholarship	Jean Witt
16	Scientific.....	Chandler Fulton
17	Section Liaison	Terry Aitken
18	Slides	Michael Moller
19	Youth.....	Jean Morris

and as members of the Honorary Awards Committee, in addition to the past presidents, and subject to their consent, Allan Ensminger, Dorothy Howard and Bennett Jones.

Waters so moved, Harder seconded. Motion Carried.

The meeting recessed at 10:50 P.M. and reconvened the following day, Sunday, November 5, 1995, at 8:30 A.M.

The Board went into Executive Session to consider the reports of the Honorary Awards Committee and the Executive Committee of the British Iris Society, and the recommendations for Emeritus Judge status from the Judges and Judges Training Chairman. Returning to the regular session, Niswonger announced the following: Hybridizer's Medals were awarded to Frederick W. Gadd, D. C. Nearpass, D. Steve Varner, and to C.E.C. Bartlett of the British Iris Society; Emeritus Judge status was awarded to Hilda Crick, Fred B. Stephenson, Kenneth M. Waite and Phillip A. Williams.

Barr read portions of a letter from P. R. Maynard, President of the British Iris Society, announcing that Bennett Jones has been awarded that Society's Foster Memorial Plaque, "...for outstanding contributions to the advancement of the genus iris...."

Niswonger read a letter from AIS member Randy Muir, who suggested that living hybridizers be memorialized by means of a library of video tapes. There was favorable discussion of such a move, with particular emphasis on quality. No action was taken, but the consensus was that there should be a committee made up of persons knowledgeable in this field who could study the matter and make recommendations and that the RVPs could give valuable aid in setting up the project.

RVP Board Representative Smith brought to the Board for consideration a list of proposals from the RVP Board of Counselors, explaining that there seemed to be an increasing interest on the part of the membership in general to participate in the business of the society at the national level and frustration at not being able to do so. For this reason the Board of Counselors had met several times during the past year. Smith respectfully requested the appointment of a committee to review the following proposals and present a recommendation at the April, 1996, meeting in Sacramento:

1. An AIS Director will be elected to one three-year term. At the completion of that term, there will be a one-year complete absence from the Board of Directors before that person is eligible for re-nomination as a Director.

2. The Personnel Committee will become the Personnel/Nominating Committee and be composed of one AIS Director, two Regional Vice Presidents and two Section Representatives.

3 The term of any director which is vacated before completion will be filled from the list of nominees presented by the current Personnel/Nominating Committee, This list of nominees must be larger than the list of vacancies to be filled.

4. Any candidate for election as a Director or an Officer will be excused from the discussion in Executive Session prior to the election. Voting members of the Board of Directors will be allowed to vote.

Related issues to be considered by the committee:.

1. Should they be phased in gradually?.
2. Should they become effective at some date certain?.
3. Should they apply to incumbents?
4. Should they be retroactive?.

Following discussion, Niswonger appointed Smith, Chairman and Terry Aitken, Anne Lowe, Jeanne Plank and Hal Stahly as this committee to study and report findings in the spring (It was noted, however, that the committee might not have reached a final conclusion at that time.) Corlew so moved Witt seconded Motion carried.

Following the suggestion that stationery be provided with the AIS letterhead only, it was the consensus that President Niswonger should receive imprinted 415 Stationery; imprinting for other Officers, Directors, Committee Chairmen and RVPs should be left to the discretion of Secretary Plank.

Plank asked for signatures for the Standard Banking Resolution for change of officers.

The Sacramento convention will be held April 24–28 1996, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Corlew moved that a vote of thanks be given to the Oklahoma Iris Society for their gracious hospitality at this meeting. Barr seconded. Motion carried with applause.

Stahly moved that the Board express profound gratitude to Claire Barr for her three years of service as president Witt seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Marilyn Harlow and Claire Barr.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Ramada Inn **May 23 & 24, 1995**
York, Pennsylvania

President Claire Barr called to order the regular spring meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Iris Society at 1:00 PM, May 23, 1995. Present at the various

sessions were President Barr; Immediate Past President K. Waite; 1st Vice President Niswonger; 2nd Vice President Mahan; Secretary J. Plank; Treasurer Nichols; Editor Mullin; Membership Secretary Harlow; Publication Sales Director Lack; Directors T. Aitken, Corlew, Gristwood, Harder, McWhirter, Miller, Stahly, Waters, Wilhoit and Witt; RVP Board Representative Moller (20); Foundation Liaison Pettijohn; Committee Chairmen M. Lowe and Jean Morris; RVPs Schmieder (1), Schueler (2), Honkanen (5) Hobbs (6), Smith (13), G. Sutton (14), Rinehart (15), Green (17), Hargrove (18), Mazur (21) and Perkins (23); RVP-elect A. Lowe (4); Assistant RVPs Nutter (3) and Meyer (11); Section Representatives James Morris (M.I.S.), and J. Weiler (R.I.S.); and guests A. Waite (1), Cross, Marley and Stoneburner (4), D. and A. Willott (6), J. Wilhoit (9), B. Aitken (13), M. Sutton and F. Weiler (14), L. and R. Conrad and B. Plank (15), Probst (18), V. Wiekhorst and W. Wiekhorst (20), Gossett (22) and Figge, Goodnight and Sluizer (23).

In her opening remarks, President Barr invited and encouraged all present to participate in discussion, with the reminder that only Board members may vote.

Recording Secretary Joanne King was unable to attend the convention. Minutes of the fall 1994 Board meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, printed in *AIS Bulletin* #296, were approved as corrected. The correction: Waters seconded the motion attributed to Harlow. Harlow is not a voting member of the Board and did not second any motion.

Barr reported that interim Board action consisted of the approval of a contract with Publisher's Press of Salt Lake City to reprint *The World of Irises*, and the approval of the purchase of logo decals to be included in the *75th Anniversary Bulletin* mailing envelope.

Waters moved, Gristwood seconded, that the selling price of the reprinted *The World of Irises* be set at \$20 each. Motion carried.

Waters moved, Mahan seconded, that AIS logo decals be sold for \$1 each at convention. Motion carried.

Mahan moved, McWhirter seconded, that extra copies of *75th Anniversary Bulletin* be sold for \$5 each at convention, and for \$7.50 each when purchased through the AIS Publication Sales Office. Motion carried.

At the International Species Symposium in St. Louis in March in a conversation with Philip Ogilvie on the question of the publication of scientific articles in the *Bulletin*, Barr had asked Ogilvie to look into this matter. In consultation with Jean Witt and Dr. Alan Lievens (Horticultural Taxonomist, Missouri Botanical Gardens), Ogilvie formulated and submitted a proposal defining policy regarding types of scientific articles the AIS should publish in the *Bulletin*. This will be taken up at a later session in this meeting..

Barr reported two generous donations to the AIS, one from The Southern California Iris Society (Reg. 15) restricted to the Clarke Cosgrove Youth Award Scholarship Fund, and one from the Tulsa Area Iris Society (Reg. 22) restricted to the Fund for Color in the *Bulletin*.

Secretary Plank gave a brief summary of the activities involving her office.

Treasurer Nichols distributed copies of the interim financial report.

Membership Secretary Harlow reviewed the written report she had mailed to Board members prior to the meeting. The AIS membership stands at 8,316 following the March non-renewal deletions. Region 14, Region 4, and Region 18, in that order, lead the twenty-four regions for members per region. Harlow's report generated the following

action:

McWhirter moved, Harder seconded that color "Invitation to Join" brochures be offered for sale at 5 for \$1. Corlew offered an amendment, Plank seconded, that the bulk sales price be set at 100 for \$10. The amendment carried, and the motion carried as amended.

Mahan moved, Waters seconded that a notice be placed in the next four issues of the *Bulletin* advertising that AIS color brochures are available for sale from the offices of Secretary Plank and Membership Secretary Harlow, and listing the new prices. Corlew moved, Plank seconded, that the motion be amended to state that the *Bulletin* advertisement be in color. The amendment carried, and the motion carried as amended.

Corlew moved, McWhirter seconded, that a multi-payment plan for life memberships be adopted as proposed by the committee appointed last fall to that purpose. Motion carried.

Stahly moved, Plank seconded, that where dues are specified under life memberships in the *Bulletin*, it will be publicized that a life membership installment plan is available. Motion carried.

Following discussion, action on the issue of providing membership lists to region editors on computer disks rather than in computer printouts was rescheduled for a later session of this meeting.

Secretary Plank read the report from *Bulletin* Advertising Editor Erickson, who was unable to attend the convention. Action resulting from this report was a motion made by Mahan, seconded by Witt, that the Board refuse any advertising for irises containing non-registered varietal names or names not in the process of registration. By "in the process" is meant that the names have been cleared by the registrar and the registration fee has been paid. Motion carried.

Secretary Plank read Registrar Keith Keppel's written report in his absence. Corlew moved, Stahly seconded, that Keppel continue applying his interpretation of Board policy of record when resolving questions concerning introduction dates of foreign registrations. Following discussion, Barr appointed Wilhoit, Stahly and Niswonger to examine the issue of foreign registration dating and to return at a later session of this meeting with suggestions for clarifying the ambiguity of this problem.

Stahly moved, Mahan seconded, that the motion on the floor be tabled. Motion to table carried.

After a fifteen minute break, discussion was resumed on procedures and practices relating to iris registrations.

Moller reported the recommendation of the committee appointed to examine the proposal that slides or pictures be submitted with registrations. The committee, composed of Moller, Miller and Barbara Schmieder, recommended that at this time the Board not institute the policy of requiring a picture of an iris to accompany it at the time of registration. McWhirter moved, Witt seconded, that the committee's recommendation be accepted. Motion carried.

Publication Sales Director Lack reported on his department. In keeping with suggestions in Lacks report, Mahan moved, Niswonger seconded that price of a single issue of *Basic Iris Culture* be raised to \$2.50. Motion carried.

Mahan moved, Miller seconded, that judges handbooks be sold only in their entirety (current edition, complete with cover), and that uncovered, loose page copies no longer

be sold. Motion carried.

Lack yielded the floor to Paul Gossett, who recommended a price scheduling for surplus copies of the *Bulletin* based on handling costs. Mahan moved, Niswonger seconded, that the AIS sell surplus *Bulletins* on a schedule of 10/\$5.00, 20/\$6.00, 30/\$7.00, 40/\$8.00, 50/\$9.00, to anyone wishing to buy them, and that an ad be placed in the *Bulletin* announcing this schedule. Motion carried.

Mahan moved, Niswonger seconded, that Gossett be allowed to take surplus copies of the *Bulletin* to shows and sales of societies that he might visit, and offer them without charge on such occasions since no packaging or shipping costs are involved. Motion carried.

Niswonger distributed copies of the list of approved affiliates for 1995. Approved affiliates for 1995 number 170. (Three additional affiliates were approved after the list was printed.) Regions 14 and 18 are tied for the highest number of affiliates (18 each). Regions 17 and 22 are tied for the next highest number (15 each).

Wilhoit reported that 799 awards ballots were mailed in March to Garden, Master & Emeritus Judges. She pointed out that ballot expenses have risen because of higher paper and postage costs. Bennett and Evelyn Jones have agreed to take charge of counting the 1995 ballots.

Wilhoit stated that there is concern about the eligibility of 10 irises listed in the 1995 Species HM category. She quoted Keppel's letter to Barr in which he listed reasons for concern and asked for Board clarification. Mahan pointed out that the AIS policy for eligibility has been defined by two recent policy statements and that copies of both of these policy statements should be sent to Keppel to help to simplify eligibility decisions. (Policy references - minutes in *Bulletin* #290 - 7/93, and #292 - 1/94). Corlew moved, Mahan seconded, that the previously adopted policy on eligibility be reaffirmed. Motion carried. A letter to this effect is to be sent to the registrar along with a copy of the two board policy statements.

Wilhoit asked that the matter of the replacement of the awards cups be placed on the fall Board meeting agenda for consideration.

Exhibitions Chairman Gristwood reported receiving 189 show approval requests for the year to date. After summarizing the activities of her office, Gristwood requested Board direction regarding the disposition of old show requests and reports.

Mahan moved, Corlew seconded that following their being printed in the *Bulletin*, exhibition reports be discarded after one year and that the schedules be sent to the Historical Committee Chairman for record. Motion carried.

Historical Committee Chairman Harder requested that the Board set policy regarding the inclusion of the registrations and introductions booklets in the AIS historical collection. Plank moved, Mahan seconded, that in the absence of receiving AIS registration materials of archival value, the chairman is authorized to purchase such materials and to bill the AIS for the costs incurred. Motion carried.

Following a request from Harder to be able to use the title "Historian", Corlew moved, McWhirter seconded, that Harder's position be designated as AIS Historian. Motion carried.

Judges and Judges' Training Chairman Corlew reported briefly on the transfer of the chairmanship.

A letter from Region 4 RVP Dr. Roy Epperson was read requesting the correction of

a clerical error at the region level which resulted in the omission of two Region 4 Apprentice Judges from the accredited Garden Judges list. Corlew moved, Niswonger seconded that Region 4 Apprentice Judges Sara Marley and Dennis Stoneburner be approved as Garden Judges for 1995. Motion carried.

Corlew requested direction on the length of time to keep judges' training records. McWhirter moved, Corlew seconded, that the Judges' Training Chairman be allowed discretionary judgment regarding the disposal of old files, with the limitation that the records from the current year plus the three previous years be kept. Motion carried.

Membership Contest Chairman McWhirter announced this year's contest winners and displayed the three new plaques, designed by Bryce Williamson, which will be awarded. This year's paper certificate awards are newly designed as well.

Affiliate winners:	1st	Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society - Region 4	
	2nd	The Iris Club of South East Michigan - Region 6	
	3rd	The Francis Scott Key Iris Society - Region 4	
Youth member winner		Kevin Gormley	Region 18
Individual winners:	1st place	Kathy Guest	Region 2
	2nd Place	Kathleen Colburn	Region 2
	3rd Place	Sara Holk	Region 15

The meeting was recessed at 5:15 PM and re-convened at 8:00 AM the next day, May 23, 1995

Policy Chairman Mike Lowe stated that all officers, directors and chairmen have been given a copy of the policy-forming action taken at the last Board meeting. These pages, added to the pages compiled following each Board meeting, form the AIS policy record. Lowe requested that Board members and committee chairmen collect these policy sheets in a notebook or file and, when leaving office, transfer the notebook or file to the new Board member or committee chairmen along with the other materials of office.

Public Relations Chairman Waters updated the Board on the activities and projects being handled by her office. Waters' report required no Board action. President Barr asked for a round of thanks to Waters for the 75th Anniversary logo decals which were included in the mailing with the Anniversary *Bulletin*.

Youth Chairman Morris announced the Youth Achievement Award Contest winners.

1st	Danika King of St. Claire, Missouri (Region 18)
2nd	Shilo Gillam, Garden City, Kansas (Region 18)
3rd	(A three-way tie)
	Erin Marie Griner - Bordentown, New Jersey (Region 19)
	Ryan Koch, Pacific, Missouri (Region 18)
	Kenneth Smith, Holcomb, Kansas (Region 18)

In addition to the Clarke Cosgrove Memorial Award for Youth Achievement Trophy, this year's winner will receive a check for \$200 contributed by the Southern California Iris Society (Region 15).

Since the AIS Fall Board Meeting, AIS youth membership has increased by 19 to a total of 192 members.

Since Robins Chairman Brookins was not present at the convention and did not send a report, Barr asked Libby Cross (Reg. 4) to give an unofficial report on the status of various robins. Cross reported that while the program is not thriving and is in need of

help, there are robins still flying. Cross could account for only 13 robins; however, she felt there were additional Robins flying of which she was not aware.

Scientific Committee Chairman Dr. Chandler Fulton was unable to attend the convention. Secretary Plank read his written report, in which the work being done was described and some of the major conclusions to date were summarized.

Scholarship Chairman Witt reported that there were 26 applicants for scholarships this year. The committee's recommendations and the proposed projects of each candidate were announced.

Stahly moved, Waters seconded, that the Board approve the Scholarship Committee's #1 recommendation, David Jobes, Ph.D. candidate at Tulane University, Louisiana. Project: The use of DNA analysis to determine the relationship between species. Motion carried.

Corlew moved, Stahly seconded, that the Board approve the Scholarship Committee's #2 recommendation. Following a discussion about available funds, the motion failed.

Slides Chairman Moller reported 40 requests for slides and stated that the slides in some sets were in need of being replaced, notably slides in the Popularity Poll program. An appeal for new slides was made. It was suggested that a program focused on novelty irises would be of interest.

In the absence of AIS Foundation Liaison Pettijohn, Secretary Plank reported the results of the election held the previous evening at the meeting of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Richard C. Butler - President and Chairman	Donald R. Saxton - Vice
President	Richard T. Pettijohn - Secretary-
Treasurer	

All incumbent Trustees were re-elected: Cathy Gates; Donald Saxton; Dorothy Willott.

The Ackerman Memorial Youth Essay Contest was won by Monica Combrink of Glenco, OK (Reg. 22).

RVP Counselor Stahly reported on the RVP meeting held the previous night. After first thanking Barbara Schmieder, outgoing RVP president, for her excellent work, Stahly listed the newly elected RVP officers:

RVP Board Member Representative Marky Smith (Reg.13)	
1996 Personnel Comm. Representatives Cathy Boyko (Reg. 16); Bill Rinehart (Reg. 15)	
RVP President	Bill Rinehart (Reg. 15)
RVP Secretary	Cathy Hagen Reed (Reg. 12)

Acting on the RVPs' recommendation, Stahly moved, Miller seconded, a Board resolution that when reporting the number of votes cast in the Symposium, regions be given credit for the percentage of members casting votes in that region as well as for the total number of votes cast. It is the responsibility of the RVP to tally, compute and report both the number and the percentage for each region. Motion carried.

Mahan moved, Stahly seconded, that the AIS Board formally commend Barbara Schmieder for the work she has done as Chairman of the Regional Vice Presidents. Motion carried.

Convention Liaison Mahan reported the convention locations and dates for future fall

and spring meetings. Approval for the following locations and dates was requested and received:

Fall 1996 - Colorado Springs, CO

Fall 1997 - Austin, TX

Fall 1998 - Bedford, MA

Editor Mullin stressed the continuing need to remain conscious of the importance of deadlines. At the conclusion of his report, Mullin submitted his resignation as Editor, effective upon the completion of the April, 1996 *Bulletin* issue. A round of applause from the audience and Board members followed President Barr's call for a show of appreciation for Editor Mullin's seven years service.

Stahly moved, Niswonger seconded, that the Board express thanks and appreciation to Editor Mullin for the work he has done with the *Bulletin*. Motion carried.

Mahan requested that the Board rethink the policy of not using color pictures of irises in the *Bulletin* and other AIS printed material during that time in which the iris is eligible for awards. Mahan moved, Niswonger seconded that the AIS change the policy regarding printing color photos in the *Bulletin* of irises eligible for awards. Following discussion, Stahly moved, Plank seconded that the motion be tabled until the fall Board meeting. Motion carried.

Mahan moved, Corlew seconded, that RVP's be asked to poll their membership regarding whether or not color photographs of newer irises are wanted and to report back to the fall Board meeting. Motion carried.

Corlew moved, Miller seconded, that color pictures used in AIS publications should be of registered, introduced irises. Motion carried.

Barr called for a twenty-minute break.

Section Liaison Aitken reported that Everett Lineberger has been elected by Section leaders to be their representative on the 1996 Personnel Committee.

Chairman Marky Smith presented the report from the 1995 Personnel Committee, which was composed of Moller, J. Plank, Stahly, J. Weiler and herself. Incumbents Harder, Waters and Wilhoit have agreed to serve again if nominated and elected. Four additional names were presented: Glenn Corlew, C. J. Lack, Shirley Pope, and Riley Probst. The move to executive session to determine the nominees was postponed until the final session.

Mullin addressed the subject of "Flight Lines" and stated that the feature would not be appearing in the *Bulletin* soon because no material is being offered to produce a feature column.

Corlew reported that the Handbook Revision Committee has no completion date for the new judges handbook, although work is in progress. The committee, composed of Corlew, Hilda Crick, Roy Epperson, McWhirter, Mullin, and Phil Williams, is working for the earliest possible target date for the completion of this undertaking.

Niswonger, Chairman of the Committee to Study Awards Guidelines and Policies, reported that the duties of the Awards Chairman had been divided to spread the workload. The awards ballots, prepared and mailed by Wilhoit, will be counted for the next 3 years by Evelyn and Bennett Jones. The counted ballots will be returned to Wilhoit for the record.

Mahan reported on the status of the AIS library, announcing and explaining the reopening of negotiations to locate the AIS library in the city of Silverton, Oregon.

Stahly moved, Miller seconded that authorization be given for the proposed contract with Silverton, Oregon, providing that the wording “a ten-year automatic renewal at Silverton’s option” from paragraph 2, Line 1, of the contract be changed to read “a ten-year automatic renewal with mutual approval.” Motion carried.

Mahan moved, Miller seconded, that the President inform the Dresden, Tennessee representative that AIS Library materials in their possession are to be shipped to Silverton, Oregon, and authorize payment of the necessary expenses incurred in moving and relocating the material from Dresden to Silverton. Motion carried.

Mike Lowe presented a progress report on the Insurance Committee’s efforts toward extending insurance coverage to AIS affiliates and sections through “umbrella” coverage carried by the national organization. Lowe expressed disappointment that coverage could not be arranged before the 1995 spring bloom season but offered the promise that coverage could be in place before this year’s sale period, and failing that, with certainty before the fall meeting.

Barr reported that after many attempts by AIS *pro bono* legal advisor Bob Plank to make contact, attorney Glen Spain had finally responded less than a week before convention time by submitting his resignation, citing as the reason a work load increase requiring extensive travel. Following the opening meeting session, the executive committee met with Bob Plank to discuss this very recent development. Bob Plank is contacting attorneys who specialize in the field of non-profit organizations. Barr has asked Bob Plank to spearhead an update of the status of non-profit incorporation and tax exemption of the sections, regions and affiliates, as well as related Bylaws changes and whatever else needs to be done and to report to the fall Board meeting, or sooner if possible. Bob Plank has asked Niswonger, Stahly and Aitken to be on this committee because of their relationship with the affiliates, regions and sections. Barr asked Board approval of this committee. McWhirter moved, Harder seconded, that the Board approve the committee. Motion carried.

Barr noted that there is a need for a new printing of the AIS Bylaws in which the new amendments are incorporated into the previously existing document. Mahan moved, Niswonger seconded, that 500 copies of the complete AIS Bylaws be printed and that they be furnished to Board Members and Chairmen, RVPs, Affiliate Presidents, Section leaders and Region Editors, and that they be available on request. Motion carried.

Niswonger read a letter from Sergey Loktov, President of the Central Iris Society (Russia), promoting the formation of an International Iris Society. Niswonger moved, Mahan seconded, that Niswonger conduct a survey in the name of the AIS of foreign irisarians to determine if there is interest in a World Iris Society. Motion carried.

Barr called a lunch break until 1:30 PM.

After reporting the recommendations of the Foreign Awards Committee, Stahly moved, Wilhoit seconded, that irises originating outside the U.S. and Canada become eligible for AIS awards when the registrant/introducer furnishes the registrar with proof of introduction together with a signed statement that these irises have not been offered for sale under name or number prior to the date of the registrar’s receipt of proof of American introduction. Motion carried.

Miller moved, Niswonger seconded, that the AIS allow the seedlings of foreign hybridizers to receive AIS HC and EC awards. Motion carried.

With regard to the 10 irises of questionable eligibility listed in the awards ballot under

the HM Species category, Niswonger moved, Mahan seconded that these irises be eliminated from the 1995 ballot and returned to the 1996 ballot after signed certification has been received by the registrar that the irises have not previously been offered for sale. Motion carried.

Barr stated that she had received from Everett Lineberger a proposed, or suggested, set of changes to the current AIS Bylaws, copies of which Barr had sent to members of the Board prior to this meeting. Barr encouraged study of the suggested changes in preparation for future consideration.

The proposal concerning the publication of scientific articles in the Bulletin, submitted by Phillip Ogilvie and referred to by Barr in the opening session of this meeting, was presented to the Board by Witt.

“A Proposed AIS Policy on the Publication of Scientific Papers (reports of original research at the scientific level) in the *Bulletin*.”

1. Under most circumstances the *Bulletin* is not an appropriate venue for the publication of papers reporting the results of scientific research. (See sections 3 and 4 below.)

a. There are specialized journals much better equipped for the publication of such papers.

b. The distribution of such specialized journals are in communities more likely to critically examine the purported results, thus stimulating the interchange of ideas.

2. This position of AIS, when adopted by the Board, should be made clear to both authors and readers by a statement on the title page of each issue and a statement in the “information for contributors.”

a. Bulletin Title page statement: Articles appearing in this publication unless otherwise stated have not been submitted to scientific review. Statements contained in these articles should be considered opinions of the author or authors. These articles should not be considered to contain final authority of scientific fact or taxonomic priority.

b. Bulletin information for contributors statement: Most articles reporting the results of research may more appropriately be reported in specialized journals. If, however, the author wishes to publish such a paper in the *Bulletin*, he must submit with the manuscript a list of competent reviewers. The AIS publication advisory committee in cooperation with the editor of the *Bulletin* reserves the right to select a panel from this list, its own reviewers or a combination of both.

3. In the rare instances where the *Bulletin* is the correct venue, a three member advisory committee should be established to assist the editor in these decisions and to select a peer review panel for the paper.

4. The AIS should encourage investigators to publish in the *Bulletin* summaries of previously published research related to the genus *Iris*.

Following discussion, it was the consensus that in item 2.B, the phrase “most articles” be changed to “technical articles.”

Corlew moved, Niswonger seconded, that the proposed policy be adopted. Motion carried.

Barr recognized Rich Randall, Membership Chairman for Region 4, who had asked for time to speak before the Board on behalf of giving personal recognition to all participants, individuals or affiliates, who take part in the Membership Contest. Randall recommended that a certificate of thanks be given to all participants. Barr promised to

bring Randall's suggestion to the attention of the Membership Contest Chairman.

~~In keeping with the AIS custom of electing a new president at the spring meeting to facilitate the change in office following the full election of the remaining officers at the fall meeting, Barr called for nominations for President. Plank nominated Niswonger for President- elect. Waters seconded. Corlew moved, Stahly seconded, that nominations cease. Motion carried.

Niswonger was elected by acclamation.

Barr requested approval for the appointments of Lynda Miller and Bonnie Nichols to serve as the Board representatives on the 1996 Personnel Committee. Stahly moved, Wilhoit seconded, that the appointments be approved. Motion carried.

Barr called for a motion of thanks to all who worked on the 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee with Jim Rasmussen as chairman. Corlew so moved, Waters seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Barr extended the Board's thanks to the York Convention Committee and to Region 3 for their splendid work hosting this Spring 1995 convention.

75th Anniversary Bulletin Editor Aitken presented a breakdown of the production costs of the *75th Anniversary Bulletin*, pointing out some of the reasons why, and ways in which costs exceeded expectations, as well as some of the ways in which technology aided production and reduced costs. Total production costs came to \$20,000 in round numbers, almost half of that cost (\$9,000) went into the production of colored pictures. Barr pointed out that three of the members of the Aitken family were the main participants in the production of this special issue, Terry, his wife Barbara and their son Scott.

Niswonger raised a point of order regarding the eligibility of Treasurer Bonnie Nichols for appointment to the Personnel Committee, because she is not an "elected director." Nichols is an elected officer of the American Iris Society and thereby an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors with full powers. The AIS Bylaws, Art. VI, § 1-c; §2-a, and *Robert's Rules of Order*, Art. IV, §28 footnote, clarified the situation and established that Nichols was indeed eligible for appointment and service on the Personnel Committee.

To establish a clear AIS policy on this question, Mahan moved, Stahly seconded, that ex-officio voting members of the AIS Board of Directors are members with full rights of appointment to standing committees, in accordance with the AIS Bylaws and *Robert's Rules of Order*. Motion carried.

The issue of providing membership lists to region editors on computer disk rather than in a computer printout raised during the opening session and tabled for later consideration was reopened. Following discussion, it was moved by Miller and seconded by Witt that the Membership Secretary provide the regional editors with addresses on paper or addresses on disk, whichever is preferred, at the same cost, and that when the disk option is chosen, a contract will be drawn with the printer stipulating that the information on the AIS membership label disk will neither be sold nor used for any other purposes. Motion Carried.

To express his gratitude to Harlow for the work she did, Mahan moved that the Board commend Harlow for her extensive efforts expended toward the reprinting of *The World of Irises*. The motion, seconded by Waters, was carried unanimously.

Barr asked Mahan for a status report on the proposed new AIS book. Mahan

recommended that a five-member editorial advisory board should be appointed to review material that is produced for the book and suggested that this be addressed at the fall meeting.

The Board went into executive session in order to consider the recommendations presented by the Personnel Committee during the first session.

After reconvening to regular session, Barr announced that Corlew, Harder, Waters and Wilhoit are the nominees for election at the fall meeting.

The fall Board meeting, hosted by the Oklahoma Iris Society, will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on November 3, 4, and 5, 1995.

Miller moved, Plank seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Jeanne Clay Plank, Secretary, and Marilyn Harlow, Membership Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Quality Hotel Four Seasons
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

November 4, 5, 6, 1994

The regular all meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Iris Society was called to order at 8:45 p.m., November 4, 1994, by President Barr. Present at the various sessions were President Claire Barr; First Vice President Niswonger; Second Vice President Mahan; Secretary J. Plank; Treasurer Corlew; Membership Secretary Harlow; Recording

Secretary King; Publication Sales Director C.J. Lack; Directors Aitken, Crick, Gristwood, Harder, Miller, Stahly, Waters, M. Wilhoit and Witt; RVP Board Representative Moller; Foundation Liaison Pettijohn; Photo Coordinator R. Plank; Committee Chairman

Jean Morris; RVPs Schmieder (1), Honkanen (5), D. Willott (6), Gifford (7), Meyer (11), Smith (13), Rinehart (15), Green (17), Probst (18), Gossett (22) and M. Perkins (23); Section Representative Kiyomoto (SIGNA), James Morris (MIS) and McGrath (ASI); others attending were Hobbs, A. Willott (6), J. Wilhoit (9), Nichols (17), K. Lack (22) and Bergamo, Figge, Gordon, V. McGrath, T.C. Perkins, Randall and Sluizer(23).

President Barr welcomed those present and invited their participation in the discussions with the reminder that only Board members could vote on the Society's business. Introductions followed, and everyone was requested to sign the attendance books.

On behalf of the Board of Directors Barr thanked the Albuquerque Iris Guild, Region 23, for hosting the 1994 fall meeting.

Recording Secretary King presented the following corrections to the minutes of the 1994 spring Board meeting in Portland, Oregon, as published in The AIS *Bulletin* #295:

1. p. 90, paragraph 4 - "comma" instead of "period" should appear after "sale."
2. p. 90, paragraph 5 - "Motion carried." should be added after "buyers"
3. p. 92, paragraph 13- "Corlew seconded." should be added at the end of the paragraph after "Fund."

4. p. 4, paragraph 3 - "the engraving of" should be inserted between "for" and "medals".

5. p. 94, paragraph 15- should read "peer review of scientific data is performed on" instead of "the recommended changes were made in".

With no further corrections, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Secretary Plank reported that as no other nominations for directors had been received, Clarence Mahan, Harold Stahly, Lynda Miller and Jean Witt are duly elected and qualified with terms expiring in 1997. Barr welcomed Miller as a new director and recognized out-going Director and Judges Training Chairman Crick for her able and dedicated work in the past years for the AIS.

Barr announced there had been no interim Executive Committee action. Interim Board approval had been given to two appointees: Keith Keppel as temporary Registrar and Jean Erickson as Advertising Editor. Permission had been granted to Schreiner's Iris Garden to use certain materials from *The Handbook for Judges and Show Officials*, Section B, with proper acknowledgements, for instruction on the evaluation of irises in their recently-formed test panel

Following the post-convention announcement that John Weiler would serve on the 1995 Personnel Committee as Section Representative, President Barr had asked Marky Smith to serve as chairman, since it had not been possible to elect a chairman at the convention

Barr also related having received a request, belatedly, by the North Shore Iris and Daylily Society of Illinois to copy some material from *The World of Irises* for an educational exhibit at their spring show. She had responded by acknowledging and granting their request for future use, if needed, according to AIS policy.

Secretary Plank reported she had successfully contacted attorney Glen Spain. She has received from him both files and a synopsis of his past work with the AIS. Her conversation with Mr. Spain concerning future needs of the Society confirmed his desire to continue his work with the AIS.

Plank stated it was time to order stationery and that post cards would be mailed to those not present as a reminder.

Membership Secretary Harrow directed attention to the 1994 report mailed prior to the meeting to each Board member, pointing out losses and gains with a total membership of 8,221, which is a net gain of 100 over those lost during the year. Harrow praised the efforts of the regional chairpersons in recruiting new members, and stated nearly half of the Regions have membership chairmen, five of whom regularly correspond with her. Leading in membership totals are: Region 14, with 752 members, Region 4, with 669, Region 6 has 612 members and Region 18 has 600. The new color "Invitation to Join" brochures have been well received.

Harlow reported that the AIS member requesting a Life Membership time-pay plan last spring has already paid in full and is now a Life Member. She had received no further inquiries regarding payment plans. Barr cited the possible need for a policy on this in the future however, and will therefore appoint a committee later in the meeting to study the matter.

Treasurer Corlew distributed copies of the annual financial report together with the 1995 proposed budget for study by the Board for later action. The report, Corlew said, generally reflected expenses running higher because of the cost of printing postcards and the R & I Checklist (ten year).

The Editor's report was given by Barr in the absence of Editor Mullin who was unable to attend. Mullin stressed the need for contributors to send articles before the publication deadline of each issue. Cost differences were pointed out between the use of color versus black and white in publishing an issue. Mullin thanked those who had provided slides for the October issue.

With regard to the extra expense of color pictures used in *The Bulletin*, Barr announced that a large donation had been given by The Greater Portland Iris Society convention committee to help off-set the additional cost.

Photo Coordinator R. Plank recognized the photographers who contributed to the national convention coverage: Glenn Corlew, Terry Aitken, Bill Maryott, William Plotner, Bryce Williamson, Jean Erickson, Vickie Craig, Jim Craig, Manley Osborne, Mike Lowe, Marky Smith, Joanne Derr, Lynda Miller and Roger Mazur. It was the consensus of the Board that the color used in the *Bulletin* while expensive and complicated served as good public relations.

The report of the Registration Chairman and Registrar, Keith Keppel, was read by President Barr. New applications to date have numbered 819 with some coming from Russia and the republics of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, these for the first time. In response to Keppel's request for the number of copies of the *1994 Registrations & Introductions* booklet to be ordered, Corlew moved, Plank seconded, that 1,200 copies be printed and sold at the charge of \$5.00 each. Motion carried.

Stahly moved, Waters seconded, that the Board authorize the Executive Committee to approve funds, if needed, to provide assistance to Keppel in his work as Registrar. Motion carried.

Publication and Sales Director Lack reported a total of \$40,441.89 in adjusted sales, and listed inventories on sales items and materials in the AIS Archives. *The World of Irises* has been removed from the sales list because of the small number remaining in inventory, and Lack mentioned the surplus of left-over *Bulletins*. A discussion ensued on the excessive number in stock, especially July and October, on the problem of over-runs, how and where to disperse the extra copies and who would take on that job.

A motion was made by Aitken, seconded by Corlew, that wholesale rates be offered to iris societies for back issues of the *Bulletin* in excess of surplus. The motion was withdrawn in favor of the suggestion that a committee be appointed to study and make further recommendations to the Board. No further action was taken at this time.

Affiliates Chairman Niswonger opened his report with thanks to all the RVPs for their work last year which resulted in a total of 160 affiliates nationwide, an increase of 7 over 1993. Region 18 had the most affiliates with 19, Region 14 had 16 and Region 22 had 15. Niswonger reiterated the benefits of affiliating such as free medals, a set of AIS slides provided for one program during the year, plus a greater opportunity for fellowship in a more expanded network. Niswonger passed out copies of all regional affiliates with their current presidents and addresses, as this latter information would no longer be printed in the *Bulletin*.

Barr took this time to recognize and welcome RVP Representative Mike Moller, Region 20, to the AIS Board for the year 1994-95.

Awards Chairman Wilhoit presented her fall report to the Board, opening with the results of the 1994 High Commendations, the 1994 Japanese Iris awards and the 1994 Tall Bearded Symposium. Ballots were mailed out to 841 accredited judges, and 683 were returned by the July st deadline; 22 were returned late and 2 judges voted on 1993 ballots. On the Symposium vote, approximately 20% of the AIS membership voted, with Region 14 having the highest number of votes, 180, followed by Region 18 with 138 and Region 15 with 133. Region 12 had the highest percentage voting, 53%. Twenty-three overseas members voted. Wilhoit asked that the names of the two irises left off the printed ballot be included on next year's ballot. Niswonger so moved; Plank seconded. Motion carried.

Foundation Liaison Chairman Pettijohn gave a brief report announcing the grant approved to Stanton Gill, University of Maryland, to study the control of iris borer using insect pathogenic nematodes. The study will be conducted in spring and summer, 1995.

Convention Liaison Chairman Mahan stated that Region 7 would be unable to host the 1996 fall Board meeting but hoped to be able to do so at a later date. The 1997 fall meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in Temple, Texas, awaiting a formal invitation from that society and Board approval. The 1995 fall Board meeting will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Spring meetings have been scheduled through the year 2000.

The matter of unsigned judges' ballots was raised by Awards Chairman Wilhoit, who stated that 90% of ballots were returned with addresses and names but no signatures.

Since there was obviously some confusion on this issue, Stahly moved, Mahan seconded, that the requirement to sign the ballot be removed and replaced with a statement requiring the name and address to be printed legibly on the ballot. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 10:45 p.m. and reconvened at 8:40 a.m., Saturday, November 5.

Niswonger shared with the Board a copy of a Russian Bulletin which had its table of contents in both Russian and English. He spoke of the difficulties in sending irises or material to Russian individuals since import permit numbers were assigned only to organizations. Express mail proved to be the answer.

Exhibitions Chairman Gristwood said that copies of her report had been mailed to all RVPs. She reported that 190 spring shows and 5 fall shows were approved this year with only five cancellations; there was one Display show and one Seedling show. The AIS provided 140 sets of medals to affiliates and regional shows. The Nelson Award, given to the iris winning the most Best Specimen of Show awards was Dusky Challenger with 10; Silverado was second with 6 and Titan's Glory and Song of Norway tied for third with 4 each.

Convention Liaison Chairman Mahan distributed the following information for spring conventions:

1995	York, PA, Ramada Inn, 1650 Toronita St.	May 23-27
1996	Sacramento, CA, Hyatt Regency, 1209 L St.	Apr 23-27
1997	Detroit, MI, Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, MI	June 3-7
1998	Denver, CO, Sheraton-Denver Tech Center	June 1-5
1999	Oklahoma City, OK	May 4-8
2000	Dallas, TX	

Historical Committee Chairman Harder reported that he continues to solicit and receive catalogues, regional bulletins and other related publications; he requested copies of the reprints of the *AIS Checklists* as well as the *R & I* booklets. He then asked about disposing of an out-dated AIS computer.

Mahan moved, Corlew seconded that Harder be authorized to dispose of the computer as he saw fit. Motion carries.

Harder also asked permission to subscribe to foreign society publications so that they can be secured for the AIS files.

A Motion was made by Witt, seconded by Stahly, that a reciprocal approach on the exchange of foreign bulletins be tried through Secretary Plank and Membership Secretary Harlow for historical references. The motion was amended by Mahan, seconded by Corlew, that three copies be secured, one going to the Library. Amendment passed, Motion carried.

The Honorary Awards report was postponed since it would require Executive Session later, and Barr called for the Judges' Training report. Chairman Crick, making her final report, submitted the roster of judges for 1995 and thanked all RVPs for their

cooperation during her term.

There was a discussion of qualifications of overseas judges and their ability to meet the AIS requirements to maintain their accreditation. Crick acknowledged there was no way overseas judges could fulfill the training required of U.S. judges, but they were required to have 3 years of AIS membership along with growing their own irises.

RVP Honkanen, Region 5, and RVP Perkins, Region 23, asked that an apprentice judge from each of their respective regions whose membership will have met the 3 year requirements on January 1, 1995, be placed on the list of apprentice judges recommended by Chairman Crick for approval by the Board as accredited judges.

Niswonger moved, Aitken seconded, that on the recommendations of their RVPs, Marshall Goforth, Region 5, and Dorothy Gordon, Region 23, be added to the list for approval by the Board, subject to the verification of requirements by the Chairman of Judges and Judges' Training and the Membership Secretary. Motion carried

In addition to accredited judges, the following new Master Judges were also on the Judges' Training Chairman's list for recommendations to the Board:

Region	1	Mrs. Keith Roberts
	2	Dr. Edward Valentine
	4	Mrs. Andrew C. Warner
	5	Nina Hawkins
		Mrs. Edward Paquet
	7	Mrs. Albert Dierckes
		Jerry Phillips
	8	Mrs. R.W. Dalgaard
		Dr. Norman Frisch
		Mrs. Duwayne Giefer
	9	Mrs. C.J. Simon
	12	Suzanne Perry
		Cathy Hagan Reed
Region	13	David Schreiner
		Ray Schreiner
	14	Merry Haveman
		William Maryott
	18	Mrs. James Morris
		Annette J. Vincent
	21	Irene H. Boardman
		Jim Hummel
		Vera Hummel
		Marjorie Jansen
	24	Carol Burch
		Margaret Connally

Niswonger moved, Corlew seconded, that the Board approve the Chairman's recommendations for 1995. Motion carried.

Barr expressed her appreciation again to the Judges' Training Chairman and noted that Crick would remain on the committee for revision of the Handbook.

Crick announced the following judges' training sessions at the York, Pennsylvania convention: Siberians, by Marky Smith, Louisiana, by Farron Campbell, and Ethics by Phil Williams.

Corlew announced plans for judges' training at the Seminar on Species, March 24-26, 1996 in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Membership Contest report was given by Barr in the absence of Chairman McWhirter. The Chairman recommended in his report that the December 10 deadline for entries be changed so that his report could be complete by the November fall Board meeting.

Mahan moved, Harder seconded, that the date for contest entries be changed, beginning in 1995, so that the contest ends on September 30th and starts on October 1st of each year thereafter. Motion carried.

Mahan moved, Moller seconded, that the Chairman be authorized to change the rules of the contest at his/her discretion and to publish such changes in the *Bulletin*. Motion carried.

The report stated that The Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society was the current leader among affiliates, followed by The Iris Club of Southeast Michigan, and The Francis Scott Key Iris Society. Individual leaders in the contest were Kathleen Guest, Region 2, followed by Kathleen Colburn, Region 2 and Sarah Holk, Region 15.

After a 15 minute break, the meeting continued with a report from the Policy Chairman.

In the absence of Chairman Lowe, Secretary Plank read his report to the Board for the record. Lowe suggested that retiring Board members pass on their policy index file to in-coming Board members.

Public Relations Chairman Waters thanked Glenn Corlew, C.J. Lack, and Robert Plank for their help.

Waters moved, Stahly seconded, that a posthumous vote of thanks be given to Don Peterson, recently deceased, for his long time assistance in shipping the AIS screen. Motion carried. A special letter to the family will be written by the Secretary regarding this act of appreciation by the AIS.

New projects consisted of the new car sticker decals with the AIS logo, new show posters and fold-over notepaper.

Corlew moved, Stahly seconded, that the Board authorize the Chairman to proceed

with the AIS car decals and submit a price proposal to the Board. Motion carried.

Following a discussion on the need for different sizes of posters used for advertising shows, Corlew moved, Mahan seconded, that the Chairman investigate the sizes needed and report back to the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

The use and distribution of the lavender "Invitation to Join" that still show an old address was debated. Membership Secretary Harlow offered to make new address labels for Lack to apply to the old brochures. The offer was accepted.

Robins Chairman Brookins had not sent a report. Harder addressed the desirability expressed by many to have "Flight Lines" back in the *Bulletin*. Following discussion, the consensus was that Secretary Plank should write to Chairman Brookins advising him of the suggestions discussed and asking for his in-put in a report at the 1995 spring meeting.

RVP Counselor Stahly distributed the list of recommendations for the 1995 RVP appointments to each Board member, naming the following new Regional Vice Presidents, terms expiring in 1997:

Region 3	Theresa Jewell
6	Emma Hobbs
9	George S. Poole
Region11	Oz Reyna
14	George Sutton
18	Mike Hargrove
22	Ronald Mullin

Continuing RVPs (with expiration dates):

Region 1	Barbara Schmieder	1995
2	John Schueler	1995
4	Dr. Roy Epperson	1995
5	Claire Honkanen	1995
6	Catherine Boyko	1996
7	Jerry Gifford	1996
10	Mrs. Hubert Rena	1996
12	Cathy Hagan Reed	1996
13	Marky Smith	1996
15	Bill Rinehart	1996
17	Gordon Green	1995
19	J. John Griner	1996
*20	Mike Moller	1995
21	Roger Mazur	1995
23	Maxine Perkins	1995
24	Joe Christopher	1996

Stahly moved, Niswonger seconded, that the list of continuing RVPs be approved

by the Board. Motion carried.

Corlew moved, Niswonger seconded, that the new slate of RVPs be approved. Motion carried.

Stahly stated that he would verify all new RVPs' names and addresses and send them to the Secretary for stationery orders.

RVP Representative Moller read suggestions from the RVP meeting:

(1) that new registrations and/or new introductions be accompanied by a picture or slide of the iris along with its history.

It was felt that this was not an issue which could be decided at this time, but did merit investigation. Barr said that she would appoint a committee to look into the matter before the meeting's end.

(2) that Master Judges not be required to have judges' training.

It was the consensus that Active Master Judges must remain current in matters of show bench and garden training requirements, and that this subject should be referred to the Handbook revisionists.

(3) that the question was raised as to why was there no longer an AIS Regional Test Garden program similar to the Loomis Test Garden.

Hybridizers on the Board cited causes that made the program generally unsuccessful for hybridizers.

Mahan moved, Stahly seconded, that the Board commend Mike Moller and his Region for what they have done and are doing at the Loomis Test Garden. Motion carried.

After a break for lunch, the meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m.

Scholarship Chairman Witt reported that activity for 1994 included the continuation of support of Nathan Lange, the 1993-94 scholarship recipient, and that the two new recipients, Shana Garney of the University of Georgia and Kevin Horst of the University of Colorado at Boulder, have been sent their first checks. Expenses for the year were given. The members of her committee, Phil Ogilvie, Sharon McAllister, Elsiemae Nicholson and James Waddick, will be asked to serve again next year.

Secretary Plank read the Scientific Committee report sent by Dr. Chandler Fulton, Chairman. The report included news of the current "disease project" led by Dr. Currier McEwen, and a request for the continuation of the project through the summer of 1995. Since funds had been made available at the spring meeting for such a contingency, no further action was needed for the request. Fulton also wrote that Dr. Henderson had been notified of the Board's suggestion regarding his manuscript on iris classification.

Section Liaison Convention Chairman Aitken reported his committee's examination of the relationship between the AIS national conventions and the Section mini-conventions as requested by the President. After passing copies to the Board listing a summary of problems and benefits, Aitken proposed the following recommendations as possible solutions:

- (1) that Sections co-ordinate with the AIS Section Liaison at the preliminary planning stage to prevent potential conflict;
- (2) that national convention dates be published, even if tentative, so Sections can plan around them;
- (3) that Section convention dates be published with national dates, "subject to change".

While it is recognized that the AIS is an "umbrella" organization which shelters a great diversity of interests, it should also promote all iris interests in a harmonious and efficient manner.

It should also follow that some Section conventions could be scheduled at appropriate intervals of two, three or four years to avoid conflicts in the same year with other Sections' interests.

There was agreement that the main problem was co-ordination, inasmuch as mini-conventions for Siberian, Species and especially Japanese irises often offered the best, and perhaps the only, opportunity to view the many cultivars judges must see to vote awards. Setting dates within the time frame of peak bloom would require careful planning.

AIS Slides Chairman Moller reported a very good year for slide requests, with 70 scheduled programs. Most popular were "The Newest In Iris" and "Iris Trivia". Slides of the Portland Convention had recently been added. Moller encouraged members to send in their slides of new varieties, recent HM winners and other popular irises, and concluded with thanks to Howard Shockey for his help and advice.

The annual report of the Youth Committee was given by Chairman Morris showing a total of 173 Youth members, an increase of 9. Several regions are still without a Youth chairman. Morris also passed around the list of irises/seed mailed to 146 Youth members which included 180 varieties of median irises and 140 seed packets of iris seeds from SIGNA.

Morris said that Carolyn Hawkins had agreed not only to do a column on design for "Young Ideas" but to help edit the Youth publication. Morris strongly supported a recommendation for the Handbook revision to require a Youth Section as mandatory for an AIS schedule under which Youth could enter Horticulture, Design and Educational divisions. She also recommended that the Youth show report be on the same sheet as the adult's report.

An offer had been made by an affiliate society to donate a cash award to be given in addition to the AIS trophy given for the Clarke Cosgrove Award.

Mahan moved, Miller seconded, that if any society wishes to donate funds to the Clarke Cosgrove Memorial Youth Achievement Award each year, those monies would be accepted by the AIS and disbursed as part of that award. Motion carried.

Mahan moved, Corlew seconded, that the AIS pay for one set of Youth medals per AIS show. Motion carried.

Morris read a letter from a 15-year old West African, uniquely written, requesting some books and material on irises after finding the AIS Secretary's address on the back of a periodical having "many beautiful colors of flowers". An offer was made by Marky Smith to pay for a triennial Youth membership for the young man.

Corlew moved, Plank seconded, that the AIS send to him a copy of *The World of Irises*, one or two years of back issues of the *Bulletin* from surplus, an AIS calendar, postcards and a pamphlet on iris culture. Motion carried.

Niswonger, Chairman of the Committee to Study Awards Guidelines and Policies presented the committee's findings. Although there were no specific recommendations, several suggestions from members of the committee were as follows:

(1) printed guidelines of the duties of the Awards Chairman with a study of the workload;

(2) an assistant for ballot counting.

Bennett Jones, committee member, has volunteered to count ballots next year.

Niswonger read twelve duties of the Awards Chairman that were on a time-table. It was recommended that a dBase® File/Computer could help the Chairman handle the three different categories, Convention awards, Judges' Ballots and the Symposium.

Corlew moved, Waters seconded, that the Membership Secretary's present computer be transferred to the Awards Chairman and a new computer compatible with the one sent be purchased for the Membership Secretary, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

In the absence of Chairman Mullin, there was no formal report from the Committee to Study the Needs of the *Bulletin*.

Barr expressed the need for more members on the new committee and asked for the approval of Olive Rice-Waters and Terry Aitken. Niswonger so moved; Stahly seconded. Motion carried.

For the Committee to Revise the *Judges' Handbook*, Crick reported that a good start had been made, but at this time, there were no specific comments.

In-coming Committee Chairman Corlew stated that since there would be a complete revision rather than a page-by-page insertion, though the form would remain "loose leaf", it was still at least a year from printing. All Sections are being contacted for in-put, and several improvements have already been made. Any change of rules of course would have to come before the committee and then to the Board for approval. Corlew issued a general call to the membership for any legitimate suggestions for improving the *Handbook*.

In the absence of Chairman McWhirter, Harder reported for the Committee to Study Liability Insurance. He reported findings on an agency willing to handle AIS needs. This

agency had recently been contacted by committee member, Mike Lowe. Two types of policies were recommended: a package policy that offered liability with some form of property insurance added and a policy for directors and officers insurance. A third alternative would be Workman's Compensation. Estimates were quoted on each coverage. The Workman's Compensation was not applicable and the second policy was a duplication of present coverage. Therefore the first package policy offering liability with property insurance was considered.

A motion was made by Mahan, seconded by Witt, that the committee go ahead to the point that they have a policy ready to recommend and return it to Secretary Plank for further action by the Board. Motion carried.

Barr next asked for approval of the appointment of Marilyn Harlow, Jeanne Plank and Riley Probst to a committee to study the time-payment plan for Life Memberships. Niswonger so moved; Corlew seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary Plank read a letter from James Rasmussen up-dating the activity on the 75th Anniversary, quoting prices on the printing and shipping costs for the 1995 poster and requesting the number of posters to order and the type of packaging for shipment.

Stahly moved, Waters seconded, that the Board authorize Rasmussen to make the decision based on his judgment as to the better quality printer/package and to proceed with it. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Stahly, seconded by Miller, that a price be set of \$10.00 per print purchased at the convention and a post-convention price of \$15.00 per print, postage included, be approved. Motion carried.

Barr said that information about the Anniversary Medal would be reported later.

Chairman Aitken opened his report on the 75th Anniversary edition of The Bulletin with projections on the printing time and cost, size of publication and number of color pictures and over-all structure of the issue, including the number of issues to order. As editor of this special issue, Aitken appealed to hybridizers, photographers, AIS officers and Section presidents to contribute their knowledge in the making of not only a historical document but a promotional one as well.

A motion was made by Mahan, seconded by Miller, that there be no advertising in the 75th Anniversary Bulletin, based on precedent set by the 50th Anniversary Bulletin. Motion carried. Aitken stated that he planned to have the commemorative Bulletin out before the convention.

Barr asked about the reprinting of *The World of Irises*. Mahan replied that because of the content, it would likely be a year, probably two, before it would be completed. He felt that when contacted by Timber Press about another book matter, they might be interested in publishing it.

Corlew moved, Stahly seconded, that Mahan be authorized to research reprinting *The World of Irises* and report back to the Board. Motion carried.

Meeting was recessed and reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

Barr opened the evening session with information from Mullin concerning the price of the Anniversary medals. The Midwest Trophy Company in Bell City, Oklahoma, quoted the following prices for the medals in sterling silver as requested: 8400.00 for each side of the die for a total of \$800.00; \$16.75 each for 500 medals;

\$14.10 for 1,000. The price of resale by the AIS to both members and the general public was discussed. Further action was postponed until later.

Under Unfinished Business, Mahan gave the Library up-date, describing the circumstances under which both the City of Dresden and he had failed to come to an agreement in a final contract for establishing the AIS Library there. He submitted two letters, one from the City attorney, LeAnne Moore, declining the proposed contract amendments and the other from the City of Silverton, Oregon, expressing their continued interest in the project. Mahan said he had also been in communication with the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, Maryland, and that there was an interest there as well.

There was a long and definitive discussion reviewing the history of all three initial locations, of funding, professional oversight, security and the ability to meet future needs. Much credit was given Joyce Reynolds, AIS member, for her work and effort in Dresden on the Library's behalf. Mahan reported favorable conversations with the Weakley County librarian in Dresden, Sue Killingsworth, who assured him of a new library which would provide the environment and the professional personnel requested for the AIS Library after it appeared that negotiations had broken down between the AIS and the City of Dresden; the \$15,000 grant from the State of Tennessee was still available. There remained concern among Board members that, whether dealing with the City or with the County, the present and future needs of the research library would be able to operate free from outside, changing influences. The question of the separation of the Library and a museum was raised. The observation was made that a genuine misunderstanding developed between Dresden and the AIS. It was Mahan's opinion that the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, Maryland, best provided the criteria for both present and future AIS needs since it had the facilities for a research library already in place. He felt convinced that Dresden, with its State Iris Festival, was better suited for the AIS Museum of Artifacts.

Niswonger moved, Miller seconded, that Mahan continue to work with Weakley County librarian, Sue Killingsworth, at least until spring, toward a contract. Motion defeated by a show of hands.

Corlew moved, Plank seconded, that Mahan negotiate further with Beltsville for a research library and work with Dresden on having an artifacts museum. Motion carried by a show of hands.

The question was raised as to what constituted “artifacts” and the number of items on hand with which to start a museum. Barr read from a letter from the Philbrook Museum of Tulsa, to Dorothy Howard concerning a French Sèvres vase which had been donated to the AIS in May, 1980, and which the Philbrook Museum could no longer accommodate. Other items, mostly trophies and some historical and scientific material also qualified as artifacts. It was believed that once a museum was established, donations would be sent by collectors and hybridizers, and that bequests would be made from estates of AIS members.

Concern was expressed that all possible means be taken to preserve the good will of all involved in the proposals.

Waters moved, Niswonger seconded, that Dorothy Howard of Tulsa, Oklahoma, be asked to take charge of the Sèvres vase until final disposition of the matter. Motion carried.

Barr then vacated the Chair for the nominations for President to proceed, Niswonger presiding.

Plank moved, Mahan seconded, the nomination of Claire Barr for President. With no further nominations, Stahly moved, Corlew seconded, that the nominations be closed and that Barr be elected by acclamation.

Barr resumed the Chair and opened nominations for First Vice President.

Waters nominated Dave Niswonger for First Vice President; Mahan seconded. There being no further nominations, Witt moved Corlew seconded that nominations cease and Niswonger be elected by acclamation.

Niswonger nominated Clarence Mahan for Second Vice President; Stahly seconded. There being no further nominations, Plank moved, Miller seconded, that nominations cease and Mahan be elected by acclamation.

Stahly nominated Jeanne Plank for Secretary; Niswonger seconded. There being no further nominations, Corlew moved, Aitken seconded, that nominations cease and that Plank be elected by acclamation.

Corlew nominated Bonnie Nichols for Treasurer; Plank seconded. There being no further nominations, Waters moved, Miller seconded, that nominations cease and Nichols be elected by acclamation.

Niswonger nominated Ronald Mullin for Editor; Miller seconded. There being no further nominations, Mahan moved, Harder seconded, that nominations cease and Mullin be elected by acclamation.

The Board retired into Executive Session to consider the recommendations of the Honorary Awards Committee and the Judges and Judges' Training Chairman.

Following the closed session, Barr announced that the Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Hilda Crick; there were no hybridizer medals and no Emeritus judgeships awarded.

At the President's request, Robert Plank gave an up-date on his communications with the attorney, Glen Spain. The Board agreed to pursue the plan that had been laid out by Spain and partially implemented, and to continue in that direction.

Barr appointed the following Administrative Officers:

Registrar	Keith Keppel
Membership Secretary	Marilyn Harlow
Publication Sales Dir.	C.J. Lack
Recording Secretary	Joanne King
Advertising Editor	Jean Erickson

Stahly moved, Corlew seconded, that these appointments be accepted. Motion carried.

Barr appointed the following chairmen of Standing Committees:

Affiliates	O. David Niswonger
Awards Melody	Wilhoit
Convention Liaison	Clarence Mahan
Exhibitions	Lillian Gristwood
Foundation Liaison	Richard Pettijohn
Historical	Larry Harder
Honorary Awards	Kenneth Waite
Judges & Judges' Training	Glenn Corlew
Membership Contest	James P. McWhirter
Policy	Mike Lowe
Public Relations	Olive Rice-Waters
Registrations	Keith Keppel
Robins	Howard Brookins
RVP Counselor	Dr. Harold Stahly
Scholarship	Jean Witt
Scientific	Dr. Chandler Fulton
Section Liaison	Terry Aitken
Slides	Michael Moller
Youth	Jean Morris

Niswonger moved, Mahan seconded, that these appointments be accepted. Motion carried.

The out-going RVPs were thanked by the Board for their work on behalf of the AIS.

Stahly moved, Moller seconded, that the Board authorize C.J. Lack to mail out the RVP pins to the proper recipients. Motion carried.

RVP Riley Probst, Region 18, spoke to the Board about the unusual circumstance of a Past RVP's death after his pin had been ordered by the Region for his former service and stated that the Region is requesting that the AIS Board send the pin to his widow.

Niswonger moved, Waters seconded, that the AIS pay for the RVP pin for the former RVP, Keith Fillmore, now deceased, and send it to his widow. Motion carried.

Niswonger moved that the Board accept his resignation as Director and nominated Glenn Corlew to serve out the remainder of his unexpired term as Director. Plank seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 11:15 p.m. and reconvened on Sunday, November 6, at 8:45 a.m.

RVP Representative Moller called attention to what he considered a conflict of interest on the Personnel Committee, and a Point of Order under Section I, Paragraph D, of the AIS Bylaws in reference to the appointment and election of directors to fill a vacancy: "that the President makes appointments for the Board's approval."

Barr related that she had received the resignation that morning from the Personnel Committee member and that the parliamentary situation regarding the appointment to fill a vacancy was her oversight, even though the precedent had been set regarding a director resigning and then nominating his own successor in order to pass on a voting privilege.

At this time Barr appointed Glenn Corlew to fill the vacancy resulting from Niswonger's resignation as a director and asked for the Board's approval. Stahly so moved; Mahan seconded. Motion carried.

Corlew then formally requested that his name be removed from the Personnel Committee. Barr accepted.

Niswonger moved, Plank seconded, that the Board approve Harold Stahly as a member of the 1995 Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

After a discussion on the reprinting of *The World of Irises*, Harder moved, Niswonger seconded, that C.J. Lack furnish Mahan with the number of copies of *The World of Irises* needed to obtain a contract for its reprinting. Motion carried.

Following a discussion on bookstores, universities and libraries getting publications on a discount percentage, Mahan moved, Miller seconded, that there be a single price for *The World of Irises*. Motion carried.

Jean Witt told the Board of a chance meeting in Seattle, Washington, in September with Dr. Johan van Scheepen, of the Royal General Bulbgrowers' Association of The Netherlands. She stated that whatever exchanges of information there once were between the AIS and the Dutch Bulbgrowers had been disrupted by World War II and never reinstated.

Witt moved, Niswonger seconded, that communication and exchange of registration information between the AIS and the foregoing Association be resumed, and that the AIS registration materials be sent to The Netherlands. Motion carried.

Barr appointed Stahly, Gristwood and Paul Gossett to a committee to discuss the disposition of excess *Bulletins* for the Board's approval. Corlew so moved; Plank seconded. Motion carried.

It was the committee's recommendation, after consideration, that upon request from local societies, no fewer than 10 copies be sent for the price of shipping. Gossett had volunteered to take charge of mailing the copies etc.

A motion was made by Stahly, seconded by Waters, that the Board approve the plans in principle, and that Gossett get the prices determined and bring them back to the Board. Motion carried.

Barr appointed Mike Moller, Lynda Miller and Barbara Schmieder to consider a ruling that slides or pictures be submitted with registrations or introductions. Niswonger moved, Plank seconded, that the appointments be approved. Motion carried.

After confirming the cost of casting the 75th Anniversary Medal in sterling silver as discussed previously, Corlew moved, Harlow seconded, that the 75th Anniversary Medal price be set at \$27.50. Motion defeated.

Plank moved, Stahly seconded, that the price of the 75th Anniversary Medal be set at \$25.00. Motion carried.

Treasurer Corlew presented the financial report and the proposed budget for 1995 which had been distributed earlier for study by the Board. After reviewing the budget and its changes and additions, Corlew recommended the following salary increases: *Bulletin* Editor, \$25.00 a month; Registrar, \$25.00 a month; Membership Secretary, \$50.00 a month.

Plank moved, Waters seconded, that the Board accept the Treasurer's recommendations for the AIS salary increases for 1995.

Mahan moved, Harder seconded, that the motion be amended to increase the Editor's salary by \$50.00 instead of \$25.00. Amendment passed. Motion carried as amended.

Stahly stated that he felt the deficit budget was due not to the general operating budget of the AIS, but to the extra, and recoupable, expense of reprinting *The World of Irises* and the publishing of the 75th Anniversary *Bulletin*.

Treasurer Corlew stated that a CPA had reviewed the books prior to transfer to the new treasurer. It was noted, however that the in-coming treasurer should have an independent audit/ review done as well.

Barr officially welcomed the new Treasurer, Bonnie Nichols, to the Board, and thanked out-going Treasurer, Glenn Corlew for his diligent and conscientious work.

Corlew moved, Niswonger seconded, that the standard banking resolution be approved. Motion carried.

Barr announced that the 1995 fall meeting will be held November 3-5, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The spring meeting will be held in York, Pennsylvania, May 23-27, 1995 at the Ramada Inn on Toronita Street.

On behalf of the Board, Barr again thanked the Albuquerque Iris Guild, President Hilton and Region 23 RVP Perkins for the hosting of the 1994 fall meeting. Applause followed.

Registration forms for the International "Gardening with Species" were circulated by RVP Probst, Region 18, as a reminder of the Species Seminar to be held in March 24-26, 1995 in St. Louis, Missouri.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Joanne King, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Portland Hilton Hotel May 21 & 22, 1994
Portland, Oregon

The regular spring meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Iris Society was called to order at 1:30 p.m., May 21, 1994, by President Claire Barr. Present at the various sessions were President Barr; Immediate Past President K. Waite; 1st Vice President Niswonger; 2nd Vice President Mahan; Secretary J. Plank; Treasurer Corlew; Editor Mullin; Membership Secretary Harlow; Recording Secretary King; Publication Sales Director C.J. Lack; Directors Aitken (1994 Convention Chairman), Crick, Gristwood,

Harder, McWhirter, Stahly, Waters, Wilhoit and Wilt; RVP Board Representative Gossett (22); Photo Coordinator R. Plank; Foundation Liaison Pettijohn; Committee Chairmen Brookins, Fulton, M. Lowe,

Moller and Morris; RVPs Schmieder (1), Schueler (2), Epperson (4), Honkanen (5),

Willott (6), Gifford (7), Frisch (8), Meyer (11), Smith (13), Williamson (14), Rinehart (15), Probst (18), Griner (19), Mazur

(20), Perkins (23) and Christopher (24); Assistant RVPs Cline (6) and Bergamo (23); Section Representatives Glasser (MIS) Kiyomoto (SIGNA), Shepard (SIS) and Tankesley-Clarke (DIS); guests D.

Schmieder, A. Waite (1); A. Lowe, Marley (4); Reynolds, Luna (7); A. Machulak, W. Machulak (8); Craig, Wesemann (13); L. Conrad, R. Conrad, Jones, D. Shepard (15); Howard, Winship (17); Szmuriga (19); Wiekhorst (20); Stanek (21); Hickerson, K. Lack Smith (22); Jordan, Figge (23).

President Barr welcomed those present and invited their questions and comments with the reminder that only Board members could vote on the Society's business. Introductions followed and everyone was requested to sign the attendance books. Agenda sheets were available as general guidelines, though it was stated some reports might be given out of sequence when necessary.

Harder moved, Gossett seconded, that the minutes of the 1993 fall Board meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma be approved as published in the *AIS Bulletin* #292. Motion carried.

Barr reported that the only interim Board action was the approval of Joanne King of Region 7 as the new AIS Recording Secretary.

Barr presented several questions that had been brought to her attention since the last Board meeting. One concerning Judges' Training would be discussed later during that report.

At the fall Board meeting the Board had directed Secretary Stayer to keep and pass on to the new secretary all records going back five years plus the year in progress and to dispose of older records. In the interim, Barr had asked Stayer to wait before disposing of the older records, as there were some reservations about that length of time. After discussion a motion was made by Aitken, seconded by Mahan, that the Board reaffirm the five-year limit for the preservation of the AIS Secretary's records plus the year in progress. Motion carried, Corlew moved, McWhirter seconded, that correspondence files to be purged, particularly parts to be purged dealing with business of the AIS, be preserved in the Archives. The distinction between the Archives kept by the Publication Sales Director and the historical papers and documents collected by the Historical Committee Chairman, which comprised the Library, was pointed out, the latter being relocated in Dresden, Tennessee, as the AIS Library. Corlew withdrew his motion and moved that these files of correspondence be sent to Secretary Plank and held until such time as Dresden would be ready to receive the material. Plank seconded. Motion carried.

Barr presented a book which had been sent to Jeane Stayer as a gift to The American Iris Society by Lech Komarnicki, its author. Komarnicki is the only Polish member of the AIS. The book is written in his native language with photographic illustrations by Keith Keppel. Niswonger moved, Stahly seconded, that the book be placed in the AIS Archives. Motion carried.

Barr shared with the Board her copy of the book, *Iris Laevigate*, by Akira Horinaka of Japan. The book is a gift of the author, who is an AIS member and Master Judge, and is a remarkable pictorial documentation of Kakitsubata, written in Japanese with English translation.

Of special interest also, was a copy of the 1993 *Bulletin* of The Italian Iris Society

describing the International Competition held in Florence each year, with accompanying video of the iris garden; the video will be viewed later in the meeting.

Lastly, from Germany came a letter and partial manuscript) just received from author Rainer Zeh, a new work on irises, particularly tall bearded, offered for consideration of publication by The American Iris Society. Since the material was In German, Barr referred the manuscript to member Ilse Rasmussen for later discussion.

International iris interest was apparent at this convention with the registration of fifty-nine individuals from outside North America.

President Barr concluded her report with thoughts for future consideration. In the forefront was a plan to develop a personnel file in order to list the special interests, talents and abilities of members.

Secretary Plank reported on the gradual assumption of her new duties and mentioned the response from an article In Home *Magazine* on irises giving Plank's address as a reference for the book, *The World of Irises*.

Plank brought up the practicality of shipping Stayer's very large copy machine from Tulsa to California versus selling it in Tulsa and applying the proceeds to a smaller, less expensive machine which would be adequate to the needs of the new secretary, with some savings realized from shipping costs. Discussion concerned whether or not Editor Mullin who had not yet arrived at the Board meeting, might be able to use the large copier. McWhirter moved that the AIS dispose of the old copier in Tulsa and that Jeanne Plank be permitted to purchase a smaller one in California for her own use as AIS secretary. Aitken seconded. Motion carried.

Corlew then brought up the matter of the typewriter in Tulsa that had been bought for Jeane Stayer when she was AIS secretary. Corlew moved, Plank seconded, that the AIS allow Stayer to keep the typewriter as a token of appreciation for her years of service. Motion carried.

Plank concluded her report, inviting suggestions/questions at any time.

Membership Secretary Harlow distributed new AIS Membership books for each Board member. The new issue is now available for sale. As stated in the report mailed prior to the meeting to Board members, Harlow spoke in favor of a time-payment for a Life Membership requested by an AIS member. Harlow stated that granting this request would not set too great a precedent Mahan moved, Stahly seconded, that the matter of the member who wanted to buy a Life Membership in installments be turned over to Harlow to handle, without setting a precedent Motion carried. Following discussion, Stahly moved, Niswonger seconded, that the President appoint a committee to work out a plan for time-payments for Life Memberships. Motion carried.

Harlow asked the Board to set guidelines so that she could make decisions on where to limit sales of AIS labels; heretofore, outside sales were made only to those groups having horticultural endeavors, which should be continued. She recommended an increase from \$250 to \$275 for labels. Corlew moved, Niswonger seconded, that current AIS policy for sales be reaffirmed, that the price be raised to \$275 plus postage per complete set to all buyers. It was noted that since most sales are made to regions, and since regions seldom order full sets, the price increase should not affect them for the most part.

Again the Membership Secretary raised the question regarding sending out second notices for dues. McWhirter moved, Corlew seconded, that the Membership Secretary's

office stop sending second dues notices to delinquent members. Motion carried.

The first copy of the new Invitation to Join brochures in color was presented to President Barr. Corlew who worked on the committee with Harlow and Waters, said that while the color illustrated brochures had been developed primarily for the Membership Secretary and the AIS Secretary to send to new or interested AIS prospects, it was the committee's recommendation that those interested in purchasing them for private or promotional purposes be allowed to buy them for a price covering the cost of printing. Corlew moved, Waters seconded, that the new invitations be distributed for \$1.00 each to those who want to buy them. After discussion, Corlew moved that his motion be tabled. Niswonger seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Corlew distributed copies of the Interim Financial Report to Board members, explaining some items and noting that, as was customary for this period, expenses were greater than income. Questions were deferred until later in the meeting.

After an intermission, the meeting resumed with President Barr calling attention to a display of poster contest entries for the 75th Anniversary observance next year. She announced that voting would take place during this meeting and that the winner would be announced at the Awards Banquet

Barr called upon Corlew with regard to the possible use of Stayer's copier by the Editor. Mullin was reported not to need the larger size machine. Corlew moved, Plank seconded, that the AIS sell the copier now used by Stayer and buy for the Editor a copier machine comparable to the size being bought for Secretary Plank. Corlew estimated the savings would amount to \$450 to \$500 for the AIS. Motion carried.

Waters listed the following assignments from the Board as completed: new color Membership Invitations, new pictures for the AIS display screen and the first sets of the new iris picture post cards. After passing a set of cards to each Board member, Waters reported the second run was underway, as approved by the Board. Corlew moved, Niswonger seconded, that the cards be offered at \$4 per packet of 16, and for business sales, 10 packets for \$24. Following discussion in which it was pointed out that, as with the AIS calendars, a quantity discount for the postcards should be offered to everyone. The motion was amended by Corlew to state that the cards be offered at \$4 per packet and at a quantity price of 10 packets for \$25 (rather than \$24) to all who wanted them. Niswonger seconded. Motion carried.

Editor Mullin reported on a comparison of the AIS *Bulletin* and The American Hemerocallis Society *Journal* with regard to color, size and cost of printing, based on information obtained from Frances Gatlin editor of the AHS *Journal*. Mullin commented on the contents of the up-coming July *Bulletin* and went on to discuss the cost of color pages and some of the problems of the size of the *Bulletin*. Comments were made about the AHS *Journal*, one being the abundance of Robins' pages. Regret was expressed on the absence of Flightlines and "International News" in the AIS *Bulletin*. Credit was given Kay Nelson-Keppel for her handling of the large ad section in the April *Bulletin*. The desire of members to see more colored pictures and gardens in each issue was expressed, and a number of suggestions were made.

Barr stated she would appoint a committee to study the suggestions later in the meeting.

Mullin requested that thought be given to the economy of leaving off the addresses when listing the regions with their affiliates and presidents in *the Bulletin*. After much

discussion, Mahan moved, Witt seconded, that when the affiliate listing is printed in *the Bulletin* in the future, that the presidents' names and addresses no longer be included, and a brief announcement be printed referring those who need such information to the Membership Secretary. Motion carried.

Corlew proposed that the Board consider reprinting *The World of Irises* while there are copies still available. Questions were raised about the cost of the original printing, the reprint and the plates. Corlew emphasized that the book, because of the illustrations, should be reprinted in hard back cover. Barr stated that the question would be placed on the fall agenda.

Affiliates Chairman Niswonger began his interim report by thanking RVPs for their work in getting information to him. Copies of his interim report were distributed to each Board member. Niswonger informed the Board that there were more affiliates in the making and spoke about the advantages to local clubs of affiliating, and the advantages to the AIS in having more affiliates, all offering new prospects for expansion of the AIS.

Chairman Wilhoit presented the Awards Report, saying the Symposium and Ballot were finished; 841 ballots had been mailed to judges, 11 to Canada and 19 overseas. At this time Niswonger brought up the work he and Bennett Jones were doing on a "keeper" trophy for the President's Cup, the Walther Cup and the Franklin Cook Cup; with only two medals remaining on hand, he suggested the "keeper" medal be given for the Walther Cup and the two silver medals for the Franklin Cook Cup and the President's Cup. Niswonger added that the "keeper" trophy approved by the Board was costing \$61 plus \$7 for shipping.

Wilhoit read a letter from RVP Griner, Region 19, concerning the Morgan-Wood Medal for Siberian irises. This medal, formerly the Wood Medal, was originally given by Betty Wood and Region 19 to honor Mrs. Wood's husband, the late Ira Wood. The Executive Board of Region 19 and Mrs. Wood have agreed to turn over the remaining five medals and the right to re-strike them to the Society for Siberian Irises with the condition that the award continue to maintain the recognition of former Region 19 member, Ira Wood. Mrs. Wood has offered to make a significant donation to continue this award.

As a tribute to the designer of the new Wister Medal for tall bearded irises, Mahan moved that Nancy Harkins be given one of the medals in recognition of her artistic contribution to the AIS, such medal being procured from Region 1. Corlew seconded. Motion carried.

Barr stated that because of increased responsibilities of the Awards Committee she was appointing a committee to study these responsibilities and to re-set the guidelines for the committee. She asked Niswonger to serve as chairman with Waite, Wilhoit and Bennett Jones as members.

Exhibition Chairman Gristwood yielded to Youth Chairman Morris for her report. Morris announced the winners of the Youth Achievement Award for 1994, stating the seven nominations from Regions 1, 9, 14, 18 and 19 were judged by Gordon Green, Region 17, Youth Chairman Sara Jane Pederson, Region 20, and Kathy Rice Woolsey, Region 5 member at large. First place went to Andrew Wheeler of Colrain, Massachusetts, Region 1; in second place was Shilo Gillam of Garden City, Kansas, Region 18; third place was awarded Erin Marie Griner of Bordentown, New Jersey, Region 19. Moms gave recognition to the hard work of the regional Youth chairmen,

citing the positive effect the local Youth Advisors have on the program. Regional Youth Chairmen are still needed in Regions 3,10, 11, 12, 13 and 16.

Mahan suggested that the unsold AIS calendars be made available to affiliates and other organizations such as schools and suggested also that RVPs be advised at their meeting that the AIS would pay shipping upon request.

Region 11 RVP Meyer, who would be conducting the RVP meeting, asked that Gristwood, Exhibitions Chairman; Crick, Judges' Training Chairman; and Harlow, Membership Secretary, be present to answer any questions.

Exhibition Chairman Gristwood's interim report listed 187 show schedules turned in so far, with two cancellations. Gristwood was concerned about two instances in which affiliates were charging admission. She had promptly advised them that this was against AIS rules. Clubs in some cases were having the schedules printed by the time approvals/corrections were received, so that appropriate changes were not made on the final show programs; this was apparent in several schedules sent the following year for approval with the same mistakes. Objections to this practice were voiced by Board members. Gristwood was advised to notify each local group that such action would bring the withholding of AIS awards and medals. Gristwood said that show reports properly completed, legible, especially in regard to ECs, and addresses, with signatures, are essential to her records and awards. The Chairman also suggested that a die needed to be made for future Youth medals. The new die will cost \$800. Gristwood moved that the die be made. Waters seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 5:05 p.m. and re-convened at 8:15 the next morning, June 22, 1994. Judges' Training Chairman Crick had no formal report other than to note the loss of several Emeritus Judges. Crick introduced RVP Williamson of Region 14, who submitted a request to the Board concerning an error in which an apprentice judge's name was omitted from the 1993 list submitted to the Judges' Training Chairman for recommendation to the Board. After being advised by the Judges' Training Chairman of the AIS policy not to amend the list after it has been approved, the matter was brought before executive and general committees of Region 14 at their 1994 spring meeting. Williamson was instructed by the committees to ask formally that the AIS Board reconsider the ruling since it was an obvious error, not a fault of the applicant. After a lengthy discussion it was the general consensus that fairness would not be served by compounding a simple correctable error. Corlew moved, Plank seconded, that the list be amended and the apprentice judge's name be included for approval. A written ballot was requested; motion carried.

Returning to the matter of the committee to reset the guidelines of the Awards Committee, Barr noted that formal approval had not been given to the committee appointed earlier and requested that Waite, Wilhoit and Bennett Jones with Niswonger as Chairman, be approved at this time. Witt so moved. Aitken seconded. Motion carried.

Barr next asked for approval of a committee to revise the Judges' Handbook. With the Judges' Training Chairman serving as chairman of the committee, Barr named Crick, McWhirter, Roy Epperson Mullin and Phil Williams to the committee, stating all had agreed to serve if approved, Stahly so moved, Harder seconded. Motion carried.

Barr announced that after almost ten years of service as Judges' Training Chairman, Hilda Crick will retire from this position in the fall of 1994.

In order to afford a smooth transition of duties, Barr submitted the name of Glenn

Corlew for approval as chairman-elect of Judges' Training at this time, Stahly so moved, Plank seconded. Motion carried. It was expected that Corlew would also assume chairmanship of the Handbook Revision Committee in the fall and that Crick would remain a member of the committee. The Board extended to Crick a vote of thanks for her many years of service.

Chairman Harder of the Historical Committee reported he was still conducting the normal business of collecting material and catalogues. He had also contacted the RVPs to name a liaison person in each region to work with him in coordinating and collecting the historical and personal papers of deceased persons from relatives who would like to donate them. To the matter of Historical Committee funding, Corlew suggested transferring the \$167 remaining in that account to the Library account, and handling the Historical Committee expenses in the same manner as other committees are handled in the general budget. Mahan moved, Harder seconded, that the restricted Historical Committee's account be abolished and the balance transferred to the Library. Motion carried.

Harder stated that he continued to process and sort the more current periodicals into collections. Two suggestions were: that RVPs be alerted to ask members for contributions and that members designate an irisarian friend to handle the dispensation of any private iris-related collections posthumously.

Membership Contest Chairman McWhirter said a written report would be submitted in November. He spoke of Wilhoit's help in the transfer of office and commented that contest mail was slow at this time.

Membership Secretary Harlow stated that names were still being received in her office along with dues. In order to receive Membership Contest credit, a separate notice with name, address and credit must be sent to Contest Chairman. Membership Secretary Harlow does not forward entries to the Membership Contest Chairman.

Policy Chairman Lowe observed that his written report, given to the Board after each meeting, is a two-part policy document, a compilation of actions taken at the last Board meeting, to be filed with previous policy actions and a new index to replace the previous one. Plank asked that a date be put by index entries.

Public Relations Chairman Waters asked, with reference to the issue of pricing new post cards, if there could be an offering of packets for a certain price—as there had been before. Mahan moved, Stahly seconded, that the previous motion to offer one packet of cards for \$4 and ten packets for \$25 be amended to say that a third category of pricing be added, three packets for \$10. Motion carried. Post card prices now include the following: one packet for \$4, three packets for \$10 and ten packets for \$25.

Both the Robins and Scientific Committee reports were postponed, and the Scholarship Chairman was asked to give her report. Witt announced that from the twenty-five applications for 1994-95, Shanna Carney, University of Georgia, was awarded first place on reproductive biology of *Iris fulva* and *Iris hexagona*; Kevin Horst, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, placed second with population genetics on rare and common species of Blue-eyed grass in Colorado; third place was Chrissen Gemmill, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, on molecular systematics of the native Hawaiian palm genus, *Pritchardia*. Members of the Scholarship Committee were Elsiemae Nicholson, James Waddick, Phil Ogilvie and Sharon McAllister.

Witt read a recent letter from Region 4 RVP Epperson which accompanied a

memorial gift check donated in honor of William Barr and Rena F. Crumpler and specified for scholarship. Witt presented two options for Board consideration to best apply this donation. The donation could either be added to the current \$2,000 for an increased award or be added to an amount designated by the Board for a new scholarship. Mahan moved, Stahly seconded, that the amount designated for scholarship this year be increased and the increased amount added to the Region 4 memorial gift for another scholarship of \$2000. Motion carried. Corlew moved, Stahly seconded, that the two scholarships be awarded the two top recommendations of the committee. Motion carried. Stahly moved that a resolution of thanks be given to Region 4 through RVP Epperson for their support of the Scholarship Fund.

There was an intermission for the showing of the video on the iris garden of Florence, Italy. It is hoped copies of the video can be made available to the regions. A twenty-minute break followed.

The meeting resumed with a report from Foundation Liaison Pettijohn. For the year 1993, there had been contributions of \$4,259 and interest income amounting to \$5,784, with other minor income bringing the total to \$10,146. Expenses, which included \$1,100 for accounting audit, amounted to \$1,837; payment was made on a grant to the University of Georgia for \$5,000, making total expenses

\$6,837, and leaving a balance of \$122,746. For this year through April 30th, contributions have amounted to \$1,978 for a total income of \$2,519; expenses were \$372 and the \$5,000 paid for the balance of grant to the University of Georgia, bringing the total in the fund to \$119,893. all officers and trustees were re-elected and there have been no applications for grants this year.

Slides Chairman Moller reported several changes and additions to the latest programs, particularly the second set of recent irises, the most popular request. Another way to show slides was the introduction to trivia games devised for educational fun, using the '70s and '80s introductions. This idea was enthusiastically received by the Board.

RVP Counselor Stahly acknowledged that one hour was not sufficient for all the topics on the RVP meeting agenda; with Judges' Training Chairmen meeting following immediately, more time might be requested in the future. The officers elected to serve for the new year are: Personnel Committee, Marky Smith (13) and Mike Moller (20); Secretary, Maxine Perkins (23) to continue in office; RVP Chairman, Barbara Schmieder (1); RVP Board Representative, Mike Moller. There were no major problems presented and the topics for discussion were derived from a questionnaire circulated among the RVPs. Chairman RVP Meyer thanked the Board members who attended. In attendance at the convention were twenty-two of the twenty-four RVPs.

Convention Liaison Mahan distributed an updated schedule of convention locations from 1995 through 1999 which read: 1995, York, PA; 1996, Sacramento, CA; 1997, Detroit, MI; 1998, Denver, CO; 1999, Oklahoma City, OK. Scheduled fall Board meetings were listed for 1994, November 4, 5, 6, Albuquerque, NM and 1995, Oklahoma City, OK. Mahan moved, McWhirter seconded, that the Board accept an invitation from Dallas, Texas, for the year 2000 Spring Convention. Motion carried.

Section Liaison Aitken gave his report, citing the need for further meetings with Sections on mini-conventions and the importance of contacting the lawyer used by the AIS to help the Sections with their incorporation. A report on the elected representative

to the 1995 Personnel Committee would be given later. Mullin requested that Sections holding mini-conventions send him dates and information for *The Bulletin*.

Under Special Reports, the study on mini-conventions had been deferred until fall. Barr asked for reappointment of the committee to study liability insurance with McWhirter as Chairman and Harder and Lowe as members. Corlew so moved, Niswonger seconded. Motion carried. Barr asked that the committee report at the fall meeting.

Under unfinished Business, Mahan reported on the status of the permanent Library, referring to the copies of the draft of Dresden's contract. He praised Joyce Reynolds for her great effort on this project, and thanked Region 7 and the City of Dresden for their support. Mahan emphasized that he was not going to critique the contract draft at that time but certainly felt it provided the basis for agreement. Reynolds spoke of the City's aldermen's concerns, of the interest shown by the Tennessee Environment and Conservation Department and of the \$15,000 appropriation by the Tennessee State Legislature for the establishment of the AIS Library at Dresden. Following discussion of the possibility of having the AIS Archives housed in the Library repository, Mahan moved, Niswonger seconded, that once the contract is in place, the AIS Archives be moved to the Dresden site, with the restriction that Archives material cannot be put in circulation. Motion carried.

With the present contract for storage ending July 1, it was felt, while there were still issues to be worked out between the Board and Dresden before presenting a signed contract in the fall, the question of where to store the library material until then was paramount for the safety of its contents. Mahan moved, Waters seconded, that the material now in Lincoln be shipped to Joyce Reynolds in Dresden, Tennessee, for storage.

In answer to the query of who would see to shipping, Mahan amended his motion to say that the Board request and authorize Henry Wolfe to be responsible for the transportation of the library material to Joyce Reynolds in Dresden, Tennessee, for storage. Waters seconded. Motion carried.

Additional remarks were made by Bob Plank on the draft of the contract of the City of Dresden; further discussion was deferred until later in the meeting.

Treasurer Corlew's interim report was brought up for consideration. As there were no questions, the report was filed.

President Barr brought up an item of Unfinished Business regarding the approval of a person to receive foreign publications and report items of interest to *The Bulletin*. Mahan volunteered. Corlew moved, Stahly seconded that Mahan be approved. Motion carried. Pursuing the international theme, there was an exchange of ideas regarding the possibility of an international symposium in the future. Niswonger noted that SIGNA will be holding an international species symposium in St Louis next year, March 24-26.

Chairman Wilhoit delivered the report from the Personnel Committee composed of members Larry Harder, Barbara Schmieder, Maxine Perkins, Riley Probst and herself. Director Crick will have completed three consecutive 3-year terms and will be retiring in the fall. Stahly, Mahan and Witt have agreed

to serve again if nominated and elected. Four additional names were presented: Doug Goodnight, Lynda Miller, C.J. Lack and Shirley Pope. Corlew moved, Niswonger seconded, that the three incumbent directors Stahly, Mahan and Witt be re-nominated.

Motion carried. The Board moved to executive session to determine the additional nominee.

After reconvening to regular session, Barr announced that Lynda Miller is the new nominee, along with the incumbents Mahan, Stahly and Wilt, for election as directors at the fall meeting.

Schmieder stated that there were twenty-eight Wister Medals remaining from the thirty cast for the total cost of \$3,665. She presented a money order made out to the AIS Secretary for future medals.

Waters again brought up the subject of the new membership brochures. After weighing the pros and cons of charging a fee, Niswonger moved, Aitken seconded, that single copies of the new AIS Invitation to Join could be bought for \$1, and in bulk, fifty for \$25 to clubs. Motion carried.

Gristwood moved that the price of the old Invitations To Join be lowered with the first 100 free. Motion withdrawn. Mahan moved, Harder seconded, that the old Invitations To Join be given away free upon request, limited to one pack of 100 per request. Motion carried.

In recognizing the need for a commemorative 75th Anniversary medal, Mahan moved, Corlew seconded, that James Rasmussen be instructed to proceed with getting 500 copies of a commemorative medal struck in observance of the AIS 75th Anniversary and present price estimates to President Barr for Board approval as soon as possible. Motion carried. Mullin extended an offer to research medal prices also.

The Board recessed at 12 noon for lunch and re-convened at 1:30 p.m.

President Barr opened the afternoon session with a request for approval of a committee to do an in-depth study of *The Bulletin* as to needs both present and future, appointing Mullin to head the committee with Corlew and Harder as members, Niswonger so moved, Stahly seconded. Motion carried.

Mahan introduced Region 7 RVP Gifford who extended an invitation to the AIS Board for the 1996 Fall Board meeting in Tennessee. Gifford planned to coordinate a trip to the Dresden Library for interested Board members. Waters moved, Gossett seconded, that the invitation be accepted. Motion carried.

For Board appointments to the 1995 Personnel Committee, Barr named Jeanne Plank and Glenn Corlew for approval by the Board; Mahan so moved; Waters seconded. Motion carried.

Shifting to the subject of the AIS attorney, Glen Spain, and the past history of difficulties, Corlew moved, Witt seconded, that relations with Spain be severed, that a new attorney be engaged who would notify Spain, and that the Board appoint a liaison independent of the Board to interact between the new attorney and the AIS. Following a lengthy discussion, Corlew withdrew his motion in favor of a new motion by Niswonger to authorize the AIS Secretary to contact Spain and determine his view of the relationship with the AIS and to report back to the President. Stahly seconded. Motion carried.

There was a paramount interest in the need to expedite the work on Section/Region-I liability and tax exemption, and of the necessity of filing separately from the AIS. It was recalled that S~in's last report had spelled out solutions and offered to help the Sections accomplish them and that \$500 had been authorized to each Section toward that end, but that when there was difficulty in reaching Spain, the Sections had been advised

louse the authorized amount to proceed on their own. Though no action was taken, the consensus was that the report in question should be made available to the Sections for a better understanding of their relationship to the AIS and of the tax-exempt Issue.

Barr welcomed Dr. Fulton, Scientific Committee Chairman, to the meeting. Before giving his report, Dr. Fulton relayed a request from Currier McEwen to inform the Board about the progress of his new book on Siberian Iris. The manuscript should be in the publisher's hands within weeks and in print by the next convention. McEwen also wished to convey his thanks to the Board and to the AIS for their help.

On the Disease Project involving Apogons, McEwen had composed and mailed a questionnaire to various gardens, requesting responses with specific descriptions on viruses attacking plants, with the offer to test any sent him. Dr. Fulton stated that any information on the subject of diseased plants was also encouraged from anyone present.

Fulton next gave his recommendation on Dr. Henderson's monograph on classification of irises sent to him for evaluation. He felt Dr. Henderson had compiled a cohesive document and was a thorough and careful scholar-scientist. The monograph was deemed worthy and useful to be published as an entity, but needed peer review for scientific data. Mahan moved, Witt seconded, that Dr. Fulton communicate the information on the report to Dr. Henderson, and that if the recommended changes were made in the monograph, that it be presented to the Board. Motion carried.

The President called attention to the up-coming vacancy in the Treasurer's office and asked the Board to consider their recommendations before fall. Corlew has agreed to remain through the transition period until a new treasurer can be named.

Mahan was called upon to complete the business remaining on the Library contract. With the copies before each member, Mahan invited questions from the Board. The first question was regarding the explanation of Section III, Number 6, on financial assistance by the AIS, which brought up the discussion on financial commitment proposed in the beginning, requiring no assistance in funding from the AIS. Reynolds, liaison for the Library in Dresden, explained that the City Council was not clear on how much financial assistance would be expected from Dresden *in* the normal operational details of organizing, cataloguing and micro-filming, etc. In discussion, Mahan stated that the expectations of any AIS

assistance must be made clear before a contract could be drawn to everyone's satisfaction. This is important in that there are no funds allocated in the AIS budget for the Library maintenance; the Library is to be sustained on donations and contributions alone. Barr called for a ten-minute break to consider all the facts; the meeting reconvened at 3:42 p.m.

Before resuming discussion Barr introduced Professor Sergio Orsi, President of The Italian Iris Society, who was welcomed with applause. In his greeting to the Board, he said he had brought ten members of The Italian Iris Society to the convention.

Returning to the discussion of the Library, Reynolds read from the AIS contract Mahan had sent to the City of Dresden, "Dresden will provide fully qualified staff to inventory, catalogue, file and maintain all AIS materials, and to handle authorized researchers' requests for use of holdings," stating that the city asked her how in-depth this responsibility would be, considering that the initial time designated was understood to be three years. Mahan re-emphasized the fact that the basic fundamental need is an

inventory listing a description of the condition of each in a scholarly-like way; detailing, such as cross referencing, etc., was a special project and not considered basic to the maintenance of the Library. A motion was made by Mahan that Section III, number 6, be removed from the draft of the Dresden proposed contract Plank seconded. Motion carried.

Section II, number 9, of the proposal presented another point of debate having to do with ownership of any microfilm purchased by the City. Reynolds felt this a misinterpretation by the lawyer in Dresden when the sentence was added in the contract, and that what had actually been discussed was that any equipment purchased by the City, such as a copier machine, would remain the property of the City, and any film with AIS information would be the property of the AIS. After Reynolds explanation, Mahan agreed that ownership of physical material unrelated to the AIS was acceptable and did not compromise the intellectual rights of the Library,

Corlew questioned Section I, number 1, as the time period of three years for the initial duration of the contract and pointed out that the Board had specified a period of two years. Niswonger moved, Harder seconded, that the Board accept a period of three years. Motion carried.

Mahan invited any further concerns and in-put from the Board that would help him to negotiate a good contract with Dresden by the fall Board meeting. With respect to storing the Library in Dresden until a contract had been signed, Mahan pointed Out it had already been voted upon and that he had all confidence in Joyce Reynolds for safe-keeping of the materials. He added that at some time rules and operating procedures for the Library would need to be drawn up, probably requiring a permanent Library Committee to oversee them in addition to some consultation with professional librarians for advice. Mahan expressed his desire to have things ready to go by fall when the contract is presented for approval.

Barr announced the fall Board meeting would be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on November 4, 5, and 6, 1994.

On behalf of the Board, Barr thanked The Greater Portland Iris Society and President John Ludi, Convention Chairman Terry Aitken and all his committee members for their hospitality and for the excellent accommodations at the Hilton.

Niswonger made a correction on the number of silver medals for awards on hand from two to four, eliminating the need to use the "keeper" medal this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Joanne S. King, Recording Secretary, AIS

AIS Minutes Fall 1993

Plank reported corrections to the minutes of the spring Board meeting in Fort Worth. The names of Jean Doucette, Roger Mazur and Riley Probst should be added to the list of those attending sessions of the meeting.

Plank reported corrections to the minutes of the spring Board meeting in Fort Worth. Jean Doucette, not Barbara Schmieder, answered Mahan's question during the April 21 morning session about the existence of plans for the distribution of excess contributions to the Wister Medal Fund. Doucette's response was that she knew of no plan. Schmieder, not present at the morning session, attended the afternoon session

and presented her report in which the Mahan question was answered. Schmieder's answer, inadvertently omitted in the minutes, was that contributions received in excess of the amount needed will be used to strike additional medals to hold in reserve. The minutes printed in *Bulletin #290* were approved as corrected.

Barr reported on two interim Board actions: 1) approval of the appointment of Michael Moller as Slides Committee chairman to replace Howard Shockey, whose resignation becomes effective January 1, 1994. Barr expressed thanks to Shockey for his work and welcomed Moller to the position; 2) approval of a change in the supplier for exhibition medals from Business Builders Company to MidWest Trophy because of price.

The Executive Committee took three interim actions: 1) set the price at \$10 for the newly printed *1949 Checklist* and *1959 Check List*; 2) approved the purchase of a laser printer for the Membership Secretary; and 3) approved the order for the Past RVP pins.

Barr stated that provision has been made to have pins available for Past RVPs who might like to buy one, and she suggested that the Board set a price for the purchase of these pins. Plank moved, Gossett seconded, that pins may be purchased for \$25 by anyone wanting to buy a pin for a living past RVP. Motion carried.

Nancy Harkins, winner of the Wister Medal Design contest, asked for permission to send to her clients the article which appears in the October, 1993, *AIS Bulletin* about her winning this contest and about her work. Niswonger moved, McWhirter seconded, that Nancy Harkins be given permission to use the material requested. Motion carried.

Mahan moved, Niswonger seconded, that the Board reaffirm the policy to allow any iris organization requesting permission to reprint any article published in the *AIS Bulletin*, with proper acknowledgement. Motion carried

Stahly moved, Stayer seconded, that the AIS Board make a policy allowing any author of an article, or any person featured in an article in the AIS publications, to make reproductions of that article for their own personal use. Motion carried.

Stayer reported that the copyright applications for the *1989 Check List* and the *Bulletin* went through without problems. It was discovered that the *1939 Check List* had already been copyrighted.

The AIS has received a partial shipment of 100 of the 200 RHS Colour Charts Stayer was authorized to purchase. Royal Horticulture Enterprises has sent word that fifty more are ready to be shipped. It will take several months for the last fifty charts to become available. After examining costs, Corlew moved, Stayer seconded, that the AIS continue to sell the color charts at \$45 each. Motion carried.

Stayer reported that Dorothy Howard requests the Board to settle the disposition of a desk and chair that have remained in her possession since she was AIS Librarian. Mahan moved, Corlew seconded, that the AIS give the chair and desk to Howard. Motion carried.

Corlew called attention to a suggestion in Harlow's report that the Board consider the use of a color brochure for the AIS membership application. Harlow believes that a color membership application brochure would increase new member enrollment. Printing costs could be minimized by having the color brochure mailed only from the offices of the Membership Secretary and the AIS Secretary, while the lavender-

colored "Invitation to Join" could be utilized for iris shows, sales and such.

Corlew moved, Stayer seconded, that a committee be authorized to investigate the costs of producing a full color printed membership invitation brochure and that the committee report back to the Executive Committee for approval when a price is determined. Motion carried. President Barr appointed Harlow as chair for the brochure committee, with Waters and Corlew participating.

After distributing copies of the annual financial report, Treasurer Corlew reviewed the method by which the AIS collects and disperses money. He explained that all necessary and reasonable expenses incurred by directors and officers in the process of doing their jobs are reimbursable. Requests for reimbursement go to the Secretary with substantiating documents (sales slips, receipts, photo-copied bills, etc.). The Secretary has a rotating bank account of \$4,000. Incoming bills under \$1,000 are paid from this account by checks written by the Secretary. The Secretary sends vouchers to the Treasurer to replace the funds spent from this account. Incoming bills over \$1,000 are sent with vouchers to the Treasurer, who writes a check for the amount and mails it directly to the billing source. It requires three officers of the society to make an expenditure legal. First, the Secretary, who audits the expenditure and writes the voucher; second, the President, who receives and reviews all vouchers made by the Secretary, approves them and sends them to the third party, the Treasurer, who pays the bills from the administrative account.

In the collection of funds there are two primary clearing houses: the office of the Secretary and the office of the Membership Secretary. All offices of the society that generate income remit to the office of the Secretary. This officer makes a spread sheet of the funds received and deposits the money into a transfer account maintained locally, against which the Secretary cannot write checks. The spread sheet covering the deposit with the deposit sheets attached is mailed to the Treasurer, who is authorized, along with the President, to sign on all accounts.

The Membership Secretary's office, where the dues of membership are received, also works with a transfer account into which the money received is deposited and against which the Membership Secretary is not an authorized signer. The Treasurer transfers money from this account into the administrative account against which checks are written.

It takes from two weeks to a month for a transaction to pass completely through the AIS system.

The reprinted *1949 Check List* and *1959 Check List* were off the press in July. Since there is a definite need for the information in these volumes, the report offered the suggestion that in addition to the usual listing on the AIS Sales Items page, a short notice of availability be made in the *Bulletin* as soon as possible.

The Registrar's report also suggested that the Board authorize the usual printing of 1,500 copies of the 1993 Registrations and Introductions booklet, to be sold at \$5 each and listed as a sales item in the January *Bulletin*. Mahan moved, Corlew seconded, that the suggestion from the Nelson-Keppel report regarding the 1993 Registrations and Introductions booklet be authorized. Motion carried.

In reporting on inventory, Lack pointed out the need to reprint the membership list, last printed in 1991. Mahan moved, Stahly seconded, that the Board authorize updating the membership list and the printing of 200 copies. Motion carried.

Lack reported that covers for the Judges' Handbook are in short supply. Mahan moved, Gossett seconded, that the Secretary have 250 Judges' Handbook covers made as soon as possible. Motion carried.

The matter of the very low inventory of the *1969 Check List* was discussed. Mahan moved, Corlew seconded, that the Registrar be authorized to reprint the *1969 Check List* in soft cover in the same quantity as the *1949 Check List* and at the same relative cost. Motion carried.

Barr returned to the letter from Robert Pries read at an earlier session. ...His letter posed questions about the eligibility status for awards of irises which, although previously offered by commercial nurseries for sale without registration, are finally registered, and whether or not the date of introduction, which in these cases predates the date of registration, would prevent a late-registered iris from entering the awards system. During the discussion that followed, it was stressed that it is important to register irises, and that an iris becomes eligible for awards when registered, regardless of age or lapsed time since introduction. The name of a late-registered, pre-introduced iris would not, however, appear on the awards ballot, but it would be eligible for an HM award if it were to receive enough write-in votes. It was pointed out that what Pries wants to be able to tell commercial nurserymen is technically correct and reflects a policy that is already in place.

Convention Liaison Mahan distributed copies of his report listing the schedule for spring conventions through 1999.

Mahan moved, Stayer seconded, that the Board accept Oklahoma City as the host city for the 1999 spring meeting. Motion carried. The Sooner State Iris Society will sponsor the 1999 spring convention, with Ron Mullin to serve as chair.

Mahan moved, Stayer seconded, that Oklahoma City be approved as the host city for the 1995 fall meeting. Motion carried. The Oklahoma Iris Society will host the meeting, with Genevieve Followwill to serve as chair.

Library Endowment Committee Chairman Mahan opened the discussion on the selection of the site to locate the AIS library....Before discussing the material in the site information packet, Mahan read a letter he had received from Henry Wulf. The letter reported the moving of the AIS files and documents by Region 21 members from Ponca, Nebraska, to a storage area on University of Nebraska property in Lincoln, Nebraska; the execution of a lease on this location for one year through July 31, 1994; the contracting for insurance on the material in storage, and an itemized accounting of costs incurred to date. These costs totaled \$1,576.13. Wulf stated that he wishes the Board to understand that there is no urgency to move these materials again until July 31, 1994.

Stahly moved, Niswonger seconded, that the expenses incurred in moving the AIS library be paid out of the AIS general fund. Motion carried.

It was clarified that material belonging to the AIS Foundation and some additional AIS material remain at Harder's house in Ponca and were not included in the move to the Lincoln location.

Stahly noted that the Board has never addressed the questions of what the AIS library should be, or what should be stored there, or what services it should provide. Mahan expressed his opinion that basically the library should serve to preserve the information and knowledge gathered by the AIS in its seventy-five years of existence.

Stayer posed the question of whether or not the Board intends to include AIS artifacts as part of the AIS library. Witt moved, McWhirter seconded, that the Board particularly separate the subject of artifacts from the subject of the library materials and deal with the subject of artifacts in the future. Motion carried.

It was decided that there would be two written ballots to arrive at a resolution. The site receiving the least number of votes would be eliminated on the first ballot. The second ballot would decide the winner between the two remaining sites. Dresden received the majority of votes on the second ballot and was declared the newly selected site for the AIS Library.

Niswonger moved, Corlew seconded, that Mahan be given authority to engage an attorney to assist in drawing up a contract with the City of Dresden with regards to the AIS library, at a cost to be approved by the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Mahan stated that he would like to pursue the possibility of obtaining a federal grant for the library. Mahan was instructed to negotiate the contract and to submit any fees necessary to accomplish this to the Executive Committee for approval. He was further instructed to pursue a proposal for a federal grant and to report his findings to the Board at the spring meeting.

Niswonger expressed concern about disposing of anything in the AIS library collection before the collection is moved from Lincoln to Dresden. Mahan moved, Witt seconded, that all things in the AIS library collection be moved to Dresden intact. Motion carried.

Editor Mullin...requested Board direction on the disposal of a large number of color keys in his possession. Color keys, the proofs that are generated by each full color picture that appears in the *Bulletin*, are the property of the AIS...Mahan moved, Crick seconded, that the color keys be retained at least until it can be determined if they are of use for the new iris book. Motion carried.

Aitken observed that color pictures of the award winners could be economically inserted into the October *Bulletin* by printing them on the inside front and inside back covers which, because they are color photo-ready pages already, will reduce the cost of adding additional color photos. Corlew noted that there is a restricted gift of \$500 to use for color photos in the *Bulletin*. Aitken moved, McWhirter seconded, that medal winners be published in color in future years. Motion carried.

Niswonger read a letter from Sheldon Butt, Editor of *The Medianite*, which raised questions about some *Bulletin* policies directly relating to AIS sections and their activities. Specifically in question were the policy governing the advertising or publicizing of section events (such as conventions) in the *Bulletin* and the policy not to reprint articles that have appeared in section publications. Following discussion of the first of these questions, Aitken moved, Stahly seconded, that AIS sections be allowed to publicize their mini-conventions free of charge in the *Bulletin*. Motion carried.

Following discussion on the second policy question, Stahly moved, Mahan seconded, that the editor be allowed to use his discretion and judgment in reprinting any previously published material that he thinks is of value to the AIS *Bulletin*. Motion carried.

Gristwood requested Board authorization for the purchase of a replacement for her old typewriter. Corlew moved, Waters seconded, that the Board authorize

Gristwood to buy a word processor to replace her old typewriter for an amount not in excess of \$400. Motion carried.

In answer to Stayer's request for Board authorization to order 10,000 "Invitation to Join" brochures to restock Gristwood's low supply, Corlew moved, Niswonger seconded, that the Exhibitions Chairman's stock of "Invitation to Join" brochures be reordered as requested. Motion carried.

RVP Counselor Stahly announced that forty Past RVP pins are available for retired and retiring RVPs. Starting this year, these pins will be given annually without charge to RVPs going out of office. Stahly moved, Niswonger seconded, that the AIS provide the Past RVP pin to all retiring RVPs who have served at least one year. Motion carried.

Stahly moved, Gossett seconded, that these pins be available for purchase by Regional Vice Presidents for Past-RVPs in any or all Regions, that they be ordered through the AIS Secretary's office, that the Secretary keep a record of the persons for whom they are ordered, and that the Secretary direct the Sales Director to ship them. Motion carried.

President Barr read Scientific Committee Chairman Fulton's report in his absence. After a brief summary of the work in progress, which has thus far generated no expenses for the AIS, Fulton requested on behalf of the committee that the funds approved at the spring meeting remain available to them, on the same terms, for another year so that this study can continue through the summer of 1994. Mahan moved, Witt seconded, that Fulton's request be granted. Motion carried.

James Morris requested Board approval for the MIS to seek legal advice from someone other than Attorney Spain and to be allowed to use the \$500 legal advice allowance even though they are engaging an attorney other than Spain, as long as all bills for this service are submitted through normal channels. Following discussion, Stahly moved, Mahan seconded, that the AIS authorize the sections to be paid up to \$500 to employ legal advice for their incorporation as separate organizations of AIS. Motion carried, with Niswonger abstaining.

Stahly reported receiving a request to purchase one of the RVP pins to be presented to the widow of a Past RVP. Niswonger moved, McWhirter seconded, that the Board make an exception and honor a request to allow the purchase of a Past RVP pin by a society within Region 22 to be awarded posthumously without setting precedent. Motion carried.

President Barr called on the Committee to Re-study Awards, chaired by Mahan, with Jones, Keppel, Rigby, Stahly and Waite participating....Mahan distributed a report which listed in two numbered sets reasons in favor of and against limiting AIS awards to irises of North American origination....Earlier in his report, Mahan had proposed three possible resolutions. In the interest of moving the Board in the direction of taking action, Niswonger suggested that Mahan choose one of those resolutions, propose it, and let the Board work it out. Mahan moved, Stahly seconded, that the Board restore to the AIS awards system the eligibility of all irises first introduced in the United States or Canada regardless of origin. It is the hybridizer's responsibility to inform the AIS registrar by sending tangible evidence of the introduction notice and to guarantee in writing that the iris has not been introduced elsewhere before it was introduced in the United States or Canada. The definition of "introduced" is "offered for

sale." Motion carried.

Referring to action taken at the spring meeting in Fort Worth which put Japanese irises on the same ballot and voting schedule with all other irises (pending final approval at the fall meeting) and reflecting the overwhelming consensus of the members of The Society for Japanese Irises, Mahan moved, Stahly seconded, that the past practice of having a second ballot for Japanese irises remain in place. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned to executive session to discuss the report from the Honorary Awards Committee. Following the closed session, Barr announced that upon the recommendations of the Honorary Awards Committee the Gold Medal has been awarded to Kay Nelson-Keppel and Robert Schreiner. The Distinguished Service Medal has been awarded to C. J. Lack. The Hybridizer's Medal has been awarded to Allan Ensminger, and, on the recommendation of Judges and Judges' Training Chairman Crick, Emeritus Judge status has been awarded to Joseph Ghio.

Stayer asked for Board direction in disposing of old records. The Board directed Stayer to keep and pass on to the new Secretary all records going back five years plus the year in progress and to dispose of older records.

Barr announced the appointment of Terry Aitken, chair, and Larry Harder and Barbara Schmieder to form the Committee to Investigate the Relationship between the AIS National Conventions and the Sections' Mini-conventions. Waters moved , Niswonger seconded, that the appointments be approved. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Worthington Hotel
Fort Worth, Texas**

April 20 & 21, 1993

President Claire Barr called to order the regular spring meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Iris Society at 2:05 p.m., April 20, 1993. Present at the various sessions were President Barr; 1st Vice President Niswonger; 2nd Vice President Mahan; Secretary J. Stayer; Treasurer Corlew; Registrar Nelson-Keppel; Recording Secretary J. Plank; Publication Sales Director C. J. Lack; Directors Crick, Gristwood, Harder, B. Jones, Lineberger, Stahly, Waters, and M. Wilhoit; RVP Board Representative Gilliam (24); Photo Coordinator L. Stayer; Foundation Liaison Pettijohn; Committee Chairmen Brookins, M. Lowe, Rasmussen, and H. Shockey; RVPs Schmieder (1), Schueler (2), Honkanen (5), King (7), Ernst (10), Meyer (11), Shepard (15), Szmuriga (19), Moller (20), Gossett (22), and Perkins (23), SIS Section Representative; RVP Representative A. Lowe (4); Section Representative Rigby (SIGNA); and guests Wilder (5), J. Wilhoit (9), B. Aitken, T. Aitken, Ernst, E. Jones, Silverberg and Smith (13), K. Keppel (14), W. Barr and R. Plank (15), Glaser and Beckhausen (17); Tankesley-Clarke and Wyss (18), V. Wiekhorst and W. Wiekhorst (20), Sellers O. Wulf, H. Wulf (21) and Goodnight and I. Shockey (23).

President Barr welcomed all present and reminded everyone that while participation in discussion is welcomed and encouraged, only Board members may vote. She also reminded everyone that the spring meeting agenda is used only as a guide and while agenda flexibility is necessary in order to work around the many convention meeting schedules, everything on the agenda will be covered.

Niswonger moved, Harder seconded, that the minutes of the fall 1992 Board meeting in Overland Park, Kansas, be approved as printed in AIS Bulletin #288. Motion carried.

Secretary Stayer expressed the need to clarify the Atlanta meeting minutes with reference to Corlew's motion concerning the relationship between the AIS and the AIS Foundation and the possibility of consolidation. Corlew read the motion as printed in the minutes of the Atlanta meeting, Bulletin #286, page 88. To clarify the intent of this motion passed in Atlanta, it is stated in the minutes of this meeting of the AIS Board in Fort Worth that the relationship to be discussed and examined referred to in the Atlanta motion is the relationship between The American Iris Society Foundation and The American Iris Society, not between the The American Iris Society Foundation and Scientific Committee of The American Iris Society.

Barr reported no interim Board action. The Executive Committee voted to approve a request from SIGNA for permission to use information contained in the AIS Check Lists.

Barr reported that she had received a call from Membership Secretary Harlow reporting a computer failure and requesting authorization for repairs. Authorization was given, the repairs were made, and the computer is properly functioning once more.

The decision by the AIS Board at the 1992 fall meeting to limit AIS awards to United States and Canadian bred irises generated many letters to Barr's office. This subject will be taken up later in the meeting.

A request was submitted by a member of the Greater Kansas City Iris Society to make photo copies of the 1949 Check List. The topic of out-of-print Check Lists has been scheduled into the agenda for this meeting.

Secretary Stayer reported that she had applied for the copyrights for the 1939 Check List, the 1989 Check List, and the Bulletin. Problems are anticipated only in connection with the 1939 Check List because the AIS files do not contain the original information requested by the copyright office.

Stayer has ordered 200 RHS Colour Charts at a cost of £25 each, less a 15% discount, the same unit price paid the last time Colour Charts were ordered in 1989. The RHS does not keep large quantities of the Colour Charts on hand; consequently, a special order had to be placed. A six- to eight-week delay for special orders plus surface mail travel time means it will be several months before the charts will become available in the United States and Canada.

Stayer announced that she is leaving for Europe on June 26 and will return on July 11. She cautioned that urgent and important AIS matters involving her office must be brought to her attention well before her June 26 departure if they are matters that cannot wait for her return in July.

Membership Secretary Harlow, unable to attend the meeting, sent a detailed written report, which was read by Secretary Stayer. Harlow related that she had experienced a computer hard drive failure but had lost no data because of the backup system purchased and installed following authorization by the Board at the 1992 fall meeting. Harlow reported that total AIS membership stands at 8,353. Region 14 continues in first place with 741 members, followed by Region 4 in second place with 668 members, Region 18 in third place with 621, and Region 6 in fourth place with 562. Deletions have been made for non-renewing members whose dues expired last December. The AIS lost 473 members, about half of which were one-year members. New memberships show a decided increase in the single triennial membership category. New AIS rules concerning no January or July Bulletins being sent to members who are late in paying their dues have been put into place and are working well, with a saving of some 500 Bulletins each time.

Stayer stated that she had received a personal letter from Harlow just before convention time in which she reported that the necessary repairs were made to the computer and normal operation resumed at the membership office.

Treasurer Corlew distributed copies of the interim report to Board members. He explained that although more dollars were being paid out than were coming in during this period, it is a normal pattern for the time period covered in the report. He pointed out that restrictive accounts are not listed in interim reports; however, he thought two things involving restrictive accounts should be brought to the Board's attention. The first is that the AIS has received a restrictive gift designated for the use of color in the Bulletin and that the Bulletin Editor should be informed of this and asked to use this money accordingly. The second is that the Library Endowment Fund has continued to receive money. This money was originally co-mingled with AIS funds, but now that it has reached \$2,500, a special account will be opened to separate the Library Fund from general AIS funds. The Publication Fund reserve reached \$100,000 during the last quarter, and in accordance with authorization given at the fall Board meeting, the fund was topped out. Any money received since the Publication Fund was capped will go into the general fund until such future time as the balance in the Publications Fund account falls below \$100,000. Corlew asked Board members to look over the financial report, and, if there are questions, to ask them later in the session.

In Editor Mullin's absence, Advertising Editor Nelson-Keppel reported for the editorial staff. In spite of all efforts by Mullin and Nelson-Keppel, production problems at the printer prevented the April issue from being ready for general distribution before convention time. Fifty copies of the issue have been shipped to the convention for Board members, however, and will be distributed as soon as they arrive.

Secretary Stayer read a report sent by Editor Mullin prior to convention time. Mullin stressed the need for contributors to honor Bulletin deadlines--January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15. Mullin stressed the need to send reports as early as possible for every issue. He thanked Kay Nelson-Keppel, Keith Keppel, and Rachel Drumm for their help in getting the Bulletin completed.

Advertising Editor Nelson-Keppel reported that Bulletin advertising is going really well. She expressed great pleasure over the color ads in the April Bulletin.

As Registrar, Nelson-Keppel reported that the publication of the 1989 Check List produced a great deal of excitement among AIS members. The 1992 Registrations and Introductions booklet, already off the presses and available, was put on the computer during preparation. Using the computer for annual Registrations and Introductions booklets will make it easier when the 1999 Check List is compiled. Registrations seem to be progressing normally. Over 400 new registrations have been received since the publication of the 1992 Registrations and Introductions, and this number will increase once bloom season is over.

Publication Sales Director Lack reported that sales since last fall have amounted to approximately \$33,000. The 1989 Check List sales have been responsible for much of this activity. He reported that AIS postcards are out of stock and that the Basic Iris Culture booklet has been out of stock for quite some time.

Corlew explained the problem that confronted him when he attempted to update the center-fold awards sheet for The Basic Iris Culture booklet. There is not enough room to add the required two columns to accommodate the new awards for species and for species hybrids and to maintain a legible type size. Corlew recommended that he be allowed to present the new awards structure in a different format. There was no Board objection to this

being done. Corlew stated he would reformat the awards page immediately.

Lack reported that there were fewer than 800 copies of The World of Irises on hand and that this is about a two-year supply. Mahan, who is working on the next AIS publication in this category, stated that a two-year supply should be ample.

Affiliates Chairman Niswonger distributed copies of his report, which provided the number of approved affiliates in each region and a list of each of a region's affiliates accompanied by the name of the affiliate's current president. Niswonger explained the difference between the 1992 fall report, which listed 153 affiliates, and this report, which lists 149, and stated that this difference should disappear as soon as all RVP reports are completed. He congratulated Region 4 for adding two new affiliates and restated his firm belief that local clubs get people involved and that involvement is the secret for retaining and increasing AIS membership. The addition of new affiliates is important to the goal to broaden membership involvement. Niswonger thanked the RVPs for the work done in filing the regional affiliate reports. Niswonger congratulated Region 18 and that region's RVP, Riley Probst, on the approval of the region's eighteenth affiliate. Region 18 continues to have the largest number of affiliates. President Barr added her congratulations to Region 18.

Awards Chairman B. Jones presented an issue raised in a letter received from a member of an AIS section. In the letter it was pointed out that each section now conducts a symposium of the irises they represent; however, the title of the national organization's annual symposium is "The American Iris Society Symposium," but only tall bearded irises are listed. The complaint was registered that the annual symposium's name, coupled with a popularity poll listing only tall bearded iris cultivars, implies that these are the only irises that the society officially recognizes. The suggestion was made that the name of the annual symposium be changed to "The American Iris Society Symposium of Tall Bearded Irises." Jones moved, Stahly seconded, that this change in the title of the annual symposium be made as suggested. Motion carried. Jones will notify Editor Mullin of the change.

Jones reported that there were three errors on the 1993 awards ballot; however, only one of these errors could have a serious effect on voting. MIDAS MITE (MDB), introduced by A. and D. Willott and in its last year of eligibility for the next award level, was mistakenly listed on the ballot as MIDAS TOUCH. Jones requested that MIDAS MITE be granted a one-year extension of eligibility to compensate for this error. Mahan moved, Corlew seconded, that this be done. Motion carried.

Jones pointed out that the size of the awards ballot must be expanded to accommodate the new awards system. Printing and mailing limitations require that modifications to the ballot, or to the manner of voting, or to both, be made in order to accomplish this necessary expansion. In discussing this situation, the suggestion was made that the ballot for Japanese irises, currently a separate pull-out sheet, could be incorporated into the regular ballot and given the same voting deadline as all the other groups of irises, thereby saving space and money, as well as time, for the Awards Committee. Mahan moved, Corlew seconded, that Japanese irises be put on the same ballot and on the same voting time schedule with all other irises, pending final approval at the fall meeting. Motion carried. This matter will be reviewed in the fall to give opportunity for input from the Society for Japanese Irises, with final action to be taken at that time.

Exhibitions Chairman Gristwood announced that this year's number of sanctioned shows is running ahead of last year's, and that at the time of this report, 171 show schedules have been approved for 1993. With only 108 silver medals and 116 bronze medals remaining on

hand, she expressed concern that the supply of medals will run out before all show needs are met unless something is done quickly.

Corlew moved, Niswonger seconded, that Gristwood pursue replenishing the AIS supply of show medals through Business Builders of St. Louis, Missouri, and report back to the Executive Committee for price approval. Motion carried.

Historical Committee Chairman Harder said he had nothing to report at this time.

Judges Training Chairman Crick distributed the interim report listing deceased judges and non-renewals.

Membership Contest Chairman Wilhoit reported that several entries in the membership contest have been received and that Region 4 is leading the way. She reported receiving a package from the family of James and Lucy Fry containing a special commendation plaque awarded to overseas member Koen Engelen of Belgium for signing up over 50 new AIS members during the 1991 membership contest. Wilhoit sent the plaque on to Engelen who responded with delight and with a promise to send a photograph of himself with the plaque for the Bulletin.

A short break was called by President Barr at 3:15 PM.

Following the break, Barr announced that she had received word that Bernice Miller had fallen earlier in the day and had suffered a fractured hip. Ruth Wilder reported further information about Miller's condition.

Copies of the actions taken at the last Board meeting were distributed by Policy Chairman Lowe.

Public Relations Chairman Waters displayed a selection of recent publications promoting irises. She showed issues of Men's Garden Clubs of America; Southern Living Gardener's Annual; and American Horticulture. The Southern Living Gardener's Annual has two articles on irises. It was reported that Flower and Garden has an article on Dr. Currier McEwen.

Waters requested that she be sent favorite slides of irises for possible use on the 1994 AIS Calendar. Slides being submitted should reach her before July 1. They will be carefully scrutinized and should not show bare soil, diseased foliage, or wilted blooms.

Regarding the need for new postcards, Waters moved, Stayer seconded, that a new set of postcards be published and that the final bid be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval. Motion carried.

Waters presented an offer received from the Boston Museum to give wholesale prices to the AIS for items listed in the museum's catalog. It is her judgment that this offer does not serve AIS needs effectively enough to warrant Board consideration. No action was taken.

Waters praised Marilyn Harlow for her effectiveness in getting a wide variety of articles printed in the San Jose Mercury, the fifth largest newspaper in the US.

Robins Chairman Brookins suggested that sending out Robin interest cards at the time of the first renewal might be more productive for recruiting Robin members than the current practice of including these cards with the new-member packet. Robin interest cards sent to new members are very unproductive, probably because new members lack an understanding of Robins. Most new members think that checking a Robin card signs them up for information on a particular subject, not for active participation in a Robin flight. He cited several examples in support of this theory. The discussion following the report revealed that in the opinion of many the AIS Bulletin is the most important tool for informing AIS members about the nature of Robins and the way in which they operate, that the Flight Lines column in the Bulletin helped to keep the interest in Robins active, and that it is important to find a new Flight Lines

editor.

Stahly moved, Jones seconded, that Brookins design a letter or a card to be sent to all new members of the AIS not only to promote the Robin program, but also to provide a means of routing information on a specific subject or subjects to new members, and that Brookins present a concrete proposal to the Board for action at the 1993 fall meeting. Motion carried.

Brookins called attention to an article on irises printed in the March-April issue of Fine Gardening. This article has generated over 1,500 letters in response to inquiries. The American Horticulture article, although only a few weeks in print, has already generated forty new members and thirty-eight 1989 Check List sales. Wilhoit added that a periodical published by The American Pond Society is scheduled to carry an article on Marie Calliet.

Mahan read the Scientific Committee report from Chairman Fulton in Fulton's absence. Letters from Dr. McEwen and Uwe Knopnadel were included with Fulton's report but not read aloud. On behalf of the Scientific Committee, Fulton requested the following Board action:

Approval of the expenditure of up to \$1,500 during the summer and fall of 1993 for specific tests of diseased plants found in any garden. This money would be expended, if at all, in small amounts to pay for specific tests. Any such tests would receive approval of both McEwen and Fulton and none of the funds would go to either of them.

Mahan moved, Niswonger seconded, that this request be granted. Motion carried.

The Scholarship Committee's report was read by Stayer in Chairman Witt's absence. Witt reported that twenty-three applications were received for the 1993-1994 AIS Scholarship. Members of the committee, Elsiemae Nicholson, James Waddick, Phil Ogilvie, Sharon McAllister, and Chairman Witt, settled on the following three applicants as preferred recipients:

1. Nathan Lange, University of California, Davis, CA; Ph.D. - The study of molecular basis of senescence in Iris flowers.
2. Irene Shole and Dennis Milanowsky (joint), Washington University, St. Louis, MO; Ph.D. - Biotic inventory of the Pucara Watershed, Cajamarca District, Peru.
3. Judy Ramsay, North Dakota State University, Fargo ND; MS - Easter Lilies: studies to regenerate haploid or diploid lily plants from callus obtained by ovule and/or anther culture...with the idea of future genetic manipulation.

There was a brief discussion of the three proposals. Following the recommendation of the committee, Corlew moved, Stahly seconded, that the AIS fund the scholarship for Nathan Lange and in the event he receives a grant from the AIS Foundation, or some other group, that the AIS then fund the Shole/Milanowsky Peruvian cloud forest project. Motion carried.

The discussion preceding the vote made it clear that both the AIS Scientific Committee and the AIS Foundation need to be better understood by the general membership.

The report from Youth Chairman Morris was read in her absence by Barr. The Morris report stated that seven nominations had been received for the 1993 Youth Achievement Award contest. Nominations from Regions 23, 18, 20, 1, and 5 had been submitted for youths in Regions 23, 18, 20, and 5. First place went to Kurt Latimer of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Region 23; second place to Danny Watson of Milledgeville, Georgia, Region 5; and third place was a tie between Shilo Gillam of Garden City, Kansas and Donna Wiseman of Wentzville, Missouri, both of Region 18. Judges for the contest were Paul Gossett, Region 22 RVP; Kathy Hutchinson, Region 14 Youth Chairman; and Edith Fisher, Region 21 member-at-large.

Morris reported that eight regions were without a regional youth chairman in 1992.

Regions 1, 2, 4, and 5 have since filled the position, and Morris expressed her appreciation to the RVPs who accomplished this. Regions 3, 10, 11, 12, 16 are still in need. These regions have few or no AIS Youth members and Morris suggested that filling these positions would be a most important step toward increasing the number.

Morris reported that the AIS Youth newsletter, The Iris Fan, was mailed in December 1992 to all youth members, RVPs, and regional Youth Chairmen. The response to this first issue published since 1983 has been positive. The next issue is planned for June 1993. The Youth Pen Pal program presently involves fourteen young people and appears to appeal most to the eleven- and twelve-year-old age bracket.

Convention Liaison Mahan read a letter from Ann Cline, President of the Iris Club of Southeast Michigan, offering to sponsor the 1997 AIS National Convention in the metropolitan Detroit area. Convention dates would be scheduled somewhere near the end of May. Peak bloom season for this area is around Memorial Day.

Corlew moved, Jones seconded, that the offer from the Iris Club of Southeast Michigan to host the 1997 AIS National Convention be accepted. Motion carried.

Mahan thanked Cline for her dedicated work to promote regional agreement to host the 1997 National Convention.

With Detroit committed to 1997, the AIS schedule of conventions is full through 1998. Efforts to fill the 1997 convention vacancy have generated a great deal of interest in hosting the conventions in 1999 and 2000. Mahan advised any region interested to submit a proposal soon, because he expects genuine competition to host these years.

Mahan assured the Board that when corresponding with future convention chairmen he stresses the need to avoid conflicts in scheduling section, Board, and general meetings. He also makes clear the Board's wish that every effort be made to obtain moderately priced hotel accommodations and to keep convention costs down by foregoing some of the extras, if necessary.

Wilhoit reported for the Committee to Investigate an Award for Foreign-bred Irises. The committee, composed of Niswonger, Corlew, and Chairman Wilhoit, needs more time to gather the ideas and necessary information upon which to formulate a proposal. A report with recommendations will be presented at the fall meeting.

The meeting was recessed at 5:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:00 a.m., April 21, 1993.

Registrations Committee Chairman Nelson-Keppel said that her committee has several things under consideration which will be presented in her annual report at the fall meeting. Nelson-Keppel requested that Keith Keppel be appointed Registrations Committee Chairman. President Barr cited Keppel's years of service in that position until about three years ago, and asked for Board approval of the appointment of Keppel to be Registrations Committee Chairman. Jones moved, Corlew seconded, that the appointment be approved. Motion carried.

Concerning the request from the Greater Kansas City Iris Society and others to reprint the 1949 Check List, Nelson-Keppel proposed that this be done with the use of a soft bound cover to keep down costs.

Corlew moved, Stayer seconded, that the AIS print 1,500 copies of the 1949 Check List in a soft bound cover.

Mahan moved, Harder seconded, that the previous motion be amended to read "that the AIS print 1,500 copies of the 1949 Check List and the 1959 Check List in soft bound covers."

In the discussion that followed, A. Lowe stated that a number of errors in the 1949 Check

List have been found by H.I.P.S. members and that it has been suggested that some of those errors should be corrected. Lowe further stated that she realizes that enormous obstacles exist which impede correcting these errors within any useful time frame; however, she wants the record to show that the AIS is aware that these errors do exist. Mahan, supporting Lowe's statements, outlined the kind of obstacles that are confronted when correcting an official record, such as the The 1949 Checklist, and agreed that the need to reprint outweighs the time/benefit ratio to correct. Mahan requested that the record show that the Board discussed the possibility of correcting the errors in The 1949 Checklist but recognized the impracticality of doing so at this time.

The vote on the amendment carried. Because of the nature of the amendment, it was unnecessary to vote on the original motion.

Mahan distributed copies of the three proposals submitted to the Library Endowment Committee offering a permanent home for the AIS Library and Archives. The proposals were for sites in Beltsville, Maryland, Region 4; Dresden, Tennessee, Region 7; and Silverton, Oregon, Region 13. Board members were asked to study all three proposals before Mahan presents his full report during the afternoon session.

Mahan emphasized that the Historic Iris Preservation Society recommends that the AIS consider only a short-term agreement of not more than two years when beginning the permanent location relationship, regardless of which proposal is accepted.

Barr announced that three representatives from Silverton, Oregon, had traveled to Fort Worth to deliver personal presentations of their city's proposal to the AIS Board. These representatives, Ken Helton, Mayor of Silverton; Mason Branstetter, Chamber of Commerce representative; and Mike Scott, City Manager, were introduced by Rick Ernst. A short video tape about Silverton was shown, after which each of the three representatives gave his perspective on the advantages the Silverton location could offer the AIS. A supportive and encouraging letter from Oregon's U. S. Senator Mark O. Hatfield was presented to President Barr who read it aloud to the meeting. Following a lengthy question and answer exchange, Barr thanked the representatives for their very interesting presentation and called a twenty minute recess.

Before returning to regular business, Barr requested that Board members take time during the lunch recess to become familiar with all three library proposals.

Foundation Liaison Pettijohn reported that the annual business meeting of the AIS Foundation had been held the previous evening. Three trustees were elected. Two new trustees, Bennett Jones and Robert Hollingworth, replace Harold Stahly and Marilyn Holloway. Eric Tankesley-Clarke was elected to serve as President. In presenting the Foundation's financial profile for 1992, Pettijohn reported income of \$11,337, expenses of \$1,142, and grant awards amounting to \$14,825. The Foundation's net worth dropped \$5,000 for 1992. During the first quarter of 1993, contributions and interest totaled \$1,700, expenses totaled \$120, and \$5,000 was paid to a grant from a previous year. The current net worth of the Foundation is approximately \$110,812.

Concerning other Foundation business, Pettijohn reported that the Foundation Board established a policy of limiting grants to the Foundation's annual income and restricting the use of money from the basic fund. Recently the average annual income has been about \$15,000. He reported that when the subject of merging or consolidating with the AIS was brought up for discussion, the Foundation's Board expressed little interest since they failed to understand what benefit could come to either party should such a merger be possible. A

discussion followed in which the possible liabilities and benefits of consolidation were examined and the differences between the nature of the Scientific Committee and that of the Foundation were compared.

In closing his report, Pettijohn passed around a recent issue of The Journal of Heredity featuring a lovely iris cover and an article on Louisiana Irises, both of which were done by Mike Arnold, a recipient of a Foundation grant for work he is doing on Louisiana irises.

Mahan asked whether the Foundation would consider a grant to the AIS for the Library project. Pettijohn said that such an application would be considered and could be covered under the educational purview.

Corlew asked why the Foundation is not working to build a larger treasury. Pettijohn responded that some members in the AIS do not believe this should be done. The discussion that followed focused on the need to build the Foundation's treasury and examined the problems of doing so.

In answer to Mahan's question asking why the Foundation only partially funded the most recent Dr. James Waddick expedition to China, Pettijohn answered that since the proposal was decided by a mail vote, he did not know why the results were what they were. Stahly, a trustee on the Foundation Board at the time this proposal was presented, pointed out that the time frame in which the proposal was submitted and needed to be answered made it necessary that the vote on the grant be conducted by mail. Balloting by mail requires five votes in favor of awarding a grant, and this proposal did not receive the required votes. Balloting by mail makes it difficult to know the factors affecting the vote. When it was stated that a few AIS members were unhappy because they did not understand why only partial funding was granted to Waddick's proposal, Stahly responded that he could speak only for his vote and that he had voted against the full amount. He explained that anytime a grant proposal is submitted to the Foundation, one weighs that proposal against other actual and/or possible proposals in order to assess the value of the research, or whatever the proposal asks to fund, to the average society member. Stahly stated that it was his personal opinion that in this instance other uses of Foundation money had more significant value to AIS members than this particular expedition. Pettijohn added that confusion developed over the amount of the request when Foundation Trustees learned that money for the trip was coming into the project from other sources in addition to the Foundation, and that this confusion may have influenced the vote. Mahan said he thought these remarks had helped to clarify the process and problems faced by Foundation Trustees when deciding on a grant proposal.

Stahly spoke in favor of the idea of the Foundation's building an endowment fund and trying to live off that income. He suggested that critics of the amount of money in the Foundation's treasury do not really understand the purpose of an endowment. He further suggested that publicizing the endowment fund and encouraging contributions to the fund, not to specific projects, would help to raise awareness of the value of such a funding program. Pettijohn said he thought that if in the quarterly letter the President of the AIS would encourage support to the Foundation, it would be appreciated and most helpful. Barr stated that she would be happy to do this. Pettijohn advised that in order to have an endowment, the Foundation will need more help from the AIS Board, and that fund-raising help from any AIS group or individual would be gratefully received. Stahly asked Pettijohn if the Foundation could accept contributions which are stipulated as being for an endowment fund. Pettijohn answered in the affirmative, adding that the Foundation does not like to accept restricted funds but will do so.

Slide-Chairman Shockey said that although he had nothing to report, it was a pleasure to announce that the slides program has been very busy this year.

RVP Counselor Stahly stated that a good meeting with the RVPs had taken place the previous night. Region 1 reported having raised \$3,000 toward the Wister Medal Fund, stating that about \$2,800 more will be needed in order to reach the estimated initial cost of approximately \$5,800. Contributions will be needed to reach this goal. Those who want to contribute should make checks payable to the Wister Medal Fund and send them to Region 1 Treasurer, Marty Schafer, 45 Elm Street, Bedford, MA 01730. Those attending the convention may give checks to Region 1 RVP Barbara Schmieder, who will get them to Schafer.

Mahan asked if the Wister Medal Committee has a plan for the disposition of contributions received in excess of the amount actually needed. Schmieder responded that she knew of none. Stahly advised that since this is something which could easily happen, the committee should discuss this possibility and decide what to do should excess funds be collected.

Continuing his report on the RVP meeting, Stahly said that in answer to a question about obtaining copies of the AIS Bylaws, instructions had been given to send a request for Bylaws to Secretary Stayer who will send a copy of the old AIS Bylaws, accompanied by the notation that new amendments to the Bylaws are to be found in AIS Bulletin #228, January, 1993, pp. 68-69.

The desirability of having a small silver pin to present to retiring RVPs was discussed at the meeting. A proposal regarding this will be presented to the Board at a later time.

Stahly reported that considerable concern was expressed about the need for the RVP Handbook revision. Concern was expressed also about whether suggestions from the RVPs were being heard and considered, with the idea of incorporating them into the handbook. A report on the progress of this project is scheduled for later in the agenda.

Questions regarding liability insurance were raised at the RVP meeting. It was noted that some national organizations similar to the AIS have blanket policy plans in which the cost of insurance is pro-rated among the regions or local units so that every meeting, every show, every national meeting, etc., is covered for liability up to one million dollars. The discussion did not go beyond agreeing that this was a good direction in which the AIS ought to proceed.

Those elected to RVP Board of Counselors offices for the coming year were Personnel Committee Representatives, Barbara Schmieder (Region 1) and Riley Probst (Region 18); AIS Board Representative, Paul Gossett (Region 22); RVP Chairman, Carryl Meyer (Region 11); and RVP Secretary, Maxine Perkins (Region 23).

Before moving to the next report, Niswonger returned to the idea of liability insurance brought up in Stahly's report. Harder stated that he is doing some research on this subject as a result of his position on the National Board of the American Hemerocallis Society. Mahan suggested that the AIS look into what arrangements may have been made by the Gladiolus Society, which also has been reported to have the kind of umbrella liability insurance described at the RVP meeting. Barr requested that Harder contact both of these societies for information about their liability coverage, investigate the merits of and the procedure for obtaining such coverage for the AIS, and report his findings to the fall meeting.

Section Liaison Lineberger reported that those present at the meeting of section representatives held the previous evening were: Perkins (SIS), Brookins (SJI and RIS) Tankesley-Clarke (DIS), Willott (MIS); Stahly (SSI); Rigby (SIGNA); AIS President Barr and Section Liaison Lineberger. Lineberger reported on the following topics that were covered at

the meeting:

1. The merger of The Louisiana Iris Society of America and The Society for Louisiana Irises was officially announced. This merger took six years to effect and represents a big step forward for both groups. The resulting organization is known as The Society for Louisiana Irises and functions as a cooperating society with the AIS.

2. The AIS Board action of November 1992 providing funds to sections for incorporating expenses was presented. This Board action makes funds up to \$500 available to each section for attorney fees for incorporation and for revision of bylaws as needed to bring the section into line with AIS requirements. Lineberger said that he had made it clear to representatives that in order to take advantage of this assistance it is necessary for a section to go through Secretary Stayer's office. When asked if the legal work must be done through Attorney Spain's office in order to be eligible for this financial assistance, Stayer replied that she believes it must.

3. The influence of section newsletters on the growth of their sponsoring group received justified attention. Lineberger remarked that receiving newsletters from all the various groups within the AIS during his service as Section Liaison has allowed him the opportunity to observe the recent, dynamic development of section publications. He believes this impressive improvement of section publications to be a major contributor to the rapid growth of so many sections.

4. The pros and cons of being an AIS section versus being a cooperating society were discussed vigorously. Some objected to an AIS Board policy which does not allow a section to receive free space in the Bulletin to publicize a mini-convention or any other section activity.

5. The view of AIS Conventions as tall bearded conventions was voiced as a complaint common to many section members. National convention times are routinely scheduled for peak tall bearded bloom, and hybridizers specializing in something other than tall bearded irises lose enthusiasm for sending their plants to conventions where there is little or no chance that those irises will be blooming at convention time. National Convention meeting schedules commonly assign section meetings to the day before many people arrive at a convention, making attendance at a section meeting either costly or impossible and almost always inconvenient. Section leaders would like sections to receive more consideration when the schedule for a national convention is being prepared. The Washington, D. C., Convention meeting schedule is often praised for being fair, and Lineberger, noting this, urged Mahan to continue to recommend it to convention chairmen as a model for future convention schedules. Mahan, saying that he wanted to give credit where credit was due, stated that the Washington Convention committee had adapted the meeting schedule format from the one used in San Jose .

Section leaders recommended that the relationship between the AIS National Convention and Section Conventions receive serious attention.

6. The rumor that some people are discontinuing membership in the AIS and opting for section membership only was examined. Although there is no evidence to show how widespread this attitude may be at this time, the argument is that it is a growing one because section newsletters are of greater interest to section members than the AIS Bulletin and are the real reason most people join sections in the first place.

7. The need for more AIS action in support of sections was stressed. Two examples of the kind of action being sought were: soliciting reports from section conventions for

publication in the AIS Bulletin and AIS co-sponsorship of some of the mini-conventions.

8. The AIS policy governing the kind of section information that can be printed in the Bulletin needs to be clarified.

It was observed that the selection of a section representative to serve on the 1994 Personnel Committee had not taken place at the Section Representatives meeting. Barr asked Lineberger to poll section leaders during the lunch break and select a representative, the name to be announced following the break.

At the conclusion of his report Lineberger stated that he would be going off the Board this year after serving as Section Liaison for some time, and he wanted to express his appreciation to all of those who had made his work enjoyable.

In the discussion that took place following Lineberger's report, it became clear that there was great uncertainty about the meaning and application of the AIS policy dealing with publicizing section events in the Bulletin.

Corlew moved, Mahan seconded, that a committee be appointed to study the policy affecting the advertising of section events in the AIS Bulletin and to report the findings of the committee at the fall Board meeting. Motion carried.

Corlew moved, Stahly seconded, that a special committee be formed to address the relationship between the section mini-conventions and the AIS National Convention and to try to dispel the dissatisfaction being heard from the sections. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 P.M. to reconvene at 1:30 P.M.

Barr opened the afternoon session at 1:40 P.M. with an announcement from Lineberger that the Section Representative to the 1994 Personnel Committee will be Maxine Perkins.

Region 1 RVP Barbara Schmieder reported on the Wister Memorial Medal for the Iris Society of Massachusetts. The final decision in the medal design competition, announced in the July 1992 Bulletin, will be made when all eight judges gather to confer at the Region 1 meeting on May 15.

Schmieder listed regions, societies, and individuals who have made donations to the Wister Medal Fund, and their contributions have been listed in the April, 1993 issue of the AIS Bulletin.

The amount donated thus far is approximately \$3,000

Chairman Bobbie Shepard presented the report from the 1993 Personnel Committee, composed of Hilda Crick, the late James Fry, Paul Gossett, Dave Niswonger, and Chairman Bobbie Shepard. The following candidates for nomination were recommended for terms ending in 1996: incumbents Gristwood and Jones, and Terry Aitken, Doug Goodnight, James McWhirter, and Lynda Miller.

B. Jones nominated Jeanne Plank. Mahan seconded the nomination, and the Board voted approval. Jeanne Plank's name was added to the list of candidates.

Jones stated that he has decided to retire from active duty upon completion of his term in the fall, and he requested that his name be removed from the ballot.

With the acceptance of Jones' withdrawal, the list of candidates for nomination reads: incumbent Lillian Gristwood, and Terry Aitken, Doug Goodnight, James McWhirter, Lynda Miller, and Jeanne Plank.

The Board retired to executive session to consider the nominations.

When regular session resumed, Barr announced that the nominees are Gristwood, Aitken, McWhirter, and Plank, and she thanked the Personnel Committee for their work.

Reporting for the Board of Counselors, Shepard expressed the group's desire to have a

special pin to present to retiring RVPs. The Board of Counselors is requesting that the AIS fund the \$300 cost of the die for this pin, and further that the AIS make a gift of such a pin to all present and future RVPs at the end of their term. Each pin has a cost of approximately \$25, and an average of eight RVPs leave office each year.

Stahly moved, Lineberger seconded, that the request by the Board of Counselors be granted. Motion carried.

Mahan concluded his report on the Library proposals. He recommended that the AIS Board choose one of the three proposals and repeated his recommendation that the AIS consider entering into a short-term contract of two years only with whichever group is chosen.

Mahan moved, Lineberger seconded, that the Board formally commend Joyce Reynolds of Dresden, Tennessee, Phil Ogilvie, of Washington, D.C., and Rick Ernst, of Silverton, Oregon, for their work in helping to encourage, develop, and guide these proposals toward presentation to the AIS Board. Motion carried.

A lengthy discussion followed Mahan's presentation during which Board members from around the table asked questions, voiced concerns, and expressed observations in reference to each and all of the proposals. As discussion progressed, the Beltsville, Maryland proposal began to emerge as too costly for AIS consideration at this time, especially in conjunction with the proposals from Dresden and Silverton.

Niswonger moved, Jones seconded, that the AIS choose either Silverton, Oregon, or Dresden, Tennessee, as the site to locate the AIS Library on a two-year short-term basis. Motion carried.

Votes were cast by written ballot and resulted in a tie.

A straw vote taken from the guests in the audience resulted in a tie, also.

President Barr called a short recess.

When the meeting reconvened, Barr announced that Henry Wulf, of Lincoln, Nebraska, had offered to move the library materials out of storage in Ponca, Nebraska, into storage in either Lincoln or Omaha, Nebraska, and to oversee the care of these items for six months.

Jones moved, Stahly seconded, that the AIS accept this offer. Motion carried.

Barr called on Jones, as Chairman, to report the findings of the Committee to Study Convention Awards. Jones reported that in view of the need to replenish or replace the medal indicators for the Cook, President's, and Walther Cups following this convention, he and the other committee members, composed of Niswonger and Carol Warner, had considered keeper trophy designs different from those awarded in the past. Jones described an alternative design, suggested by Niswonger, which would cost the AIS \$45 to \$50 each, engraving not included. While a catalog picturing the suggested keeper trophy was circulated among board members, Jones asked Niswonger to further detail the advantages and options associated with it.

Corlew moved, Lineberger seconded, that the Board accept the recommendation of the Committee to Study Convention Awards and use the five inch trophy described by Jones and Niswonger as the keeper award for the Cook, President's, and Walther Cups. Motion carried.

Jones reported on the controversy that has developed since the AIS Board voted at the 1992 fall meeting to limit AIS garden awards to irises hybridized in the United States or Canada. It would appear that people working with beardless and species irises have been more affected by this Board decision than those working with bearded irises. Jones suggested that better understanding of how awards are handled in the United States and throughout the world might help, and he advised that the following basic facts must be

understood:

1. No foreign country with an iris society has awarded high awards to United States irises.
2. The AIS is the official international registrar for all irises except bulbous irises, which are handled by the Dutch. All registrations must be submitted to the AIS by the hybridizer.
3. Introduction determines the date of entry into the AIS awards system and occurs the first time an iris is listed for sale in one of the following places: the AIS Bulletin; a price list; or a catalog. When a price list or catalog is used, a copy of the issue listing the iris for the first time must be sent to the AIS Registrar in order to enter the introduction into the official record. Registrations far outnumber introductions on an annual basis, thus the introduction requirement acts as a governor on the number of irises entering the awards system each year.
4. Because registering and introducing foreign irises is a lengthy process, it would take four or five years before such irises would appear on AIS ballots should it be decided

to

let them become eligible for AIS awards.

5. The AIS awards system operates with the requirement that registration will precede introduction. There are hybridizers who have chosen to introduce an iris the year before it was registered. The committee has taken the position that the iris in that kind of circumstance will be allowed only one year of HM eligibility, which greatly affects the distribution of that iris, and distribution is an important part of the awards system.

Jones reminded board members that there is a committee studying the feasibility of establishing awards for foreign irises and that this should be kept in mind as discussion begins on the points brought up in his report. Jones went on record as being favorably disposed toward AIS-sponsored foreign iris awards.

Mahan stated that until the 1992 fall meeting, the policy of the AIS had been that foreign irises registered and first introduced in the United States were eligible for AIS awards. The 1992 policy ended this, penalizing those foreign irises, mostly Japanese, which had been introduced first in this country with the understanding that by doing this they would be eligible for AIS awards.

Niswonger reported that the members of the Foreign Iris Awards Committee have made a sincere effort to formulate a proposal on a foreign irises award. Niswonger reviewed the correspondence received by the committee, presented some of the pros and cons on the subject excerpted from the correspondence, and concluded by offering the committee's recommendation that more extensive study be given to the question of foreign irises and the AIS awards system, and that action on a foreign iris award be deferred until the fall meeting.

Barr asked the Foreign Iris Awards Committee to work with a new committee, to be called The Committee to Re-study Awards. Barr asked for Board approval of this new committee and named Clarence Mahan as chairman, with Bennett Jones, Keith Keppel, Colin Rigby, Harold Stahly, and Ken Waite. The combined committees are requested to bring their suggestions and recommendations for a solution to the 1993 fall meeting. Barr suggested that anyone interested in expressing an opinion on this subject should write to the members of the committee between now and the fall meeting. Corlew moved, Niswonger seconded, that the appointments to the Committee to Re-study Awards be approved. Motion carried.

Mahan moved, Corlew seconded, that foreign irises registered and introduced in this country first by 1992, or earlier, retain eligibility for AIS Awards until their normal individual schedule of eligibility expires. Motion carried.

Rasmussen reported on the preparations to celebrate the AIS 75th Anniversary. He held out hope that a commemorative stamp issue is still possible. Since all 75th anniversary activities relate to the 1995 Convention, he suggested that Board members might contact 1995 National Convention Chairman Hal Griffie, when he arrives at this convention, and offer him encouragement in his efforts on the 1995 event. The motto for the 1995 convention will be "Seventy-five in ninety-five;" however, choice of a logo has not yet been made.

Entries in the poster contest will be sent from the artist to Bennett Jones, who will at the appropriate time, turn them over to judges appointed by the President. The judges will select the winner at the Portland convention. The winning entry will become the poster for the 1995 convention. Rasmussen requested that the Board approve a \$400 honorarium for the artist with the winning poster.

Jones moved, Niswonger seconded, that the Board approve the honorarium request. Motion carried.

Rasmussen stated that each entry in the contest must be accompanied by an entry form on which it is stipulated that the AIS is the sole owner of this poster if it is the winning entry. All other posters will be returned to the artist. In closing, Rasmussen announced that Terry Aitken will be the editor of the 75th Anniversary publication.

M. Lowe presented a proposal from H.I.P.S. to sponsor a page in the AIS Bulletin as a regular feature dealing with historical matters of interest to the general readership, the frequency and length to be determined by Editor Mullin and Phil Edinger, who has agreed to take on the project. Niswonger moved, Mahan seconded, that the H.I.P.S. proposal be approved. Motion carried.

Barr appointed Melody Wilhoit and Larry Harder to be the two Board representatives to the 1994 Personnel Committee and asked for Board approval. Stahly moved, Niswonger seconded, that the Board approve these appointments. Motion carried.

Nelson-Keppel, Mullin, and Lineberger were appointed by Barr to serve as the Committee to Study the Policy on the Promotion of Sections in the Bulletin. The newly formed committee was asked to report to the Board at the fall meeting.

Corlew gave the report from the Reciprocal Publications Committee, which was comprised of Harder, Harlow, and himself. The committee recommended:

1. That a "Foreign Correspondent" standing committee be approved and that the President appoint a chairman.
2. That the chairman of this committee be authorized to contact other national iris organizations and arrange for the reciprocal exchange of publications where possible, or if this is not possible to subscribe to their publications.
3. That the committee chairman receive and scan these publications for items and information that would be of interest to the AIS general membership and forward such material to the editor for inclusion in the AIS Bulletin.
4. That the foreign publications be sent to the AIS Library for reference when they are no longer in use.

Corlew moved, Mahan seconded, that the recommendations of the committee be accepted. Motion carried.

Waters asked that the deadline date for slides to be submitted for use in the 1994 AIS

calendar be changed from July 1 to June 1. Waters further stated that Dorling Kindersley, Inc. is preparing to publish A Dictionary of Plants. The editors have asked for permission to use the line, "This list was prepared in consultation with The American Iris Society." Waters suggested that the Board approve the use of this line. Niswonger moved, Mahan seconded, that the Board follow the suggestion from Waters. Motion carried

Consideration of the revision of the Judges Handbook was deferred until the fall meeting.

Barr read a statement from Mullin about the RVP Handbook. Mullin reported that the handbook has been revised but that it has not been printed because the format and the number to print were not given. Mullin asked for direction in these matters. Stahly moved, Mahan seconded, that the Board follow Mullin's recommendations on format and that Mullin be informed that the Board would prefer to have the handbook printed on 8 1/2" x 11" paper in a quantity of 200. Motion carried. Stahly will notify Mullin.

Niswonger was appointed by Barr to handle the purchase of the new keeper awards for the President's, Cook, and Walther Cups.

Barr announced that the fall Board meeting will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on November 5, 6, and 7. The Trade Winds Central Hotel will be meeting headquarters in Tulsa.

Barr thanked the Fort Worth Convention Committee for an excellent job of preparing for this convention. There was a round of applause in appreciation for the hard work and dedication of all those involved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Jeanne Clay Plank, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Hallmark Inn Executive Center

October 30-31, November 1, 1992

Overland Park, Kansas

President Kenneth Waite called to order the regular fall meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Iris Society at 8:05 p.m., October 30, 1992. Present at the various sessions were President Waite; Immediate Past President Rasmussen; President-elect C. Barr; 2nd Vice President Niswonger; Secretary J. Stayer; Treasurer Corlew; Editor Mullin; Registrar K. Nelson-Keppel; Membership Secretary Harlow; Recording Secretary J. Plank; Publication Sales Director C. J. Lack; Directors Crick, Gristwood, B. Jones, Lineberger, Mahan, Stahly, Waters, and Witt; RVP Board Representative Gilliam (24); Directors-elect M. Wilhoit and Harder; Photo Coordinator L. Stayer; Foundation Liaison Pettijohn; RVPs Warner (4), Wilder (5), D. Willott (6), King (7), Meyer (11), Shepard (15), Probst (18), Gossett (22), and Goodnight (23); RVP Representative McWhirter (14); Section Representative Perkins (SIS); and guests A. Waite (1), Honkanen (5), A. Willott (6), J. Wilhoit (9), E. Jones (13), K. Keppel (14), W. Barr and R. Plank (15), Aldridge, Denney, D. Isbell, I. Isbell, Littlejohn, R. Mallory, J. Mallory, Murrain, Perry, Pries, Poff, I. Rasmussen, Wyss, and Waddick (18); and K. Lack (22).

Waite welcomed everyone, then introduced Greater Kansas City Iris Society President Donna Aldridge, who in turn welcomed the AIS Board of Directors and guests on behalf of the GKCIS and Region 18.

Waite reminded attendees that participation in discussion is welcomed and encouraged, but that only Board members may vote. Introductions followed around the

Board table and through the audience.

The minutes of the spring Board meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, were approved as printed in *Bulletin* #286.

Secretary Stayer announced that as no additional nominations for director had been received, candidates Harder, Niswonger, Waters, and Wilhoit were duly elected and qualified as Directors, with terms expiring in 1995.

Waite reported no interim Board action and one Executive Committee action: the selection of a printing company from two competing bids received to print *The 1989 Check List*. After careful examination to insure the quality of the significantly lower bid, the decision was made to go with the low bidding company, The Imperial Printing Company of St. Joseph, Michigan. The contract is for 3,000 copies, at a cost of \$11,370 plus some additional charges upon completion. The final cost will be between \$11,500 and \$11,800.

Stayer reported that 1,490 ballots were cast in the recent vote on by-laws changes, 1,471 by US and Canadian members, and 19 by overseas members. Voting percentages were: 90.5% yes; 3.5% no; 3.5% abstained; and 2.5% were invalid. Ballot printing, labor, and materials cost \$1,137.35. Postage cost \$2,516.16. The total cost came to \$3,653.51. This figure neither reflects nor includes any of Stayer's own expenses. Stayer brought up the need to print new by-laws because of this extensive change, and pointed out that additional by-laws changes are under consideration. Stahly moved, Jones seconded, that only the by-laws changes be printed in the *Bulletin* and that requests for by-laws copies be fulfilled by sending a copy of the by-laws as they now read with an attached notation to see the *Bulletin* (number and volume) for changes effective 1992. Motion carried.

Stahly asked if the RVP representative elected last spring, as set out in the new by-laws, is now a voting member of the Board. The Board was in agreement that this representative is indeed a duly elected and qualified voting member of the Board of Directors as of this meeting. T. A. Gilliam, voting RVP Board Representative, was invited to take his seat at the Board table.

Stayer reported that the Publication Sales Director now has 20,000 Invitation-to-Join brochures to sell at eight cents a copy for those wanting large quantities. She reported that Basic Iris Culture will be reprinted as soon as the revision of the awards system is finalized.

Stayer presented a letter from the New Zealand Iris Society which describes a newly designed society badge they wish to adopt. The basic flower drawing in this design is a virtual copy of the AIS logo. The NZIS requested permission to use this design before proceeding further with the badge. An enlarged copy of the design was passed around while the matter was discussed. Lineberger moved, Mahan seconded, that the AIS grant the NZIS permission to use the stylized flower drawing in the new badge design. Motion carried.

Stayer reported problems with an article in the New York Times. The article listed her address incorrectly, which caused many letters to be returned; however, through this garden column thirty or more new memberships were received. The paper apologized for the error but would not run a correction.

Stayer had received a letter from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society stating that there were several new positions open. She stated that she has copies of the job

descriptions if anyone is interested.

Stayer requested that anyone needing AIS stationery please notify her by December 10. New officers, directors, and RVPs will automatically receive a supply imprinted with their names and addresses. Stationery is ordered only once a year.

Membership Secretary Harlow's report was sent to all Board members and RVPs in mid-October. Members deleted in March and September totaled about 1,200. More than 50% were one-year members. Harlow advised that the AIS needs to do something to motivate these first year members to renew. The total number of AIS members as of September 30 was 8,426. Region 14 continues to hold the number 1 position; Region 4 is in second place, and Region 18 is in third. Acting on a previously granted Board approval of purchase, the membership office acquired a new printer to replace the old one which finally failed. Harlow requested that a digital tape backup system be obtained for membership data and said that such a system could be purchased at a cost of \$750 or less. Barr moved, Waters seconded, that the purchase of a tape backup system be authorized for the membership office. Motion carried.

Treasurer Corlew distributed copies of the Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year which ended September 30, 1992, and the Proposed Budget for the year ending September 30, 1993, to be studied by Board members and discussed later in the meeting.

Bulletin Editor Mullin reported that copy for the January *Bulletin* has already been mailed to the printer in Nashville, with the exception of topics that will come from this meeting. In response to questions about using color in the *Bulletin* for something other than advertising, Mullin explained the difficulties and costs associated with using color pictures. He has been requested to ask the Board if contributors to the Wister Medal Fund may be listed in the *Bulletin* in the same manner that contributors are listed for the AIS and the AIS Foundation. Stahly moved, Niswonger seconded, that contributors to the Wister Medal be listed in the *Bulletin*. Motion carried.

Corlew moved, Barr seconded, that telephone numbers of officers, directors, and RVPs be listed in the *Bulletin* together with their addresses. Motion carried.

A copyright notice will appear starting in the January 1993 *Bulletin* establishing the AIS copyright for material printed in the AIS *Bulletin*.

Advertising Editor and Registrar Nelson-Keppel stated that there was nothing new to report for advertising. As Registrar, Nelson-Keppel reported that *The 1989 Check List* is in the process of being printed and will be available in December. The amount to charge for *The 1989 Check List* was brought before the Board for discussion. Mahan moved, Stayer seconded, that the *Check List* price be set at \$20. After more discussion, Niswonger moved, Corlew seconded, that Mahan's motion be amended to read \$15. The motion to amend carried. The question was called on the amended Mahan motion. The amended motion carried. *The 1989 Check List* will sell for \$15.

Stahly moved, Jones seconded, that \$3,000 be paid from the Publication Fund to Nelson-Keppel for her work on *The 1989 Check List* as an added amount of her salary, part payable now and part payable next year as she desires, and that this be considered part of the cost of *The 1989 Check List*. Motion carried.

Mullin introduced Betty Crouch from Johnson Graphics and expressed his appreciation for her invaluable work on the *Bulletin*.

Registrar Nelson-Keppel, continuing her report, pointed out that the Board needs to

set the quantity to print and the amount to charge for the 1992 Registrations & Introductions book. She recommended printing 1,500 copies and charging \$5 each. Niswonger moved, Corlew seconded, that the Board accept Nelson-Keppel's recommendation. Motion carried.

Nelson-Keppel pointed out that the AIS needs to address the problem of clarifying species iris classifications since her office is getting a few registrations in this category, and no guidance has been provided. It was reported that SIGNA President Colin Rigby and a committee of SIGNA members are working on the problem. No further action was considered necessary at this time.

Publication Sales Director Lack distributed his written report and stated that sales totaled \$36,296.66 for the year 1991-92. He had received several calls asking for information on the new awards system and asking when that information will be added to the Judges Handbook. Crick indicated that consideration is being given to revising the whole handbook instead of just adding new pages to cover the changed awards system.

Lack stated that his office has a large supply of Native American Iris flyers. Harlow suggested that she could send the flyers to prospective new members. Waters moved, Mahan seconded, that these flyers be sent to Membership Secretary Harlow's office to be used in membership promotion. Motion carried.

Lack reported that out of 150 color charts bought about two years ago, only 47 remain in stock. Barr moved, Mahan seconded, that Secretary Stayer buy approximately 200 color charts, the exact number to be ordered dependent upon the best price break around 200. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 10:15 p.m. and was reconvened by President Waite at 8:55 a.m. on October 31.

Affiliate Chairman Niswonger reported that the active affiliate total stands at 153. Region 18 is about to add an 18th affiliate. Niswonger said that fewer new members are lost when there are several affiliates in an area, that new clubs do not diminish the vitality of older groups in the same area, and that some big cities could handle two or three clubs without difficulty. Niswonger reported receiving a letter from Region 4 RVP Carol Warner expressing a recommendation from Region 4 that the AIS consider providing medals free of charge for all shows given by AIS affiliates. The Region 4 recommendation stimulated a lively discussion. No action was taken at this time pending further consideration later in the meeting.

Waite, acting as Interim Awards Committee Chairman, reported that of the 841 ballots mailed to accredited judges, 709 were returned by the July 1 deadline. After noting the numbers and kinds of awards given in this year's balloting, he pointed out that there will be a need to order a new stock of medals for the Cook Cup, the President's Cup, and the Walther Cup. A one-year supply of medals for these awards currently remains in stock.

Twenty-three Regions reported results on time for the 1993 Symposium and twenty overseas members sent in ballots. Approximately 21% of AIS members participated in the Symposium vote. Region 12 had the highest percentage voting with 38%, and Region 11 was next with 33%. The five irises receiving the most votes were DUSKY CHALLENGER, BEVERLY SILLS, TITAN'S GLORY, VANITY, and EDITH WOLFORD.

The need to re-order the silver medals given for the Cook, President's, and Walther

Cup awards stimulated a discussion about changing what is given as a “keeper” trophy for these awards. Stayer moved, Jones seconded, that the President appoint a committee to look into the purchase of new medals or indicators for the Cook Cup and President’s Cup awards. Motion carried. Waite and Barr will appoint a committee of three, one of whom will be B. Jones.

Convention Liaison B. Jones has received reports from the Fort Worth Convention Committee that preparations are going well. Fort Worth convention dates are April 20-24, 1993. The conventions in Portland, Oregon, and Hershey, Pennsylvania are set for the Memorial Day weekends of 1994 and 1995, respectively. The 1996 convention dates will be set next year in April. As yet, no site has been selected for the 1997 convention.

Jones stated that the most common complaint he receives in his correspondence is the high cost of attending conventions. He advised that careful consideration must always be given to keeping costs down. A discussion took place on where and how to control costs and on the effect convention scheduling has on the cost of attending. No specific action was taken.

The meeting was recessed for a 30 minute break at 10:00 a.m.

Exhibitions Chairman Gristwood reported that 192 AIS approved shows were scheduled in 1992, a new record for the number of shows scheduled in a year. The most shows were held by Region 18, followed by Region 17 and Region 14. Two shows were held in Canada, and one of the shows held in Region 14 was an all seedling show. DUSKY CHALLENGER and SILVERADO tied for first place for the Nelson Award, each being selected as best specimen in six shows. The AIS provided 131 sets of medals to affiliate societies and regions. Gristwood observed that if she is to report exhibition statistics accurately, she must receive more show reports with complete, correct, and readable information than she now receives from many of the affiliate show chairmen. It was suggested that a small notation in the *Bulletin* outlining how best to report show information might help both the affiliate Show Chairmen and the AIS Exhibition Chairman equally. Chairman Gristwood noted that medals need to be ordered. Mullin offered information about a company reported to do excellent work at reasonable prices.

Stahly moved, Witt seconded, that Gristwood and Mullin obtain information on having new medals struck and report back to the Executive Committee for approval of the purchase price and for establishing the selling price for these medals. Motion carried.

Corlew expressed appreciation and thanks to Gristwood for the excellent job she does with Exhibitions. His remarks were followed by a round of applause.

Foundation Liaison Pettijohn reported that the Foundation held its annual meeting by mail, as permitted under the Foundation’s by-laws. Catherine Long Gates and Dorothy Willott were elected to the Board of Trustees replacing E. Rockwell and C. Sindt. A grant to Dr. James Waddick was awarded in the amount of \$3,825, roughly half of what was requested. Waddick is planning a Siberian species collecting trip to Tibet and western China. A request for a grant from Dr. Mike Arnold to do additional work on Louisiana genetics has gone out to the trustees for action. The Foundation plans to hold a meeting in Fort Worth to discuss consolidation with the AIS as proposed at the AIS Board meeting in Atlanta. A discussion followed examining the relationship between the two organizations, the restrictions that prevail, and current donations to the Foundation.

Mahan spoke to the need to fund Dr. Waddick's important expedition fully. In the discussion that followed, it was verified that although other donations have been made to the expedition (Region 4 has donated \$1,000), Dr. Waddick still lacks \$2,825 to finance the whole amount of the trip. This matter will be addressed later in the meeting.

Historical Committee Chairman Harder distributed a written report, and displayed an interesting set of prints made from a recently discovered group of old slides which he believes to be among the earliest in the AIS historical files. In response to questions about the status of the library storage space and about the minimum size room that will be needed to house the artifacts on hand when relocation becomes necessary, Harder stated that the present storage space is available until July 1, 1993, and that when relocation takes place, a 10' x 12' room would probably house the materials now in hand. He added that eventually the AIS will need a room that is large enough to handle two file cabinets for the AIS national organization, one file cabinet for each of the regions, one for each of the sections, and one for miscellaneous publications. Harder made a request that anyone receiving foreign publications donate them to the library. At this time the AIS receives only one foreign publication, as donated by Membership Secretary Harlow. He asked if it would be possible for the AIS to join these foreign plant societies in order to obtain the material they publish for the library. Harder not only recommends that the AIS join foreign societies for their publications, but also that the library become a member of record in all the AIS sections so that publications from these groups will be in the AIS library. Lineberger stated that as Section Liaison he receives all the AIS section newsletters, which he will send on to the library. He recommends that Section Liaisons who follow him in office adopt this policy.

Corlew moved, Niswonger seconded, that the AIS enter into a reciprocal bulletin exchange with as many foreign iris societies as possible and that the exchange be listed in the name of the AIS Historical Committee and posted to that office. Following a discussion, Mahan moved, Rasmussen seconded, that the motion be tabled until a permanent location for the library has been determined. The motion to table carried after a tie vote was broken by President Waite.

Corlew moved, Jones seconded, that the president appoint a committee to study how, where and to whom these publications should be sent and report back to the spring meeting. Motion carried.

President Waite appointed Corlew, Harder, and Harlow to this committee.

Honorary Awards Chairman Rasmussen named the awards for which his committee gives recommendations: the Hybridizer's Medal; the Distinguished Service Medal; the Gold Medal, and the Board of Directors Award. A record of these awards through 1980 appears in the appendices of *The 1970-79 Check List*. The complete listing through the current year is kept in Secretary Stayer's files. It was suggested that the *1995 Anniversary Bulletin* contain cumulative lists of the winners of each of these awards.

Judges and Judges Training Chairman Hilda Crick distributed copies of her report, which presented statistics on various aspects of judges activities and changes in the judges roster. She recommended Board approval of the 1993 roster of judges, which included the following list of new Master Judges:

Region 1 - Walter Kotyk
Marion H Schmuhl
Region 2 - James G. Burke

Region 4 - Mrs. Troy Karriker
Polly Price
Region 7 - Rodney Adams
Mrs. Charles Bless
Albert C. Dierckes
William W. Vines
Region 13 - Mercedes Olsen
Region 14 - Mrs. Jack Cochran
Region 15 - William Barr
Bob Brooks
Dr. Ed Murray
Region 17 - Hazel M. Haik
Mrs. Roy Nichols
Region 18 - Mrs. Julius Dutton
Mrs. M. J. McHugh
Mrs. Elvan Roderick
Region 21 - Signey Claussen
Region 23 - Mrs. Douglas Latimer
Mrs. Howard Shockey
Region 24 - James G. Burch
Betty Burch
Marjorie W. Deaton
Australia - Robert Raabe
England - G. H. Preston

Stahly moved, Niswonger seconded, that the Board accept Crick's recommendations and report as presented. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

Membership Contest Chairman Mahan reported that 139 entries have been submitted in the 1992 membership contest as of October 31. Ten regions have members participating.

Policy Chairman Barr distributed copies of the actions taken at the last Board meeting.

Public Relations Chairman Waters reported that the 1993 calendars are available. She emphasized that trade shows are a public relations tool that possess inestimable value in getting the name of the AIS out to the public. Waters is now working on a new set of postcards, charts showing the geographic locations of irises, and new posters for which she will be happy to receive suggestions. She called attention to a table on which she had a display of bulletins from other societies showing the diversity of bindings and use of color.

Barr stated that Olive and George Waters deserve a vote of thanks for producing the calendar every year. A round of applause in appreciation for the Waters' work followed Barr's statement.

Registrar Nelson-Keppel stated she had nothing to add to her report.

There was no report from Robins Chairman Brookins. Mullin reported that since he has received nothing for Flight Lines in a very long time, he would like permission to print excerpts from an international robin in the AIS *Bulletin*. Permission was given to

use this material.

RVP Counselor Stahly presented the list of new RVPs and a list of all RVPs showing term expiration dates.

Stahly moved, Niswonger seconded, that the Board approve the new Regional Vice Presidents as recommended by their regions. Motion carried.

The new Regional Vice presidents are:

Region	1	Barbara Schmieder
	2	John Schueler
	4	Roy Epperson
	5	Claire Honkanen
	17	Gordon Green
	20	Mike Moller
	21	Roger Mazur
	23	Maxine Perkins

Stahly moved, Barr seconded, that the incumbent RVPs whose terms expire in '93 and '94 be reappointed for one year:

	(Having served two years)		(Having served one year)	
Region	7	Joanne King	Region 3	Larry Westfall
10	Albert W. Ernst	6	Dorothy Willott	
13	Lyle Fort	8	Dr. Norman Frisch	
15	Bobbie Shepard	9	C. J. Simon	
16	Gloria McMillen	11	Carryl Meyer	
19	Nancy Szmuriga	12	Mrs. Willard Done	
24	T. A. Gilliam	14	Bryce Williamson	
		18	Riley Probst	
		22	Paul Gossett	

Motion carried.

Scholarship Chairman Witt reported that committee activities were minimal during the summer months. The second \$1,000 for the 1991-1992 school year has been sent to Peter M. Loos of the Stephen F. Austin State University at Nacogdoches, Texas, and the first installment of the 1992-1993 scholarship has been sent to Matthew Hinsch of UC Berkeley. Announcements for the 1993-1994 scholarship will go out after the first of the year.

Scientific Committee Chairman McEwen, unable to attend this meeting, delegated Mahan to read the committee report in his absence. The committee report updated the activity of two projects in process and recommended two grant proposals to be made from the funds of the scientific committee:

1. A grant of \$500 to Dr. Waddick in support of the projected botanical collecting expedition of Dr. Waddick and Professor Zhao in western China, should a need arise in the event of only partial funding of this expedition by the AIS Foundation.

2. A grant of up to \$300 to John Coble of Ensata Gardens as needed to fund the study of a suspected new viral disease of Japanese and Siberian irises.

Mahan moved, Rasmussen seconded, that the AIS furnish \$2,825 from the Scientific Fund to Dr. James Waddick for his proposed botanical collecting expedition in China, and up to \$300 to John Coble for the viral disease study as needed, any amount in

excess of the Scientific Fund's reserves to come out of the AIS General Fund. Motion carried.

Section Liaison Lineberger reported that when meeting at the Atlanta convention section representatives expressed great interest regarding the section constitutions. This information will be passed on to them as soon as it is available.

Slides Chairman Shockey, who was unable to attend, sent no report.

Youth Chairman Morris' report was read in her absence. Her report stated that there are 160 youth members, two of whom hold life memberships. Region 18 has the most youth members. Eight regions have no Youth Chairman. Four of those eight have no youth members and the other four have very low numbers. She stressed the need to have Regional Youth Chairmen in all 24 regions.

The 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee Chairman Rasmussen discussed the special *Bulletin* being planned to commemorate this event. With greater convenience and relatively little additional cost as selling points, a special issue of the *Bulletin* has the widest support for being the appropriate commemorative publication, as compared to an expanded spring edition of *The AIS Bulletin*. Corlew moved, Waters seconded, that the 75th Anniversary issue of the *Bulletin* be a separate volume. Motion carried.

Rasmussen requested Board authorization to conduct a 75th Anniversary poster contest, the winner to be announced at the 1994 Convention in Portland, Oregon. The winning poster would become available in 1995 at the 75th Anniversary Convention in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Barr moved, Waters seconded, that the Anniversary Committee be authorized to proceed with an unrestricted poster contest for the 75th Anniversary. Motion carried.

A short break was called at 2:15 p.m..

President Waite turned the chair over to President-elect Barr in order to present the Awards Committee report and offer its proposals. The report presented five proposals designed to clarify and detail the initiation into eligibility on each award level.

Proposal 1. Initiating the eligibility for Honorable Mention Awards

Bearded irises will become eligible two years after introduction.

Beardless irises will become eligible three years after introduction.

Both categories will remain on the ballot for three years.

The Species and Interspecies lists for the 1993 ballot will be made up of '88, '89, and '90 introductions.

The discussion examining the difference in time required for eligibility between the bearded and beardless categories enlarged to include consideration of how best to assign different classes of irises into these two categories. Waite moved, Corlew seconded, that both bearded and beardless irises become eligible for an HM Award two years after introduction. Motion defeated. Rasmussen moved, Witt seconded, that both bearded and beardless irises become eligible for an HM Award three years after introduction. Motion defeated. Stahly moved, Jones seconded, that those irises eligible in two years for HM Awards be TB; BB; IB; SDB; MDB; MTB; Aril and Arilbred. All other classes, as registered by the introducer, become eligible for HMs in three years. Motion carried.

Proposal 2. Initiating the eligibility for the new Award of Merit.

The 1993 list will be composed of irises from the previous year's list of eligibles for AM Equivalents and of irises coming out of the two-year waiting period required after

winning an HM. Qualifying irises will remain eligible for three years. The number of votes allowed will be 10% of listed varieties, or a minimum of two for a category. Awards will be given to 10% of the listed varieties, or a minimum of two.

The Award of Merit for the Species and the Interspecies categories will be initiated in 1995.

Waite moved, Stahly seconded, that the Board adopt a standard that there be a minimum of two votes and two winners in a category to receive an AM. Motion carried.

Proposal 3. Initiating the eligibility for the new medals.

The new medals are C.G. White, Mohr, Williamson-White, Nies, Mitchell, and Payne. The 1993 and 1994 eligibility lists for new medals will consist of AM equivalent winners for the previous six years. When 1993 AMs become eligible in 1995, the three earliest equivalent award winners will be deleted. In 1996 any remaining equivalent winners will be deleted. Some irises presently found on the Dykes Medal list will be transferred to the new medal eligibility list appropriate for their class.

New Species and Interspecies medals are to be initiated in 1997, namely Founders of SIGNA for Species and Randolph-Perry for Interspecies.

Proposal 4. The Wister Medal eligibility list.

The 1993 list for this medal will be compiled from 1991 AM recipients. TBs presently found on the Dykes Medal eligibility list will be deleted by attrition, because if these TBs were removed from the Dykes Medal list, only Dwarf, Median, Louisiana, and Siberian Medal winners would remain. An alternative approach to consider might be to withhold the Dykes Medal for 1993, which would create a 1994 eligibility list composed of medal winners only. Niswonger moved, Corlew seconded, that the 1993 Wister Medal eligibility list be compiled from 1991 AM recipient, and that TBs on the Dykes Medal eligibility list from the old awards system be retired by attrition. Motion carried.

Proposal 5. The Dykes Medal eligibility list.

After normal deletions, this list will consist of category medal winners only. An iris will become eligible for the Dykes Medal one year after winning a category medal and remain eligible for three years. The iris winning the most votes will be awarded the Dykes Medal. If a tie occurs, a run-off ballot will be issued listing those tied. Corlew moved, Stahly seconded, that the Board accept all of the Awards Committee proposals as amended and that these constitute the official awards guidelines adopted by this meeting of the AIS. Motion carried.

Waite moved, Mahan seconded, that in all classes, the number of irises eligible for an HM be reduced from 15% to 10%. Motion carried.

Waite moved, Jones seconded, that the AIS make it policy that only irises hybridized and introduced by United States and Canadian hybridizers can be eligible for AIS garden awards. Motion carried.

Acting on a suggestion from audience member Aldridge that the AIS consider creating a Best Foreign Introduction Award, Corlew moved, Niswonger seconded, that the president appoint a committee of three people to investigate an award for foreign-bred irises and bring a recommendation to the Board. Motion carried.

Waite resumed his seat as president and appointed M. Wilhoit, Corlew, and Niswonger to this committee.

The Library Endowment Report given by Mahan described efforts to find a permanent place for the library. Three regions have expressed interest. Mahan

recommended that Attorney Glenn Spain be consulted with respect to the establishment of a restricted Library Endowment Fund. Stayer was requested to contact Attorney Spain about setting up such a fund.

The meeting recessed at 4:45 p.m. to reconvene after dinner at 8:30 p.m..

Mahan, who is working with Witt on an assignment to produce a new AIS book, requested Board input about the perspective and/or purpose of the new book. The general discussion that followed was enriched by wide participation from all parts of the room. Waite summarized the discussion as indicating that the book should provide something of interest to both the expert and the novice, should offer a little bit on everything pertaining to irises, and should contain a large number of pictures. Mahan and Witt stated that the discussion was helpful.

RVP Counselor Stahly reported that a committee of RVPs has been working on a revision of the RVP Handbook. Suggestions for changes and additions have been relayed from this group to Stahly through RVP Wilder. Stahly gave the floor to Wilder, who emphasized the immediate need to issue a revised handbook. It was noted that Mullin had prepared the existing handbook and would be best qualified to incorporate changes into a handbook revision. Lineberger moved, Crick seconded, that the revision material be turned over to Mullin so that he may edit and update the RVP Handbook before it is reprinted in 1993. Motion carried.

Wilder asked Mullin to send revision sheets to each of the present RVPs so that they may update their handbooks.

The request that the AIS consider providing free show medals to affiliates, regardless of the number of shows given, was returned for further discussion under unfinished business. Niswonger read the letter received from Region 4 RVP Warner advocating that free medals be given to affiliates for each AIS sanctioned show rather than for only one show, as is the current AIS policy. The letter expressed the opinion that if an affiliate is willing to make an added effort to put on more than one show in order to feature different iris groups, the AIS should be willing to support those efforts by supplying the medals. A lengthy discussion followed.

Waters moved, Witt seconded, that the AIS provide medals to the affiliates for any AIS sanctioned show. More discussion followed, with several members on the Board and guests in the audience speaking against the motion. When the question was called, the motion was defeated.

There being no further unfinished business, out-going President Waite spoke a few words in farewell before welcoming Claire Barr as the new president. He mentioned as he passed the gavel that we were witnessing an historic moment, as Claire Barr becomes the first woman president of The American Iris Society. Barr thanked Waite and spoke with admiration and appreciation of his leadership before presenting him with a lifetime membership in the AIS.

Before proceeding to the election of officers, Barr read from a letter sent to Board members by James Rasmussen during his presidency in which a suggested set of goals had been listed for the society, the ultimate goal being to achieve perfect harmony. Barr expressed the feeling that the list could be interesting and useful in stimulating ideas for growth. She stressed the need to set priorities and asked for suggestions from those around the table and in the audience.

Barr called for the election of officers.

Stayer nominated Niswonger for 1st Vice President, Waite seconded. There being no further nominations, Corlew moved nominations cease and Niswonger be elected by acclamation, Jones seconded.

Niswonger nominated Mahan for 2nd Vice President, Witt seconded. There being no further nominations, Corlew moved nominations cease and Mahan be elected by acclamation, Jones seconded.

Waters nominated Stayer for Secretary, Corlew seconded. There being no further nominations, Waite moved nominations cease and Stayer be elected by acclamation, Jones seconded.

Niswonger nominated Corlew for Treasurer, Waters seconded. There being no further nominations, Stayer moved nominations cease and Corlew be elected by acclamation, Mahan seconded.

Waite nominated Mullin for Editor, Jones seconded. There being no further nominations, Mahan moved nominations cease and Mullin be elected by acclamation, Niswonger seconded.

Stahly moved and Niswonger seconded, that all nominations be closed and that the slate be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned to executive session to discuss the report from the Honorary Awards Committee.

Following the closed session, Barr announced that upon the recommendation of the Honorary Awards Committee, Distinguished Service Medals were awarded to Catherine Long Gates and Jeane Stayer. Hybridizers Medals were awarded to Mary Louise Dunderman and Mary Dunn. Upon recommendation of the Chairman of Judges and Judges Training, Harry Kuesel, Everett Long, and Joseph Gatty were approved as new Emeritus Judges, the latter posthumously.

Barr appointed the following administrative officers:

Registrar	Kay Nelson-Keppel
Membership Secretary	Marilyn Harlow
Publication Sales Director	C. J. Lack
Recording Secretary	Jeanne Clay Plank
Advertising Editor	Kay Nelson-Keppel
Photo Coordinator	Larry Stayer

Stayer moved, Niswonger seconded, that these appointments be accepted. Motion carried.

Barr appointed the following chairmen of standing committees:

Affiliates	O. David Niswonger
Awards	Bennett Jones
Convention Liaison	Clarence Mahan
Exhibitions	Lillian Gristwood
Foundation Liaison	Richard Pettijohn
Historical	Larry Harder
Honorary Awards	Kenneth Waite
Judges and Judges Training	Hilda Crick
Membership Contest	Melody Wilhoit
Policy	Mike Lowe
Public Relations	Olive Rice Waters

Registrations	Kay Nelson-Keppel
Robins	Howard Brookins
RVP Counselor	Dr. Harold Stahly
Scholarship	Jean Witt
Scientific	Dr. Chandler Fulton
Section Liaison	Everette Lineberger
Slides	Howard Shockey
Youth	Jean Morris

Stahly moved, Waite seconded, that these appointments be approved. Motion carried.

Barr appointed to the Honorary Awards Committee to serve with the past-presidents:

Richard Pettijohn
Keith Keppel
Ben Hager

Stahly moved, Waite seconded, that these appointments be approved. Motion carried.

Lineberger presented and read the petition to merge the Louisiana Iris Society of America (LISA), an AIS affiliate, with the Society for Louisiana Irises (SLI), a non-AIS affiliate. The petition explained the reasons for the merger and the methods and means by which the memberships and treasury of LISA would be transferred to SLI. Like the Aril Society, the Society for Louisiana Irises would become a cooperating society of the AIS. The petition was signed by Doug Goodnight, President of LISA; Henry C. Rowlan, President of SLI; and Joseph Mertzweiller, Past President of LISA and drafter of the petition.

Lineberger pointed out that if the AIS Board approves this petition, it will be presented to the April SLI meeting in Louisiana, and if approved there, will go into immediate effect. LISA had already agreed to the merger as set out in the petition, pending approval of the AIS Board. Stahly moved, Jones seconded, that the Board approve the petition as presented. Motion carried.

Crick read into the record a letter from Terry and Barbara Aitken, sent to Board members on behalf of Region 13 recommending a policy change in Judges Training credits. The letter proposes that Judges Training credits earned after the July 31 cutoff be automatically credited to the next year's training whether or not a promotion to a higher level is involved. Mahan moved, Crick seconded, that this issue be tabled until the spring meeting. Motion defeated.

Stahly moved, Jones seconded, that when persons moving to a higher Judge level (Student to Apprentice, Apprentice to Garden, Garden to Master) have completed the requirements by July 31, any Judges Training during the remainder of that calendar year will be counted towards the requirements of the level to which they are being moved, pending actual Board approval of their move to the higher level. Motion carried. Jones will notify the Aitkens of the action produced by their letter.

Mahan moved, Stahly seconded, that Lack be authorized to buy a copy of *Iris Of China* by Waddick and Zhao for the AIS archives. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 11:15 p.m. to be reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, November 1.

Barr opened the morning session by expressing a personal welcome to new Board

members Wilhoit, Harder, and Gilliam.

Rasmussen presented an offer from Carolyn Hawkins, who conducted an artistic arrangement Judges Training session at the Atlanta Convention. Hawkins has offered to re-write the section on Exhibition Judging, the Artistic Division, in the Judges Training Handbook. The offer was referred to the Handbook Revision Committee.

A. Waite gave a brief update on the Wister Medal. The Wister Medal Fund, overseen by Region 1, has received \$2,600 in contributions to date. A. Waite called attention to the design contest for this new medal and recommended a notice in the *Bulletin* for further information.

With regard to the mailing of *Bulletins* to those who are late with renewals, Lineberger moved, Harder seconded, that those renewal members who pay dues after June 30 and December 31 will receive the current *Bulletin* only if they request it from the Membership Secretary. Motion carried.

Treasurer Corlew explained certain details in the Annual Financial Report and the Proposed Budget, both of which had been previously distributed to Board members for study. After presenting backgrounds on actions being recommended to the Board, Corlew moved, and Lineberger seconded, that the Scientific Research Fund be deactivated. Motion carried. Corlew moved, and Stahly seconded, that the Publication Fund be capped at \$100,000. Motion carried.

Corlew moved, Jones seconded, that the 1992 Annual Financial Report be accepted. Motion carried.

Stahly moved, Niswonger seconded, that AIS Sections be provided, if requested, with up to \$500 in attorney fees for consultation with Attorney Spain for help with Articles of Incorporation, the incorporation itself, and appropriate constitution and by-laws revisions as required by the AIS reorganization plans. Motion carried. Stahly stated all correspondence with Attorney Spain should be directed through the AIS Secretary.

Corlew moved, Stayer seconded, that salaries for the *Bulletin* Editor, Advertising Editor, Registrar-Recorder, and Membership Secretary be raised in monthly amounts of \$50, \$12.50, \$12.50, and \$25, respectively, with changes retroactive to October 1, 1992. Motion carried.

Corlew moved, Waite seconded, that the proposed budget be adopted as amended and that it be noted that as amended it becomes a deficit budget. Motion carried.

Stayer stated that all the papers and cards that need to be signed for the Standard Banking Resolutions for change of officers are at hand and should be signed immediately at the end of the meeting.

Stayer read a letter from the Albuquerque Iris Guild inviting the AIS to hold the 1994 fall Board meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on either October 28-30 or November 4-6. Corlew moved, Mahan seconded, that the invitation of the Albuquerque Iris Guild be accepted, and the dates be for November 4-6. Motion carried.

Acting on the motion from a previous session that the president appoint a committee to study convention awards, Barr appointed the following: B. Jones as Chairman, C. Warner, and D. Niswonger. Waters moved, Waite seconded, that the appointments be approved. Motion carried.

Barr announced the 1993 fall meeting will be held November 5-7 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The 1993 spring meeting will be held April 20-24 at the Worthington Hotel in Fort Worth, Texas.

Before adjourning the meeting, Barr thanked the Greater Kansas City Iris Society for their hospitality and a job well done in hosting this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Jeanne Clay Plank, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Stouffer Waverly Hotel April 28 & 29, 1992
Atlanta, Georgia

The regular spring meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Iris Society was called to order at 2:15 p.m., April 28, 1992, by President Kenneth Waite. Present at the various sessions were President Waite; Immediate Past President Rasmussen; Past President and Director Stahly; 1st Vice President and Recording Secretary Barr, 2nd Vice President Niswonger; Secretary J. Stayer; Treasurer Corlew; Membership Secretary Harlow; Publication Sales Director C. J. Lack; Directors Crick, Gristwood, B. Jones, Lineberger, Mahan, Rice-Waters and Witt; RVP Representative McWhirter, Photo Coordinator L. Stayer; Committee Chairmen Harder, McEwen, and Morris; RVPs Pope (1), O'Shea (2), Warner (4), Wilder (5), King (7), Meyer (11), Shepard (15), McMillen (16), Probst (18), Szmuriga (19), Miller (20), Gossett (22), Goodnight (23) and Gilliam (24); Asst. RVP Honkanen (5); Section Representatives Fry (DIS), M. Lowe (RIS) and Perkins (SIS); and guests A. Waite and Doucette (1), A. Lowe and Randall (4), Luna (7), E. Jones (13), Plank (15), Beckhusen and Glaser (17), Denney and Henderson (18) and K. Lack (22).

In his opening remarks, President Waite welcomed all those present, reminding everyone that participation in discussion is welcomed and encouraged but that only Board members may vote. Introductions followed, and everyone was asked to sign the attendance sheet. Waite explained that there might be departures from the printed agenda, as it is only a guideline.

A correction was made to the minutes of the November Board meeting in Indianapolis, as published in AIS Bulletin #284. In the presentation to the Board by Bob Pries, chairman of the awards committee of the Species Iris Group of North America, it should be added that the Founders of S.I.G.N.A. Award and the Randolph-Perry Award, designated as AM-equivalent awards in the written proposal, were elevated to medal status in the motion passed by the Board. Lineberger moved, Corlew seconded, that the minutes be approved as amended. The motion carried.

Waite reported that there had been no interim action by the Board. The Executive Committee had taken the following action:

(1) Raised the price of the 1991 AIS Membership Book to \$10.00 from the \$7.00 price set at the fall Board meeting.

(2) Gave approval to The Lincoln Iris Society (Nebraska) to use certain pen sketches from the Judges Handbook in a brochure being prepared by that society.

(3) Voted to let the 1991 AIS Awards stand as shown by a recount.

Waite explained the fact that ballots for the By-laws changes approved by the Board at the fall meeting had not been mailed to the membership. It had been discovered after the fall meeting that the AIS Bylaws require that "notice of the proposed amendment or amendments shall have been included in the notice of the meeting." The voting on the amendments at the fall meeting was therefore not valid, as notice of the proposed

amendments had not been included with the notice of the meeting. Such notice was, however, included with the notice of the spring meeting, and another vote will be taken later in this meeting.

Secretary Stayer thanked the Board for having approved the purchase of a copy machine for her office. She commented on the fact that her incoming mail had decreased but that there had been an increase in correspondence from junior and senior high school students requesting information and copies of educational material, at no charge, sometimes from large numbers of students from the same class. In such cases she has sent a small amount of material and asked them to share.

The Secretary stated that there continue to be requests for very large numbers of the "Invitation to Join" brochure; she is authorized to send 250 to RVPs and only 25 to presidents of local clubs and societies at any one time; Exhibitions Chairman Gristwood sends 30 to 40 copies with each order of show supplies. After lengthy discussion, Lineberger moved, Jones seconded, that "Invitation to Join" be made available in quantity to sell for eight cents per copy, over and above the numbers already authorized by the Board. The motion carried. Stayer will continue to handle mailing of the ones sent at no cost, and Gristwood will send a simple statement with those which she sends with show supplies stating that the brochure may be reprinted.

Stayer brought up the subject of computer maintenance contracts. Corlew moved, Witt seconded, that the Board adopt a policy of not carrying maintenance contracts on AIS computers beyond the date on which the original warranty has expired. The motion carried.

Stayer finished her report by reading from a letter from Attorney Glenn Spain stating that the AIS is now permanently exempt under 501)c)(3) and that this project has been successfully completed. A copy of the exemption letter from the IRS will be kept in the AIS corporate files.

Membership Secretary Harlow spoke briefly about the detailed report which had already been sent to Board members. Total membership has reached 8,408; Region 14 leads with 788 members, Region 4 is second with 665, and Region 7 is in third place with 629. During the past year there has been an increase of more than 50 new Life members. The AIS printer in her office needs to be replaced; the Board has already authorized this expenditure at such time as it is needed. Harlow urged the Board to consider again not sending one last Bulletin to those whose memberships have expired (at present, a new member who does not renew after one year receives a total of six Bulletins for that year, one of which is complimentary when joining). In January, 455 copies were sent to members who had been recently dropped from the membership list. Corlew moved, Crick seconded, that the AIS cease sending Bulletins to those who have not renewed membership. The motion passed.

Treasurer Corlew distributed copies of his interim report for Board members to study. Corlew commented that there are more Life memberships than ever before and urged that Life memberships be encouraged, as dues from Life memberships remain in a special fund drawing interest for years to come; In response to a question he stated that institutions are not eligible for Life membership.

Editor Mullin's report was read by Stayer Mullin will retire from his position as Bulletin Editor with the April issue of 1993.

There was a short break at 3:45 p.m.

Advertising Editor and Registrar Nelson sent word by Stayer that she is working hard on the 1989 Check List. Stayer distributed copies of some sample pages which Nelson had mailed to her

Publication Sales Director Lack reported that sales are good. Supplies of post cards and RVP Manuals are low. There was discussion about changes in the latter, but no action was needed at this time. Lack stated that his AIS typewriter is no longer in use and is in storage; he would like permission to dispose of it. Mahan moved, Jones seconded, that Lack be authorized to dispose of this typewriter in any way he sees fit. The motion carried. Lack stated also that the cost of his storage rental has increased \$6.00 per month; this did not seem to Board members to be a problem.

Youth Chairman Morris reported on the Youth Achievement Award Contest. First place went to Michael McCarthy, Lakewood, Colorado, Region 20. In second was Danny Watson, Milledgeville, Georgia, Region 5, and in third place was Kurt Latimer, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Region 23. Morris spoke also of the increased cost of trophies and of the urgent need for a Youth Chairman in every region.

Affiliates Chairman Niswonger thanked all the RVPs for their work with the Affiliates. He stated that the previous report showed that there were 154 affiliates; the number is now 1~. Lists, by region, of affiliates approved for 1992 were distributed, and Niswonger outlined some of the details of the Affiliates Program and problems encountered. Region 18 has the largest number, 17; Region 14 is next with 15 and Region 22 is in third place with 13.

Waite reported as Interim Awards Committee Chairman that 841 Awards Ballots had been mailed to accredited judges in the United States, Canada and overseas, and 85 Ballots had been sent to the Judges Training Chairman for Apprentice Judges. Printing costs were \$399, and the cost for postage was \$256.70. The 1993 Symposium Ballot copy has been completed and forwarded to Editor Mullin for inclusion in the July AIS Bulletin.

Exhibitions Committee Chairman Gristwood apologized for errors found in her last report, saying that her illness cut short the time available to prepare the report. There have been 182 show schedules approved this year, two of them new ones, and a Canadian show. Gristwood asked that show chairmen always include in the schedule the names of the city where the show is being held, not just the name of a shopping mall, and she mentioned several problems regarding show supplies.

Historical Committee Chairman Harder reported that the City of Ponca, Nebraska, has asked the AIS to find other storage space for its historical material and records. Lengthy discussion followed, and Harder was asked to look for temporary space until the Board decides on a final solution. In discussion it was established that the historical materials stored in Ponca are the AIS Archives and that the books and publications stored by Publication Sales Director Lack in Tulsa, Oklahoma, are the AIS Library. Harder distributed copies of inventory received in the years 1991 and 1992. He asked members to send him catalogs, articles, books, newsletters, etc., etc., and he stressed the importance of getting these materials into one place so that they will not be lost.

Judges Training Chairman Crick gave a short interim report listing deceased judges and non-renewals.

The meeting was recessed at 5:15 p. m. and reconvened at 8:45 a.m. the following day, April 29, 1992. President Waite opened the session with two announcements. First,

he had been informed that there will be an article in Life Magazine, in May or June, on Presby Memorial Iris Gardens. Second, the British Iris Society will celebrate its 70th anniversary with an iris convention, May 23-27, at Cannington, Bridgewater, in Somerset. Waite has sent a letter of congratulations to the society, and he asked Stahly and Niswonger, who will be attending the convention, to represent the AIS. Niswonger will be speaking at the convention.

Membership Contest Chairman Mahan stated that information about the contest had been printed in the Bulletin, and that to date he has received very few entries. He commented that he is suggesting the conversion of annual membership to triennial and also encouraging conversion to Life membership; these conversions give points in the contest, but they are also beneficial to the AIS, and they make the work of Membership Secretary Harlow and Treasurer Corlew easier. Mahan said that he would appreciate it if Board members and RVPs would push these conversions in their areas.

Policy Chairman Barr distributed copies of all action taken at the fall Board meeting and asked that everyone make the correction which had been made to the minutes of that meeting the day before concerning species awards. She had available, also, copies of all action from Board meetings back to November, 1988. These latter copies had been given out at the fall meeting. Barr stated that she had had several inquiries during the last six months and had been able to provide information in some of the instances.

Public Relations Chairman Rice-Waters commended Don Peterson, who has charge of the AIS Display Screen, on the good job he is doing in caring for and scheduling the screen. She spoke of the new pictures for the screen, which will be displayed at this convention as soon as the screen arrives. It is time for new post cards, and Rice-Waters said that she would welcome suggestions about pictures for the post cards. She reported that the meeting for Sectional and Regional Bulletin Editors held the evening before, the first of its kind, had gone very well.

Next on the agenda was Registrations. There was discussion about the delay in the publication of the 1989 Check List. Witt moved, Jones seconded, that there be a notice in the Bulletin to the effect that preparation of the 1989 Check List is taking longer than expected because of the difficulty of the conversion to computerized records. The motion carried.

Scholarship Committee Chairman Witt reported that there had been 16 applicants this year out of which three were chosen by the committee; she gave the names of the three and information about them and then announced that Matthew Hinsch, who is a Masters candidate in plant pathology at the University of California at Berkeley, and who will be studying molecular mechanisms of plant-microbe interactions to understand how plants defend themselves from hostile microbes, using Arabidopsis, is the student recommended by the committee. Mahan moved, Corlew seconded, that the committee's recommendation be approved. The motion carried. Other members of the committee were Elsiemae Nicholson, Emma Hobbs and James Waddick.

Witt then gave a report on last year's scholarship recipient, Peter Loos, a student at Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, Texas, whose garden will have a gala garden day on May 23. Witt commented that none of the research subjects of the candidates had to do with irises; it is her feeling that the funding of the Scholarship Committee should be in basic research and that funding for iris research could better come from the AIS Foundation. It was the consensus that this was the practice which

had generally been followed. Discussion followed concerning the possible affect of the permanent 5~)c((3(exemption on the relationship between the AIS Foundation and the AIS Scientific Committee. Corlew moved that the AIS President and the Chairman of the AIS Foundation Board of Trustees discuss the relationship between the Foundation and the AIS Scientific Committee and the possibility of consolidating operations; and, if they consider it feasible, that a committee be formed to study the specifics and make recommendations. Rasmussen seconded. The motion carried.

Dr. Norlan Henderson, present as a guest at the Board meeting, spoke briefly about his follow-up study on the work begun by the late Homer Metcalf.

At 10:15 a.m. Waite called for a brief break.

RVP Counselor Stahly reported on the meeting of the Regional Vice Presidents which had taken place the evening before. Concern had been expressed about the 1989 Check List and about the increasing cost of conventions. The RVPs were making suggestions for a possible revision of the RVP Handbook and would try to get together a list for Stahly to bring to the fall Board meeting. At Stahly's suggestion and on the assumption that by the time of the fall Board meeting the By-laws change should be in effect, the RVPs had elected T.A. Gilliam to be a voting member of the Board. Bobbie Shepard and Paul Gossett were elected as members of the Personnel Committee. Bobbie Shepard was elected as chairman of the RVPs for the coming year, and Joanne fling was elected to be the secretary.

Scientific Committee Chairman McEwen stated that one of the functions of the Scientific Committee is to answer questions but that there had been no questions recently. He spoke very highly of Dr. Henderson's work and of the late Homer Metcalf. There had been two letters of inquiry concerning grants from the Scientific Committee. McEwen has told the two persons to send applications to him, which he in turn will send to Waite or Stayer to be brought to the Board.

Convention Liaison Jones stated that some suggestions and comments from Atlanta Convention Chairman Robert Terpening made at the meeting of convention chairmen the evening before will be incorporated into the Convention Guidelines. Jones spoke of the problem of the high cost of conventions, noting that inflation is with us and that each convention committee will have to deal with it as best as they can, and also that some areas are more expensive than others. He distributed a report from 1993 Fort Worth Convention Chairman Keith Smith, saying that hotel costs will be less next year. Jones reported briefly on plans for the Portland Convention in 1994, and then he stated that there is still no convention site scheduled for 1997.

Section Liaison Lineberger reported on the following topics discussed at the meeting of Section Representatives the evening before:

1. Determining the AIS membership status of Section members and the problems involved.

2. The question of whether each Section should go ahead with changes in its By-laws before receiving recommendations from the Board. It was suggested that this be done and also that the individual sections become incorporated.

3. Joseph Mertzweiller spoke about the Louisiana Iris Society (a section) and the Society for Louisiana Irises (an independent group) and their endeavors to merge, possibly as a cooperating society like the Aril Society International.

4. The Median Society has published a check list, following a good response from

its recent appeal for funds.

5. The question of whether votes on the Symposium Ballot from Affiliates, or from libraries or other institutions which receive a ballot with the AIS Bulletin, are eligible to be counted. After discussion, Mahan moved, Stahly seconded, that Symposium Ballots not from individuals not be counted. The motion carried.

6. On scheduling meetings at conventions, it was suggested that no general membership meetings of sections be scheduled on the first day of convention and also that some groups need more than one hour for their meetings. It was generally conceded that the Washington, D.C., convention was the model to follow in the matter of scheduling the meetings.

Elected as Section Representative to the Personnel Committee was James Fry. Lineberger will send lists of changes of offices to Secretary Stayer.

Stahly, Chairman of the Committee to Study RVP Voting Rights and of the Committee to Study Bylaws Changes, explained again that the AIS By-laws could not be amended by votes taken at the fall Board meeting, as notice of the proposed changes had not been included with the notice of that meeting. He moved that at this time the By-laws changes approved at the fall meeting be approved again.

Niswonger seconded. The motion carried.

Lineberger moved, Mahan seconded, that the Secretary and the President decide upon the most economical and efficient method of submitting the ballots to the membership. The motion carried. Stahly moved, Mahan seconded, that this be implemented in accordance with the By-laws or if unspecified by the By-laws, at the direction of the President. The motion earned

Seventy-fifth Anniversary Committee Chairman Rasmussen discussed ideas for the anniversary celebration at Hershey, Pennsylvania, in 1995. At the idea stage are a special poster and a medal similar to the 50th anniversary medal. There will be a special issue of the Bulletin with Terry Aitken as editor. Rasmussen asked for other ideas. The committee will make specific recommendations at the fall Board meeting.

Waite called on Mahan, as president of the Historic Iris Preservation Society, to discuss HIPS' concern for a permanent library for the AIS. This subject had been discussed briefly at the fall Board meeting. Mahan described the idea which had grown in HIPS to the point where, without solicitation, money had been donated to HIPS for a library; such funds are being held in a special account. Mahan had appointed Mike Lowe to chair a committee within HIPS to pursue the idea and come up with a proposal, which Lowe presented to the Board at this time. The HIPS Board had modified this proposal the evening before and made a list of recommendations. Following these recommendations, Mahan moved that:

1. The President of the AIS appoint a Library Endowment Fund Committee consisting of the current members of the HIPS Board of Directors, such appointments to be for a two-year period.

2. Further that the committee be empowered to establish as AIS Library Endowment Fund and to incur reasonable costs incidental thereto.

3. Further that the committee be authorized to use the AIS Bulletin to solicit proposals from AIS Regions and/or Affiliates for the location of a permanent AIS Library building, and that the criteria for selection of the best proposal be published with the solicitation.

4. Further that the committee be empowered to select the permanent AIS Library site, subject to final approval by the AIS Board.

5. Further that the Board empower Larry Harder to offer officials of Ponca, Nebraska, the sum of \$2,500 to permit the AIS archives to remain in the Ponca Library basement one year more, with the understanding that a diligent and good faith effort will be made by the AIS to move the AIS archives as soon as practicable after the AIS Board meeting in the spring of 1993.

Niswonger seconded the motion.

Waite called for a lunch break until 1:30 p.m., and the motion was tabled until that time.

Resuming discussion after lunch, Mahan stated that any rules set up must be approved by the AIS Board. Niswonger moved that the motion be amended to add at the end of recommendation #2, "not to exceed \$1,000." Mahan seconded. The amendment was approved. In further discussion, the question of the control of funds was raised. Mahan moved that the motion be further amended by adding recommendation #6, "Further that no monies collected into the AIS Library Endowment Fund or interest accruing therefrom may be expended until such time as the AIS Board authorizes such expenditures." Niswonger seconded. The amendment was approved. The question was called and the amended motion was passed. It was stated that donations for the AIS Library Endowment Fund should come to Secretary Stayer and also that Stayer will consult with Attorney Glenn Spain about the establishment of the AIS Library Endowment Fund.

Members of the HIPS Board of Directors to be named to the Library Endowment Fund Committee are Mahan, Larry Doucette, Joan Verwilst, Verona Wiekhorst, Dr. Arthur Tucker Dave Silverberg, Cameron Hall, Doug Goodnight, Scott Kunst and Riley Probst.

Concerning the printing of the AIS Bulletin, Stayer stated that she had, after conferring with President Waite, delayed informing Williams Printing Company of the approval of their contract at the fall Board meeting because of a change in personnel at Williams and other things. She stated also that the contract" was in fact a quotation and did not actually require approval. At this time Stayer introduced Bob Johnson and Betty Crouch of Johnson Graphics, Nashville, Tennessee, who made a presentation to the Board in the hope of obtaining the Bulletin account. Betty Crouch, now a vice president at Johnson Graphics, was for many years the AIS's account representative at Williams Printing Co. After the presentation and the discussion following, Stahly moved, Corlew seconded, that the Board make the change from Williams Printing Co. to Johnson Graphics, beginning with the July issue. The motion was approved.

There was a short break at 3:15 p.m.

Secretary Stayer read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith from Williamsburg, Virginia, regarding a project using articles photocopied from AIS Bulletins. There was a discussion, but no action was taken. Stayer called attention to the need for a reprint of Basic Iris Culture, noting that a new awards chart is needed and that the type is not clear after recopying the booklet so many times. It was felt that original copies could be obtained, and Corlew offered to make a new chart. He moved that Stayer be authorized a get a reprint of 20,000 copies of Basic Iris Culture as soon as the new chart is ready and the necessary originals can be obtained. Stahly seconded. The motion carried.

The Awards Committee was instructed to bring a proposal to the fall Board meeting on the details of implementation of the revised awards system.

Chairman Anne Lowe reported for the 1992 Personnel Committee, composed of Board representatives Gristwood and Jones, RVPs Jim Keefe and David Miller and herself as Section representative. The committee recommended the following candidates for terms expiring in 1995: incumbents Niswonger and Rice-Waters, and James Fry, Larry Harder, Sterling Innerst and Melody Wilhoit. Waite called for adjournment to executive session to consider the nominations. Following the closed session, Waite announced that the nominees are Niswonger, Rice-Waters, Larry Harder and Melody Wilhoit, and she expressed thanks to the committee.

Waite explained the tradition of naming the President-elect at the spring meeting in the last year of the term of the current president. This is done in order to facilitate a smooth transition at the November meeting and to allow the new president to appoint committee chairmen before taking office in November.

Waite then called for nominations for the office of President. Stayer nominated Barr. Jones seconded. Corlew moved that the nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot. Rice-Waters seconded, and Barr was named President-elect.

Waite appointed Crick and Niswonger as Board representatives to the Personnel Committee. Barr moved that the appointments be approved. Stayer seconded. The motion carried.

Waite introduced Jeanne Clay Plank, of Region 15, and appointed her as the new recording secretary. Corlew moved that the appointment be approved. Jones seconded. The motion carried.

It was announced that the fall Board meeting will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, October 30, 31, and November 1.

Waite expressed the thanks of the Board to the Atlanta Convention Committee and to Region 5 for the excellent facilities and for all the arrangements.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Claire Barr, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Radisson Hotel November 1, 2, 3, 1991
Indianapolis, Indiana

The regular fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society was called to order at 8:10 p.m., November 1, 1991, by 1st Vice President Claire Barr. Present at the various sessions were Immediate Past President Rasmussen; Past President Stahly; 1st Vice President and Recording Secretary Barr; 2nd Vice President James Copeland; Secretary J. Stayer; Treasurer Corlew; Membership Secretary Harlow; Publication Sales Director Lack; Directors Crick, B. Jones, Lineberger, Niswonger, Rice-Waters, and Shockey; Directors-elect Mahan and Witt; RVP Representative McWhirter; Photo Coordinator L. Stayer; Committee Chairmen Brookins and Fry; RVPs Warner (4), Wilder (5), King (7), Wilhoit (9), Baier (11), L. Fort (13), McWhirter (14), Shepard (15), O Wulf (21), Goodnight (23) and Gilliam (24); RVP-elect D Willott (6); Asst. RVP Gossett (22); and guests Honkanen (5), Jill Copeland, Hobbs, Miller and A. Willott (6), D. Fort and E. Jones (13), W. Barr (15), James and Jean Morris

and R Pries (18), H. Wulf (21) and K. Lack (22).

Barr welcomed those present, reminding everyone that participation in discussion is encouraged but that only Board members may vote. Secretary Stayer read a letter from President Kenneth Waite, who was unable to attend because of illness. Barr asked RVP Warner to act as recording secretary if there were no objections from Board members.

The following corrections were made to the minutes of the spring meeting in Falls Church, Virginia, be published in Bulletin #283 1) concerning the letter and gift from Moscow (Stayer's report, p.95), *The Iris Check List of Registered Cultivar Names, 1980-1989* will be sent as an exchange; 2) concerning the motion that Rice-Waters proceed with the purchase of a new Display Screen (p.100), add "The motion carried "Niswonger moved, Jones seconded, that the minutes of the spring meeting be approved as corrected. The motion carried.

Secretary Stayer reported that no other nominations for director had been received, so Crick, Mahan Stahly and Witt were duly elected and qualified as AIS Directors with terms expiring in 1994. The thanks of the Board were expressed to retiring Directors Copeland, Gates and Machulak

Barr announced that RVP Wulf had just presented to the Board a very generous check from Region 21 to be used for computer-related expense in the Registrar's office. The gift was given in recognition of Registrar Nelson's years of dedication to the job of AIS Registrar. The thanks of the Board were expressed to Region 21.

Barr stated that there had been no interim action taken by the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee had (1) voted to accept the Imperial Printing Company bid to reprint 1500 copies of *The 1939 Check List* and (2) had given approval to President Waite to send a letter to Acting RVP Townsend of Region 19 concerning the completion of the former RVP's term

Secretary Stayer presented her findings with regard to the copyrighting of the Bulletin. Rasmussen moved, Corlew seconded, that Stayer complete the initial stage of the copyright application and place the required statement in the Bulletin. The motion carried. It was stated that the Bulletin statement must be carried in each successive issue, and that this action does not cover the AIS for legal disputes or for registration with the copyright office. Corlew noted, however, that it will give the AIS some control over the use of material and may make it more likely that credit will be given to the AIS

Stayer will proceed with the foreign mailing contract that was in operation for the October Bulletin. It is hoped that overseas members will write to notify the secretary of the date they receive the Bulletin.

New memorial donation cards, 500 of each kind, have been printed, and the quality has been upgraded. Basic Iris Culture has been reprinted; 5,000 copies have been sent to Publication Sales Director Lack. The AIS seals will be ordered in rolls instead of in packs. C. J. and Kitty Lack will package the seals in groups of 50, decreasing the cost considerably

The \$750 grant has been sent to Amy Pool for her study of bacterial 'eat blight of irises

The new **Membership** Booklet is being printed and estimated time of delivery is November 20-25. Two hundred fifty copies will be printed.

The IRS has reopened the AIS file on 501(c)(3); the temporary status expired September 30, 1991. Attorney Spain has been notified, and the necessary forms have

been sent to Treasurer Corlew Together they will have 90 days to file the necessary papers.

Stayer has received requests from some states requesting information on the number of AIS publications sent to each state so that state sales taxes can be collected. There was discussion of the matter. The consensus was that the AIS should not be required to pay sales taxes on the Bulletin as the issues are not "sold" but sent only to members. It was felt, however, that the sections and regions which sell subscriptions outside their regular membership may have to face this situation.

The AIS Silver Medal for the most U.S. varieties was awarded to Alan Sedgwick for the British Iris Society's early summer show and to Maureen Foster for the second show. No information has been received regarding the BIS Dykes Medal winner or the BIS Hybridizer's Medal.

A request has been received from an AIS member for the AIS membership list and mailing labels; this member is preparing a catalog of iris items. Board policy is that the list can be sold only to horticulturally related organizations. Corlew moved, Mahan seconded, that no exceptions be made to this policy. The motion carried. Lineberger suggested that the person be advised to place an ad in the Bulletin so that AIS members could write for a catalog.

Stayer asked the Board to consider purchasing a copier machine for the secretary's office, and she explained the need for such a machine. Larry Stayer had information on buying or leasing three different machines. Treasurer Corlew stated that the AIS could afford this purchase and that it could be worked into the budget. Mahan moved, Corlew seconded, that a Konice 1290R be purchased at a cost of \$1,795 including tax, along with a maintenance agreement costing \$185 per year. The motion carried.

Stayer reminded everyone that it is time to order stationery. All new officers, directors, and RVPs are already on the order list.

There was no report from the recording secretary.

Membership Secretary Harlow's report was sent to all Board members and RVPs in mid-October. Region 14 is in first place, Region 4 in second place, and Region 7 in third place. Harlow has received delivery on the new dues notices, which will be sent out on November 15. The old dues rates are in effect on payments reaching her office before December 31. The new computer was received and installed in early summer. Board members were reminded that much of the computer input of this office was done by former Membership Secretary Ramsey. Harlow then spoke of the large number of members deleted for non-payment of dues, 53% of whom were new members. Lengthy discussion followed on how the society serves new members at present and how they might be better served not only by the AIS but on regional and local levels as well. A motion was made that the complimentary copy of the Bulletin sent to new members be omitted, but there was no second to the motion. Participation in discussion was excellent, but no action was taken.

Treasurer Corlew distributed copies of the Annual Financial Report. The report was discussed and placed on file. Copies of the proposed budget were distributed to be studied and considered at a later time in the meeting.

Editor Mullin sent a report noting that the October Bulletin had problems from the start. Too many business items left little room for anything else. Mullin suggested that when the convention is early, as will be the case with Atlanta and Fort Worth, the

minutes be printed in the July issue. He noted, also, that his term as editor is coming to a close.

Advertising Editor Nelson was unable to attend but sent a report through Stayer. The 1939 Check List had been delayed by the printer, but Publication Sales Director Lack should have it by next week. One thousand five hundred copies are being printed. The Board should determine the price Rasmussen moved, Mahan seconded, that the charge be \$10 for The 1939 Check List. The motion carried.

Corlew moved, Stahly seconded, that 1,500 copies of the 1991 Registrations and Introductions booklet be printed. The motion carried. Stahly moved, Mahan seconded, that the charge for these booklets be \$5. The motion carried.

The 1989 cumulative check list was discussed, along with the need for more computer program refinements for the new computer. Barr asked Herlow, who had served on the committee appointed to assess computer needs for the registrar's office, to present a letter sent to President Waite from Ken Anderson, of Anderson and Associates of San Francisco, who has been writing the program. Anderson indicated that he could come to Omaha again and make further refinements in the program according to Nelson's specifications at a cost of about \$1,500. Corlew moved, Niswonger seconded, that this additional help be funded up to \$1,500. The motion carried.

Publication Sales Director Lack presented a written report of sales with total receipts of \$27,066.30. The inventory shows only about a three year supply of The World of the Rose. There are also only 20 copies of the RVP Handbook left in stock. Eight hundred of the new calendars have been sold. The note cards are not selling well. Mahan moved, Niswonger seconded, that the note cards be repriced at \$4 per peck or three pecks for \$11. The motion carried. Treasurer Corlew noted that the allocation for postage and handling had proved very accurate, within \$361 for the year.

Corlew moved, Niswonger seconded, that the price of the new membership booklet be \$7, the same as the current one, if that price is sufficient to cover the cost, if not, the Executive Committee should set the price. The motion carried. If possible, the price of the new booklet will be published in the January Bulletin.

The meeting was recessed 5:10:50 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 a.m. the following day, November 2, 1991.

Affiliates Chairman Niswonger presented his report covering the affiliate totals from 1986-1991. The total number is now 154, and Niswonger thanked the RVPs for encouraging new groups to join. An inquiry from the Canadian Iris Society concerning affiliation for that society was discussed. The consensus was that the Canadian Iris Society should encourage the separate local clubs to become affiliated rather than the parent group itself.

Awards Chairmen Copeland reported that eight hundred fifty-nine accredited judges were sent ballots on April 1, 1991, with 2,296 varieties listed. Eleven ballots were received after the July 1 deadline, and one hundred eight judges failed to return the ballot. This represents a high 12% no-vote record. Approximately 4% of the AIS membership participated in the 1992 Symposium.

Convention Liaison Jones reported that the committee preparing for the Atlanta Convention, April 28-May 2, 1992, has sent reports and is on top of the situation. Keith Smith will take Ray John's place as chairman for the Fort Worth Convention, April 20-

24, 1993. Portland, Oregon will host the convention, May 21-25, 1994. Jones noted that the Sacramento committee has already contracted with a hotel for the convention in 1996.

Exhibitions Chairmen Gristwood was unable to be present, but her report was circulated to those present. The number of shows is still on the increase. There were 185 spring shows and three fall shows scheduled. The Nelson Award will go to DUSKY CHALLENGER.

Foundation Liaison Pettijohn sent word that there was little activity in her report. Contributions of \$2,355 were received. There have been no requests for loans or grants. The Society for Japanese Irises had repaid its loan in May.

Historical Chairman Herder sent no report.

Honorary Awards Chairmen Rasmussen deferred his report until later in the meeting.

Judges and Judges Training Chairmen Crick presented her report with various statistics on judges and recommended approval of the 1992 roster of judges, which included the following list of new Meeter Judges'

Region	1		Mrs. Russell B. Moore
			Mrs. Maurice B. Pope, Jr.
Region	5	-	Castile E. James
			C. E. Yetirwood
Region	6	-	James J. Foreman
Region	7	-	J. L. Christopher
			Mrs. Lawrence E. Hall
Region	B		Dr. Donald W. Koza
Region	9	-	Florence Stout
Region	13	-	George F. Lankow
Region	14	-	Mrs. William Anning
			Mrs. Eugene Harris
			Hal Matins
			Mrs. W. G. Waters
Region	18	-	Chester Blaylock
			James Rasmussen
			Mrs. Robert H. Robinson
Region	20	-	Rey Lyons
Region	21	-	Mickey Anson
			Charles T. Cleussen
			Anne M. Gaddie
			Gene Gaddie
			Roger Mazur
			Mrs. Kempton Settle
Region	22	-	Allen Zimmerman
			Mrs. Alton Zimmerman
Region	24	-	J. W. Kuykendall, Jr.
			Welter Moores

Stayer moved, Niswonger seconded, that the report be approved as presented. The motion carried. Membership Contest Acting-Chairman J. Fry reported preliminary

results of October 28, 1991

Policy Chairman Barr circulated copies of her report of action taken at the five most recent Board meetings. Because of a correction to the minutes of the 1991 spring meeting, there is a correction: the name of the book to be sent to Moscow is The Iris Check List of Registered Cultivar Names, 1980-1989. Policy statements are listed by the date of the Board meeting, by the number of the Bulletin in which the minutes are printed, and by topic and sub-topic. Items can be pulled up by topic, date, or Bulletin number. It was felt that this is valuable information to have at hand and will save hours of discussion in the future.

Public Relations Chairman Rice-Waters reported that the calendar is selling well. The cost has remained very close to the original for seven years. Discussion of the Display Screen was postponed until later. Rice-Waters commented on an article in the current issue of the Delta "Sky" magazine. Irises were promoted, in spite of some inaccuracies and an unfortunate choice of an iris picture.

Registrations Chairman Nelson was not present to make a report. There was discussion again about the check list currently being put together and possible help available for the undertaking, but further discussion was deferred, as Nelson was not there to speak on the subject.

Robins Chairman Brookins reported that new members are receiving information about the Robins program. Most new members seem to want information in general, and he suggested having information on the sections and also information on sources for irises available. Lineberger commended Brookins for doing an excellent job.

The meeting was recessed for a twenty-five minute break at 10:00 a.m.

Stahly reported for RVP Counselor Mechulak on a situation in Region 18 where two candidates were presented for the position of RVP. After some discussion and consideration of the candidates and the circumstances, Stahly moved, Stayer seconded, that Riley Probst be approved as the recommended candidate for RVP. The vote was taken by ballot, with Opal Wult, Tony Willott and TA. Gilliam appointed as counters. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. During discussion it was the consensus that the Bylaws of Region 18 need a revision to cover such situations, however, it is the responsibility of the AIS Board of Directors to appoint RVPs. It was noted further that if a Regional Vice President is not a judge, the AIS Judges Training Chairman should appoint a Regional Judges Training Chairman.

There were no reports from the Scholarship or the Scientific Committees.

Section Liaison Lineberger announced that there would be a meeting for the editors of section publications scheduled during the spring convention, probably at the same time as the meetings for RVPs and section representatives.

RVP Wilhoit advised the group that the Louisiana Iris Society of America is having a problem getting officers. There is a proposal being considered to make LISA a cooperating society with the Society for Louisiana Irises. A meeting was to be held this same weekend to discuss the problem.

Editor Mullin has sent a letter to the presidents of all sections asking them for the names of their membership chairmen. This information should be listed in the January Bulletin.

Slides Committee Chairman Shockey reported that two sets of slides were lost last year in the mail. He is having difficulty getting a set which was loaned out in June.

returned. It is still a chore to get slides of the newer irises.

There was no report from the Youth Committee.

For special committees, Stahly had no report from the Color Pattern Definition Committee.

Copeland presented a written proposal from the Committee to Study the Awards Structure. The committees included Copeland, Chrm., Harold Stahly (Past President), Carol Morgan (RVP of Region 6), and Leland Welsh (Region 6 Judges Training Chairmen). The proposed revision reads as follows:

HC

Remain the same. Any iris receiving 5 votes shall win an HC

Honorable Mention

Each class of irises shall become eligible for the HM award the third year following introduction. All irises shall remain on the ballot for a period of 3 years. The number of votes allowed shall be 15% of the irises eligible to be voted on in each class rounded to the next higher number. HMs shall be awarded in the top 10% of the irises in each category rounded to the next higher number. Any iris that has never won an HM may be written in

Walther Cup

Shall be awarded to the iris receiving the most HM votes regardless of class.

Award of Merit

Each class of irises shall become eligible for the Award of Merit the second year after receiving an HM and remain eligible for 3 years.

All of the existing AM-equivalent awards shall be elevated to medal status.

An Award of Merit category shall be created to replace the AM-equivalents that are elevated to medal status.

The number of votes allowed shall be 10% of the irises eligible to be voted for in each class.

AMs shall be awarded to the top 10% of the irises in each category, rounded to the next higher number.

Special Medals

Each class of irises shall become eligible for medals 2 years after winning an AM. All irises shall be eligible for a period of 3 years.

A Tall Bearded Section medal shall be established and called the "John Wister Memorial Medal."

A medal shall be awarded to the iris receiving the most votes in each category. In case of a tie, all of those irises tied shall receive duplicate medals.

Dykes Medal

All irises receiving a special medal are eligible for the Dykes Medal the next year and are eligible for a period of 3 years. The iris receiving the most votes shall win. In case of a tie, a run-off ballot shall be made for those that have tied.

Lengthy discussion followed. The committee was commended for its work. The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 1:40 p.m. at which

time the discussion resumed, both pro and con.

Shockey presented a printed report showing the current percentages of irises receiving awards and the projected percentages under the new system.

Stayer moved, Crick seconded, that the proposal be turned back to the committee with the suggestion that another member or two be added from another section of the country to reconsider this proposal and bring it back to the Board next fall. After more discussion, the question was called, and the motion was defeated.

Stayer read a letter from President Waite concerning the proposal and based on his eleven-year experience as Awards Chairman. Among Waite's several concerns were the number of AMs the proposal would generate after the first year and the feeling that the awards could become almost inconsequential.

Following further discussion, Mahan moved, Jones seconded, that the proposal, as presented by the committee headed by Copeland, be accepted but not implemented until 1993 and with a minimum of two HMs in any class. Corlew proposed an amendment, seconded by Mahan, that the waiting period for HM eligibility for bearded irises be two years instead of the three years proposed. The beardless iris waiting period would remain at three years. The amendment was passed. The question was called and the amended motion was passed.

Shockey moved, Mahan seconded, that the number of tall bearded votes and awards be 8% of the total number eligible for Honorable Mention in the tall bearded class. The motion was defeated.

A fifteen-minute break was taken at 3:15 p.m.

The new Display Screen was exhibited by Rice-Waters. A vote of thanks was given to Keith Fillmore, who has been shipping the old screen. Don R. Paterson, of Columbus, NE, will be shipping the new screen in a new case. Rice-Waters moved, Corlew seconded, that the old screen and case be sold to the Indiana Iris and Daylily Society for \$100. The motion carried. Stayer informed the Board that the Invitation to Join flyers reflecting the dues changes are at the printer and will contain an insertion sheet for foreign members. Lineberger suggested that, if possible, the new flyer be printed in a different color and be recognizable from the old blue ones.

Chairman Stahly reported for the Committee to Study RVP Voting Rights. It was proposed that the RVPs elect a representative to the Board at their spring meeting. That person would then be a member of the Board the following fall. The representative should be an RVP serving in the second year, i.e., the term of RVP is from January 1 to January 1. The issue was deferred until later for a revision in the wording needed for the necessary By-laws change.

Chairman Rasmussen updated plans for the 75th anniversary. He is looking for an editor for the special issue of the Bulletin and is considering a poster contest. The postage stamp project is progressing and it will be necessary to get the message to the right person on the stamp committee in Washington at the right time.

Under unfinished business, Stayer reported that President Waite had appointed Stahly, Chm., Copeland, Rasmussen, Stayer, and Waite as members of the Committee to Study the By-laws for Revision.

Barr called for the election of officers.

Stayer nominated Kenneth Waite for President. Jones seconded. Corlew moved, Jones seconded, that nominations be closed and Waite be elected by acclamation. The

motion carried.

Barr relinquished the chair In 2nd Vice President Copeland for nominations for 1st Vice President. Jones nominated Barr for 1st Vice President. Stayer seconded. Niswonger moved, Corlew seconded, that nominations be closed and Barr be elected by acclamation. The motion carried.

Barr resumed the chair. Rice-Waters nominated Niswonger for Second Vice President. Jones seconded. Lineberger nominated Mahan for Second Vice President. Crick seconded. A ballot vote was taken with Wilder, Bronkina, and Gossett appointed ee a counting committee. Niswonger wee elected.

Rice-Waters nominated Stayer for Secretary. Rasmussen seconded. Stahly moved, Corlew seconded, that the nominations be closed end Stayer be elected by acclamation. The motion carried

Jones nominated Corlew for Treasurer. Niswonger seconded. Stayer moved, Stahly seconded, that the nominations be closed end Corlew be elected by acclamation. The motion carried.

Stayer nominated Mullin for Editor. Rasmussen seconded. Corlew moved, Niswonger seconded, that the nominations be closed and Mullin be elected by acclamation. The motion carried.

The Board adjourned In executive session le consider the report of the Honorary Awards Committee

Barr announced that upon the recommendation of the Honorary Awards Committee Distinguished Service Medals were awarded to Franceaca Thoolen and James Rasmussen. Hybridizers Medals were awarded to Lloyd Zurbrigg and Bernard Hamner. The Gold Medal was awarded to Carol Ramsey.

Sidney Dubose and Joseph Mertzweiler were named Emeritus Judges.

The meeting was recessed for dinner at 4:30 p.m. and reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

Stahly presented the proposed changes le the Bylaws under Article VI with reference le RVP representation en the Board of Directors. Section 1(b) would read, "One director who ie a Regional Vice President In the second year of that office shell be elected annually end shell hold office the succeeding fiscal year and until a successor ie duly elected end qualified." Other changes In wording would reflect the foregoing statement. Stahly moved that this revision be adopted. Stayer seconded. The motion carried.

Corlew moved, Niswonger seconded, that notification of the above proposed By-laws changes be published in the Bulletin end that the ballots be mailed In the membership en that the results can be received before the Atlanta convention. The motion carried. Stahly will notify the RVPs of the impending change.

Barr read the list of President Waite's appointments In the following offices:

Registrar Kay Nelson

Membership Secretary Marilyn Harlow

Publication Sales Director C. J. Lack

Recording Secretary Claire Barr

Advertising Editor Kay Nelson

Photo Coordinator

Larry Stayer Niswonger moved, Jones seconded, that these appointments be approved. The motion passed.

RVP Counselor Machulek's report was presented by Stahly RVPs recommended for reappointment'

(Having served two years) (Having served one year)
Region Region

1 Mrs. Maurice B. Pope, Jr. 7 Mrs. Donald R. King
2 Carl M. O'Shea 10 Albert Ernst
4 Mrs. Andrew C. Warner 13 Lyle Fort
5 Mrs. A. D. Wilder 15 Mrs D. L. Shepard
17 Jim K~efe 16 Gloria McMillen
20 David G. Miller 19 Nancy Szmuriga
21 Opal Wulf 24 T A Gilliam

23 Doug Goodnight

Stahly moved, Crick seconded, that these reappointments be approved. The motion carried.

Thanks were expressed to the retiring RVPs. The following new RVPs were recommended for appointment:

Region 3 Larry Weatfall
6 Dorothy Willott
8 Dr. Norman Frisch
9 C J. Simon
11 Carry Meyer
12 Mrs. Willard Done
14 Bryce Williamson
15 Riley Probst
22 Paul Gossett

Stahly moved, Stayer seconded, that these appointments be approved. The motion carried. Barr read President Waite's list of appointments for chairmen of the following committees:

Affiliates O. D. Niswonger
Awards James Copeland
Convention Liaison Bennett Jones
Exhibitions Lillian Gristwood
Foundation Liaison Richard Pettijohn
Historical Larry Harder
Honorary Awards James Rasmussen
Judges and Judges Training Hilda Crick
Membership Contest (open)
Policy Claire Barr
Public Relations Olive Rice-Waters
Registrations Kay Nelson
Robins Howard Brookins
RVP Counselor Dr. Harold Stahly
Scholarship (open)
Scientific Dr. Currier McEwen
Section Liaison Everette Lineberger
Slides Howard Shockey
Youth Jean Morris (New)

Jones moved that the foregoing appointments be approved. Niswonger seconded.

and the motion passed.

needs some improvement. Stayer will notify Editor Mullin of this matter.

Bob Pries, chairman of the awards committee for the Species Iris Group of North America, brought before the Board a proposal for two new awards:

"In order to aid in the recognition of the diversity of species of garden merit two awards are being suggested. They are currently under review by committee and do not necessarily reflect their final form. Proposal one: That the Species Iris Group of North America may provide the Founders of S.I.G.N.A. Award an award of merit equivalent for a species variety or cultivar shown to have exceptional garden merit. Pries proposed that all species of iris be eligible as long as they are properly registered by cultivar and their availability for evaluation assured by introduction into North America. Proposal two: That the Species Iris Group of North America may provide the Randolph-Perry award for innovative hybrids involving iris species which have exceptional garden merit. This award will be an award of merit equivalent and follow the same rules as other AIS section awards."

Niswonger moved, Corlew seconded, that the proposal presented by Bob Pries be accepted. The motion passed.

The Board adjourned its executive session at 9:15 p.m. It reconvened at 8:00 a.m. on November 3.

The meeting was resumed on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 8:00 a.m. Stahly reported on the action of the Board in executive session the night before. There had been discussion of the internal organizational structure of the AIS with particular reference to the sections and the way they fit into this structure. Stahly stated that for some years the Board has engaged an attorney to investigate the internal organization of the AIS with particular attention to 501(C)(3) tax status initially but continuing along other aspects. As a result, the AIS has already made some changes in its Articles of Incorporation and, following the attorney's suggestions, the Board has taken a look at certain parts of the AIS By-laws. Stahly distributed copies of two suggested changes in the AIS By-laws which would make it clear where responsibility lies, particularly with regard to financial responsibility and tax status, and he stated that the Board had, in executive session the evening before, approved these changes. Stahly moved that these changes be approved by the Board in the open meeting and that they be submitted to the AIS membership for approval, noting that this could be done in the same mailing with the By-laws changes concerning RVP representation on the Board, approved by Board members the day before. Corlew seconded the motion. The motion carried.

In response to a question from a section representative as to whether the sections should do anything at this time, Stahly responded that there is a committee working on these matters, and it would be better to wait until the committee has had a chance to make a study and in contact with the sections. It was further stated that it is likely that the Board will be asking all the sections to look at certain parts of their By-laws in order to standardize the relationship between the AIS and the sections and that any changes will most likely benefit all the sections.

The next order of business was the consideration of the budget. Treasurer Corlew explained certain details of the proposed budget, copies of which had been given to Board members earlier in the meeting for study. During discussion, Corlew recommended that the salary of the editor be increased \$25 per month beginning

January 1, 1992. Niswonger seconded. The motion carried. With this change end the inclusion of the cost of the copier for the secretary's office which had been approved the day before, Corlew recommended that the budget be approved. Stayer seconded. The motion carried.

There was discussion, initiated by Mehan, concerning the idea of a permanent library to preserve the reference and archival material now owned by the AIS and plan that which might come in the Society later. Mahan stated that this is a particular concern of the Historical Iris Preservation Society. Mahan was asked to pursue the matter further with HIPS and bring it back to the Board at a later meeting.

There was discussion, else, of the need for a new book from the American Iris Society. Jean Witt and Clarence Mahan volunteered to take on the job as co-editors of such a publication. On motion by Niswonger, seconded by Jones, the Board voted unanimously to accept the offer of Witt and Mahan to begin this project and authorized them to proceed.

There was a motion by Mahan, seconded by Jones, that the requirement for approval of Emeritus Judge status be changed from unanimous to three fourths of the members present and voting. The motion passed.

Niswonger moved, Corlew seconded, that the SIGNA awards proposal approved by the Board the evening before be implemented in 1993 along with the revised awards system proposal approved earlier in the day. The motion carried.

Barr announced that the 1992 fall Board meeting will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, and asked for a decision on whether the dates should be October 30, 31, and November 1, or November 7, 8, and 9. Corlew moved that the earlier date be chosen, and Crick seconded. The motion carried.

Barr then expressed the thanks of the Board for the warm hospitality shown in so many ways by our hosts, the members of the Indiana Daylily-Iris Society. It was moved by Niswonger, seconded by Jones, that the formal thanks of the Board be extended to our hosts. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Carol Warner and Claire Barr

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Fairview Park Marriott Hotel May 18 & 19, 1991
Falls Church, Virginia**

The regular spring meeting of The Board of Directors of The American Iris Society was called to order at 1:15 pm, May 18, 1991, by President Kenneth Waite. Present at the various sessions were President Waite; Immediate Past President Rasmussen; Past President Stahly; 1st Vice President and Recording Secretary Barr; 2nd Vice President Copeland; Secretary J. Stayer; Treasurer Corlew; Membership Secretary Harlow; Directors Crick, Gates, Gristwood, B. Jones, Lineberger, W. Machulak, Niswonger, Rice-Waters and Shockey; Photo Coordinator L. Stayer; Foundation Liaison Pettijohn; Committee Chairmen Brookins and Harder; RVPs O'Shea (2), Wilder (5), C. Morgan (6), King (7), Koza (8), McWhirter (14), Shepard (15), McMillen (16), Keefe (17), Szmuriga (19), Miller (20), Goodnight (23) and Gilliam (24); Asst. RVPs Schmieder (1), Stadler (4) and Gossett (22); RVP Representative A. Waite (1); Section Representatives Nichols (MIS), Perkins (SIS) and A. Lowe and V. Wiekhorst (HIPS); guests Brown and

Doucette (1); Cronin, A. Morgan and Verwilt (6); A. Machulak (8); E. Jones (13); Erickson (14); John (17); Waddick (18); Aulichy and Noe (19) and W. Wiekhorst (20).

President Waite welcomed those present, reminding everyone that participation in discussion is encouraged but that only Board members may vote. Waite called for introductions and asked everyone to sign the attendance sheet.

The following corrections and additions were made to the minutes of the Dallas Board meeting as published in *Bulletin #280*: (1) In the list of guests attending, Yost is from Region 17, not Region 20. (2) Following the report of Registrar Nelson, Corlew's motion should read, " ... that Nelson, Bill Maryott and Marilyn Harlow investigate (3) An important portion of the report of Awards Committee Chairman Copeland was inadvertently omitted. After the sentence, "Expenses were \$1905.77.", add the following: Copeland stated that many of the Awards ballots had been returned by judges at the last moment before the July 10 deadline, some not reaching him until July 14, making it virtually impossible to meet a *Bulletin* deadline of July 15 with the results of the voting. He moved, and Lineberger seconded, that the deadline for returning Awards ballots be moved from July 10 to July 1. The motion passed. Copeland continued, saying that there is a similar problem concerning the return of the Symposium ballots by the general membership to the RVPs. Lineberger moved, Rasmussen seconded, that the deadline for returning Symposium ballots to the RVPs be moved to September 1. The motion passed." (4) The dates of the Fort Worth Convention, April 20-24, 1993, were questioned, but further checking proved them to be correct. Though no further changes in the minutes as published were called for, Gates initiated further discussion of the published minutes of the Omaha convention Board meeting (*Bulletin #279*), at which she had recorded the minutes. Gates again voiced her objection to the publication of the minutes, using her name without adding, " ... as amended by the president," and her objection to the lack of communication concerning this. Returning to the subject of the Dallas minutes, Rice-Waters moved, Rasmussen seconded, that the minutes of the Dallas tall Board meeting be approved as corrected. The motion passed.

President Waite, reporting on interim Board action, stated that he had appointed Howard Shockey to serve out the term of Director Emma Hobbs, who had resigned because of ill health. The Board had approved this appointment. Waite expressed his thanks to Hobbs for serving as a director. Corlew moved, Gates seconded, that the Board express its gratitude to Emma Hobbs for long and faithful service. The motion carried.

Waite stated that he had written a letter of congratulations to the Society for Louisiana Irises on the occasion of the 50th anniversary celebration of that organization and that he had received a letter of thanks from Henry Rowlan, president of SLI. Lineberger represented the AIS at the SLI convention in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Waite reported, also, that Leda Christlieb had called in the interim period to resign her position as RVP of Region 18 because of ill health and that she had since passed away. Waite expressed the thanks of the Board for her work. Forrest Townsend, Assistant RVP, is serving as RVP for Region 1 Bat this time.

There was no action by the Executive Committee during the interim.

Following a brief break, Secretary Stayer reported that she had received interesting communications from Leningrad and from Moscow. The latter contained a gift to the AIS, their book of registrations and introductions; the accompanying letter stated that it

was hoped that this could be an exchange for the AIS 1989 checklist. Corlew moved, Jones seconded, that *Registrations and Introductions In 1989* be sent as an exchange. The motion passed. Stayer then moved that the Russian book be placed in the AIS Archives, at the office of Publication Sales Director Barr seconded. The motion passed.

With reference to the *Bulletin* copyright, Stayer stated that she has the necessary material but would like to investigate a new ruling before sending the application for the copyright.

Stayer reported her findings on mailing envelopes for the *Bulletin*, saying that after conferring with President Waite she had authorized a heavier envelope for the last issue (with favorable results) and had ordered a year's supply. Lineberger moved that the Board approve this action by the secretary and that the use of the heavier envelopes be continued. Corlew seconded. The motion carried.

There was lengthy discussion about the costs and methods of mailing copies of the *Bulletin* overseas. Stayer had investigated a mailing company, as well as first class mailing by the post office. At the present time, overseas members who wish to receive their copies by first class mail are asked to pay the postage. Lineberger moved that overseas members be asked to contribute \$5 in addition to their regular dues to defray the cost of mailing. There was no second to the motion. After further discussion it was decided to defer this matter to a later time in the meeting to be discussed under unfinished business.

Stayer stated that a new supply of memorial donation acknowledgment cards is needed and that she would like to upgrade the quality of the new cards. Discussion was favorable, and Rice Waters so moved. Corlew seconded. The motion carried.

In response to a question, Stayer stated that the letter from Leningrad mentioned earlier was from a floral club requesting new catalogs for irises and other flowers. Stayer will respond and send catalogs.

Membership Secretary Harlow spoke about the detailed and graphic membership report already mailed to Board members and RVPs. Membership is up to 8,419 (through March 31, 1991). Region 14 ranks highest with 728 members. Region 4 is in second place with 697 members, and Region 7 is in third place with 649 members. Various sources order mailing labels from the membership office, and labels are also provided for the mailing of the *Bulletins*. The current membership list will be going to the printer soon for the new membership booklet. Harlow noted that any list is outdated as soon as it is printed. The membership is extremely mobile, but the mobile members do not always notify the Membership Secretary or any others in the AIS who should know about a change of address. This is a problem.

Harlow reported that the old computer from the membership office has been sold. There will be a report of the computer committee later.

There was a round of applause for Harlow for her excellent report and work.

Treasurer Corlew commented on the March 31 interim financial report, citing the fact that while there is no need to panic, the time has come to look closely at the available cash situation. There is money in the restricted funds, but cash to pay incoming bills can be close at times. Corlew stated that he did not want to cause alarm but that it is time to think about the membership dues structure, about which more will be said later in the meeting. Corlew called attention to two figures in the interim report. First, there is now in the restricted Computer Fund \$9,068; this should be kept in mind when the report of the

computer committee is presented later Stayer stated that there is also an additional sum of \$2,500 for the Computer Fund which has just been sent the treasurer And next, there is In the restricted Publications Fund \$77,806, which comes from the sale of AIS publications and which is used to fund new publishing ventures. Corlew mentioned, also, that each of the restricted funds received a share of the interest earned on the investment of these monies.

At 2:45 pm there was a fifteen-minute break.

There were no reports from Editor Mullin or from Advertising Editor-Registrar Nelson, neither of whom could be present.

Stayer reported for Publication Sales Director Lack, also unable to be present. There are 850 copies of Basic *Iris Culture* In stock, and they are selling fast. Lack would like to have a reprint of the booklet. Rasmussen moved that there be a reprinting of 5000 copies. Corlew seconded. The motion carried. Stayer continued, saying that sales are good; 1700 calendars have been sold, and there

have been two orders for 20 copies each of *The World of Irises*. Lack asks if there is a charge for the Judges Handbook Revision; the answer is that there is no charge to anyone for the revision pages. There are 81 packages of AIS Seals left, and they should last about one year. Corlew moved, Rasmussen seconded, that Secretary Stayer be authorized to order 400 packages of 50 seals each, The motion carried.

The next report, that of the Affiliates Committee, was postponed, as Chairman Niswonger had been delayed In reaching the meeting.

Awards Committee Chairman Copeland reported that the Awards ballots have been sent to the judges. There was discussion concerning eligibility for the President's Cup and the Franklin-Cook Cup because of the timing of changes of address on the part of hybridizers. Gates moved, Copeland seconded, that eligibility for the President's Cup and the Franklin-Cook Cup be clarified, based on the residence of the hybridizer six months prior to the time of convention. The motion carried.

There was discussion, also, of the ballot for Favorite Guest Irises. Lineberger wished to discontinue the policy of allowing this ballot to be mailed In after the convention has ended. It was felt, however, that this is a matter for each convention committee to decide.

Exhibitions Committee Chairman Gristwood gave an interim report with a large number of shows scheduled, 184, and only two cancelled. There was discussion of medals provided for shows. It was noted that bronze anniversary medals are available from Publication Sales Director Lack at \$2.50 each. Appreciation was expressed for the fine job Gristwood is doing.

The report of the Historical Committee was postponed, as Chairman Harder had been delayed in reaching the meeting.

Judges and Judges Training Chairman Crick gave an interim report. Handbook Revisions have been mailed to all judges. The revision pages will be available through the Publication Sales Director, and this will be noted In the July *Bulletin*. Crick will meet with the RVPs later In the evening.

Membership Contest Chairman Fry, unable to attend, sent a report. Contest results appeared in the April issue of the *Bulletin*. Membership Secretary Harlow and Fry had worked closely together on tabulation and verification, making it possible to print results earlier than before. Fry mentioned several areas for possible discussion by the Board.

One concerned a packet of contest entries from an overseas member; the entry had arrived around the 17th of December, well beyond the contest cut-off date. The consensus was that the entry should be carried over to the next year's contest, with no special recognition this year Corlew moved, Lineberger seconded, that Fry be asked to write a letter of commendation to the contestant on behalf of the Board. The motion passed.

Concerning gift memberships given by commercial growers for orders received, it was felt that no contest points should be given.

Policy Chairman Barr stated that work continued on computerizing items of policy from Board minutes. In an effort to make further use of the computerized material, Barr suggested that Board members might benefit from receiving on an ongoing basis a list of motions passed at recent Board meetings. This will be implemented, and other material may be requested as needed.

Public Relations Chairman Rice-Waters reported that work on the 1992 calendar is proceeding. Another display screen is needed, but this will be discussed later in the meeting.

Affiliates Chairman Niswonger distributed current lists of affiliates and statistics of the numbers of affiliates since 1986, showing a steady increase. He congratulated the RVPs. There are eight new affiliates this year, bringing the total to 153; Regions 17 and 22 have two each, and Regions 4, 6, 12, and 24 have one each.

There was no report on Registrations.

Howard Brookins, new chairman of the Robins Committee, gave a report on his work thus far with the Robin program, mentioning the efforts of Libby Cross, of Virginia, Region 4, and her help with several of the Robins. There will be a full report at the fall Board meeting.

Scientific Committee Chairman McEwen sent a report stating that he had received five requests for information and reporting on a grant of \$200 to Amy Pool for her study of bacterial leaf blight of irises. McEwen recommended that a further grant of \$750 be given to Amy Pool for her study. Barr so moved, Stayer seconded. The motion carried.

Rasmussen reported on further work of Dr Nolan Henderson.

Scholarship Committee Chairman Gates reported that scholarship announcements were mailed in January, resulting in sixteen very well-qualified applicants. Chosen from this group was Peter Loos, a graduate student at Stephen F Austin University, Nacogdoches, Texas; his field of study is the evaluation of irises in the display gardens of the arboretum at the university and will deal also with the data base to be set up for the evaluation of all plants at an arboretum. Gates moved, Niswonger seconded, that Peter Loos be awarded the scholarship of \$2,000 for 1991-92. The motion carried. Those serving on the committee were Ronald Dunn (11), Keith Fillmore (18), Lillian Gristwood (2), Emma Hobbs (6), Elsie Mae Nicholson (14) and Ralph Strane (15).

There was discussion of the intent of the scholarship program with respect to the specific study of fields related to irises as opposed to the broader topic. "study of plant sciences." There was some disagreement among Board members on this subject, as there had been among the committee members themselves. Lineberger moved, Niswonger seconded, that scholarship announcements state that in considering scholarships for the study of plant sciences, special consideration may be given to a field related to irises. The motion passed.

Slides Committee Chairman Shockey reported that the slides program is running smoothly.

As chairman of the Youth Committee, Gates presented the results of the contest for the Clarke Cosgrove Memorial Youth Achievement Award. Judging this year were Carl O'Shea (RVP, Region 2), Marianne Schumacher (Youth Chairman, Region 8) and Julie Allen (Member-at-large, Region 7). The winner is Sue Copeland, Region 6. First runner-up is Shelly Moller, Region 20, and second runner-up is Michael McCarthy, Region 20.

The meeting was recessed, to reconvene at nine o'clock the following morning.

Foundation Liaison Pettijohn reported that contributions are high, bringing the balance in the Foundation to \$115,710.74; Contributions were \$29,443.94. Total income was \$37,155.95. Trustees elected to three-year terms were Richard Butler, Elvan Roderick, and Eric Tankesley-Clarke; elected for a one-year term was Ellene Rockwell. North Carolina State University has requested funds but is being asked for an additional proposal relating to soft rot.

Convention Liaison Jones stated that Convention Committees for Atlanta (1992) and Fort Worth (1993) are well-organized. Chairman for the 1994 convention in Portland, Oregon, will be Terry Aitken. The fall meeting this year will be held in Indianapolis, and next year's fall meeting will be in Kansas City, Missouri. An invitation has been received from the Tulsa Area Iris Society for the 1993 fall meeting. Jones moved, Niswonger seconded, that the invitation be accepted. The motion carried. Jones stated that at recent conventions there had been meetings of convention chairmen, past, present, and future. These meetings have proved very helpful and should be continued.

Historical Committee Chairman Harder reported that he is still not receiving all the publications which should come to him for the Library. He then told of going through some papers which had been stored in the Library for a long time, finding copies of the minutes of AIS Board meetings from 1926 through John Wister's term of office as President. Found in these records was information on the initial awarding of the Dykes Medal. Photocopies will be made for the use of anyone who needs them, and a more complete report will be given at a later date. Harder has also received some old iris books from Gene Wild from the collection of Gilbert Wild.

RVP Counselor Machulak reported a good meeting of the Board of Counselors the evening before. He brought up for Board discussion the matter of whether an RVP must also be a judge, as it had come to his attention that Forrest Townsend, Acting RVP of Region 18, who is filling the unexpired term of the late Leda Christlieb, is not a judge. It was noted that there is no such requirement. Rasmussen explained the history behind the misunderstanding. In the early days of the society, an RVP was appointed by the Board; the recommendation did not come from the region. At the same time the RVP was appointed, he/she was also appointed a judge, and later if that person became a Board member he/she was automatically made a Master Judge, even if he had been a judge for only a short time. The system has changed over the years. The RVP Handbook currently in use speaks of only one requirement, a minimum membership of five years. It was the consensus of the Board that Townsend should fill Christlieb's unexpired term, at which time Region 18 will recommend Townsend or someone else to the Board for that office. Niswonger moved, Jones seconded, that the Board reaffirm the policy as stated in the RVP Handbook with reference to the qualifications for becoming an RVP. The motion carried.

New officers for the RVP Board of Counselors are Ruth Wilder(s), President, and Shirley Pope (1), Secretary. Elected to serve on the 1992 Personnel Committee are David Miller (20) and Jim Keefe (17).

Harlow reported for the Committee to Study Computer Needs, presenting detailed proposals for software, hardware and printers from Anderson and Associates of San Francisco. This equipment outlined would serve the offices of Registrar Nelson and Membership Secretary Harlow. Rasmussen moved, Jones seconded, that the Board enter into a contract with Anderson and Associates of San Francisco to purchase the equipment described in the System Proposal for the AIS Registrar and in the Computer Proposal for the AIS Membership Secretary, with authorization for Harlow to purchase a new printer for the Membership Secretary's office when it is needed. The motion carried.

Section Liaison Lineberger reported that there had been an excellent meeting with the Section Advisory Board the evening before. He spoke first, however, of the honor it had been for him to represent the President and the Board of the AIS at the 50th anniversary of the SLI in April. He was honored further in being asked to present the 12th Mary Swords Debaillon Award to Charles Arny for ACADIAN MISS. Returning to the report of the Sections meeting, Lineberger stated (1) that the sections would like to have representation on the Board; (2) the Reblooming Iris Society would like to have a different notation in the Registrations and Introductions publications, one which would make it easier to denote the reblooming irises; (3) the sections feel that under the present Awards structure irises other than tall-bearded do not always have an equal chance for some awards; (4) the sections would like to hear the recommendations of Attorney Glenn Spain with regard to his study of the relationship of the sections and the AIS; (5) for future conventions a meeting has been requested for editors of section publications and the *Bulletin* editor in the hope of promoting better liaison; (6) in *Bulletin* listings, it was asked that the names of the president and the membership secretary be given rather than the president and the publication editor; (7) Lineberger will obtain the pertinent information concerning changes of officers and send it where it is needed; (8) section representatives commented on the meeting schedule at this convention as being the best ever and praised the local chairmen; (9) Anne Lowe was chosen to be the representative for the 1992 Personnel Committee.

There was no report from the Color Pattern Definition Committee.

Copeland, chairman of the Committee to Study the Awards Structure, reported that there was no written report as yet but that there would be one in the fall, and that he did not wish to open the floor for discussion at this time. All sections have been contacted, and there has been much correspondence. The committee welcomes suggestions. Copeland distributed copies of a Region 1 proposal, commenting that many of the items in the proposal were already under consideration by the committee.

Stahly reported that the ad hoc Committee to Study RVP Board Membership (Barbara Aitken, James Fry, Doug Goodnight, Larry Harder, Everete Lineberger, James P McWhirter, and Hal Staly, Chm.) recommends that the bylaws of the American Iris Society be amended to add one Regional Vice President to full voting membership on the Board of Directors. This person shall be elected by the RVPs to serve one year on the Board, and shall be chosen from among those who will be in their third year as RVP during their tenure on the Board. (Rationale: This action should build enthusiasm among

RVPs, who feel at times that their concerns are not addressed by the Board. Their representation on the Board will enhance communication and give assurance that the RVP interests, and those of the general membership, will be given stronger voice. RVPs with two years experience (as RVP) should have an adequate grasp of the functioning of the Society to enable them to be fully contributing Board members.) Stahly added that there was one person on the committee who did not agree with this proposal, feeling that things are all right as they are. Committee member Lineberger commented that he felt that one year on the Board is not enough; also, he repeated what he had stated in an earlier report, that there should be a section representative on the Board. Stahly suggested that perhaps the bylaws could be changed with wording written broadly enough to give the Board some discretion, then representation would not be restricted to RVPs, adding that it is cumbersome as well as costly to change bylaws.

There was a brief break beginning at 10:45 am.

Continuing the discussion of RVP representation on the Board, Niswonger moved, Gates seconded, that the Board adopt the recommendation of the committee as presented by Stahly, and that

the committee work on the proper wording for the necessary change in the bylaws, reporting back to the Board in the fall. The motion carried.

Niswonger moved, Jones seconded, that until the bylaws can be revised, a non-voting representative of the Board be selected by the RVPs to sit on the Board. The motion carried.

Lineberger moved, Niswonger seconded, that the president appoint a committee to study the bylaws for revision, considering in particular business meetings, the composition of the Board, the nomination and election of directors, and terms of office. Any proposal would be checked by Attorney Spain for compliance with 501-C-3. The motion carried. Waite stated that a committee will be appointed for this purpose before or at the time of the fall Board meeting.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at noon to be resumed at 1:30. RVPs were asked to remain for a brief meeting.

Corlew reported for the Committee to Review the Dues and Fee Structure, stating that AIS dues and fees have remained unchanged for a number of years (11), while inflation has continued to increase expenses. Increases in membership have helped keep income ahead of expenses, but the margin has grown uncomfortably narrow. AIS rates are much lower than those of other major plant societies. The committee, composed of Marilyn Harlow, Kay Nelson, and Glenn Corlew, chin., made the following recommendations. First, increase the single annual membership by \$3, bringing the new rate up to \$12.50. Rates for the other types of memberships are computed from this basic figure. New rates would become effective January 1, 1992. Corlew so moved, Stayer seconded. The motion carried. In discussion it was noted that AIS "family" membership means two people at the same address receiving one *Bulletin*. It was suggested that the term "family" be changed to "dual" and that the two categories of youth membership be listed as "youth (with *Bulletin*)" and "youth (without *Bulletin*)."

The second proposal: Increase the rate for Commercial Directory Ads by 25% and the rate for Display Ads by 20%, the new rates to become effective January 1, 1992. Corlew so moved, Machulak seconded. The motion carried.

The third proposal: Increase Registration Fees and Transfer Fees to \$7 and \$10

respectively. Corlew so moved, Niswonger seconded. The motion carried.

Corlew then moved that \$2.50 be added to the annual rate for overseas membership and \$7.50 to the triennial rate for overseas membership. Lineberger seconded. The motion carried.

Rasmussen moved, Corlew seconded, that the secretary be authorized to negotiate with an overseas mail carrier for *Bulletin* mailings. The motion carried.

Waite thanked all special committee workers.

Under unfinished business, Harlow stated that copy for the new Membership Booklet is ready to send to Stayer Two hundred fifty copies will be printed.

Rasmussen had no report on plans for the 75th anniversary except that there may be a contest to find the best design for the postage stamp.

The RVPs announced that Region 14 RVP McWhirter has been selected to sit on the Board as a non-voting member

Under new business, Anne Lowe, president of the Historical Iris Preservation Society, brought from that society a request for permission to reprint the 1939 Check List in a soft cover edition. Lowe addressed the matter of misgivings that this reprint might depress sales and affect the value of original copies (when they can be found), but HIPS does not believe this will be so. Lowe presented an estimate for the printing, based on 300 or 500 copies, and said that HIPS would like to approach the AIS Foundation for a loan to fund the endeavor. Reaction to the proposal was favorable, but it was felt that it should be an AIS project. Stayer moved that the AIS fund a reprint of the 1939 Check List in close cooperation with HIPS. Copeland seconded. The motion carried. Lowe was asked to be in charge of the project. She was asked to obtain an additional estimate for 1,000 copies, plus shipping costs to Tulsa, and send it to the Board.

Carol Morgan, RVP of Region 6, brought a special request to the Board concerning a young inmate at the Orient Correctional Facility in Ohio. The young man is to be paroled soon and needs help in his new life as a landscape worker at a nursery in the Flint, Michigan, area. He is particularly interested in irises. Morgan asked for approval of the Board to tell this story at the Welcome Banquet, to ask for individual (matching) donations, as the Flint Area Branch Lutheran Brotherhood has authorized a matching fund in the amount of \$500. Niswonger moved that approval be given,

subject, however, to the approval of the Convention Committee. Lineberger seconded. The motion carried.

Rice-Waters spoke of the need for a second Display Screen. The new one would cost \$1,500 to \$2,000. This second screen would be useful because of scheduling and as a replacement. Lineberger moved, Barr seconded, that Rice-Waters proceed with the purchase of a new screen.

Corlew spoke briefly, in glowing terms, about his experiences while serving as a judge at the International Iris Competition in Florence, Italy, earlier in May. The winner was Bryce Williamson's

PRINCE CHARMING.

There was a brief recess at 3:30 pm.

Stayer reported for the 1991 Personnel Committee, composed of Stayer and Lineberger, Board representatives, Melody Wilhoit and Doug Goodnight, RVPs, and Joseph Mertzweiller, Section representative. The committee recommended the

following candidates for terms expiring in 1994:

incumbent Hilda Crick, Clarence Mahan, Harold Stahly, Jean Witt, and Lloyd Zurbrigg. There are four vacancies. Gates has chosen not to serve another term. There were no nominations from the floor. Waite called for adjournment to executive session to consider the nominations and appointed Marisa Noe and Angela Morgan as counters. Following executive session, Waite announced that the nominees are Crick, Mahan, Stahly, and Witt, and he expressed thanks to retiring directors Gates, Copeland, and Machulak.

Waite appointed Lillian Gristwood and Bennett Jones to serve on the 1992 Personnel Committee. Jones stated that he feels the method of awarding honorary medals is undemocratic in that it requires a full vote of the Board. He moved that the awarding of honorary medals require only a two-thirds vote of the Board members present. Niswonger seconded. There was discussion, during which Lineberger moved that the motion be amended to require a vote of three-fourths of the Board members present. Corlew seconded the amendment. Jones withdrew his motion and revised it to require a three-fourths vote. Niswonger seconded. The motion carried.

Waite announced that the fall Board meeting will be held in Indianapolis November 1-3, 1991. Waite then conveyed the thanks of all the Board members to the Convention Committee, to Region 4, and to all the affiliates and clubs who helped, for all the things they did to make the meeting such a good one.

The meeting was adjourned.

Claire Barr, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING Summit Hotel, Dallas, Texas November 2-4, 1990

The fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society was called to order at 8:00 PM, Nov. 2, 1990, by President Kenneth Waite. Present at this and subsequent sessions were: President Waite; Immediate Past President Rasmussen; Past President and Editor Mullin; Past President Stahly; First Vice President Barr; Second Vice President Copeland; Secretary J. Stayer; Treasurer Corlew; Membership Secretary Harlow; Registrar and Advertising Editor Nelson; Publication Sales Director C.J. Lack; Directors Crick, Gates, Gristwood, Lineberger, W. Machulak, Niswonger and Rice-Waters; Committee Chairmen L. Fry and Harder; AIS Foundation Liaison

Pettijohn; RVPs Wilder(S), Morgan (6), Christopher (7), Koza (8), Baler (11), Strane (15), Keefe (17) and Goodnight (23); Assistant RVP King (7); RVP Representatives W. Wiekhorst (20), Nichols (22) and Gilliam (24); Section Representatives M. Perkins (SIS), J. Fry (DIS) and V. Wiekhorst (HIPS); Iris Society of Dallas President B. Brewer and Vice President P Lamb; and guests A. Waite (1), A. Machulak (B), Brown, Campbell, Hill, Howard, John, J. Kelley, S. Kelley, D. Lamb, Murphy, Rosen and Whitley (17), I. Rasmussen (18), Yost (20), K. Lack and L. Stayer (22), and T Perkins (23).

The president welcomed all guests and commented on voting procedures, inviting guest participation in discussion. Introductions followed.

Waite then asked if there were additions or corrections to the minutes of the Omaha Board meeting as published in the October, 1990, *Bulletin*, No. 279. Gates, secretary pro tem for that meeting, noted a typographical error in the report of the Youth

Chairman as published on page 97 (“he” was printed instead of “she”). Gates then stated her objection to the deletion of a portion of a paragraph from the text as she had written it, yet with her name still listed as the writer. The passage in question had to do with a discussion initiated by Williams concerning the American Airlines contract (page 99). President Waite took responsibility for the deletion, stating that no action was taken and that he felt that the remarks omitted were of the type which should not be included in the permanent record of that meeting. Recording secretary Barr stated that it had been the practice during her years of taking the minutes that the recording secretary should send copies of the first draft to the president, the secretary and the editor, and that working together, the four revised the text, before publication, to better reflect the substance of the meeting. Barr stated, also, with apologies, that because of personal problems during the summer, she had failed to get out a corrected copy to officers, directors, committee chairmen, RVPs, etc., and thus Gates had not been made aware of the change. There was discussion both for and against the omission. Niswonger moved that the minutes be accepted as published. Rasmussen seconded. The vote was taken by a show of hands. The motion carried.

The report of the election of directors, which would usually be given by Secretary Stayer, was read by President Waite, as Stayer was one of those listed on the slate. The report was from the accounting firm of Meyers Brothers & Adeletti, PC. (Certified Public Accountants), Longmeadow Massachusetts, which had been retained to mail and count the ballots. ILS Business Services, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts, printed ballots and envelopes and prepared them for mailing. The report of the voting was as follows: Lillian Gristwood, 1581; Jeane Stayer, 1565; Everette Lineberger, 1518; Bennett Jones, 1475; Ramona Howard, 1069. Therefore, Gristwood, Stayer, Lineberger and Jones are duly elected and qualified as AIS Directors with terms expiring in 1993. The notarized report of the accounting firm will be entered in the AIS records as an appendix to the minutes of this meeting.

Waite reported no interim Board action. The Executive Committee had voted to approve the aforementioned accounting firm to supervise the mailing and counting of the ballots for the special election. Waite reported that the cost of the printing and mailing of the ballots was approximately \$3,200, with an additional cost of \$40 per hour for Meyers Brothers & Adeletti for accounting.

Secretary Stayer reported that she had received a note of thanks from Maureen Foster, who won the Silver Medal for the British Iris Society’s spring show. A second show was not held this year because of weather conditions. BIS awards for 1990 were: Dykes Medal, to HIGH PEAK, by B.L.C. Dodsworth; the Foster Memorial Plaque, to Margaret Lee, of Australia; and the Pilkington Award, to Maureen Foster Mrs. M. R. Hall has resigned as treasurer of the BIS. The new treasurer, to whom all

financial matters should be addressed, is John C. Russell. The mailing address may be obtained from Stayer.

Concerning the *Bulletin* copyright, Stayer had found that the AIS had lost its copyright years ago, the first time the *Bulletin* had been published without the copyright information, and it cannot be reinstated, according to U.S. copyright law. A new copyright may be applied for, however, by filing the proper form along with a fee of \$10 and two copies of the *Bulletin*, the new copyright to begin with the issues submitted. After discussion about the value of having a copyright, Corlew moved, Rasmussen

seconded, that Stayer proceed with obtaining a new copyright for the AIS *Bulletin*. The motion carried.

The secretary has received requests from foreign members for first class mailing of the *Bulletin*. Lineberger moved, Corlew seconded, that Stayer get a cost estimate for mailing overseas copies first class and bring the matter up again at the spring meeting. The motion carried.

There was discussion of changing the type of mailing envelope for the *Bulletin*. Niswonger moved, Lineberger seconded, that Stayer get alternative proposals with prices for further discussion at the spring meeting. The motion carried.

Stayer announced that Region 20 has again donated 15% of the proceeds from the regional rhizome sale to the AIS.

The Hon. John Warner, U.S. Senator from Virginia, has requested information about irises and about the AIS, probably as the result of letters to senators and congressmen promoting the issuance of an iris postage stamp to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the AIS.

Stayer recommended to the Board that the contract with American Airlines be cancelled, noting that convention committees often prefer to negotiate with the airlines on their own. Niswonger so moved. Barr seconded. The motion carried.

Stayer asked that anyone needing AIS stationery please notify her by December 10. The stationery is ordered only once a year. New RVPs will automatically receive a supply imprinted with their names and addresses.

Membership Secretary Harlow presented a strength report, copies of which had already been sent to the directors. Total membership now stands at 8,353. Region 14 is in first place, Region 4 is second, Region 7 is third and Region iB is in fourth place. Harlow received compliments for the fine job she is doing as Membership Secretary.

Treasurer Corlew distributed copies of the report for the fiscal year which ended on September 30, and then passed out copies of the proposed budget, to be studied by Board members and discussed later in the meeting.

Advertising Editor Nelson reported that the January advertising copy has gone to the printer; the number of color ads is growing, and there are no particular problems.

As Registrar, Nelson said that there had been about 1000 registrations and nearly 500 introductions this year. The 1990 Registrations and Introductions booklet should be ready in January. Lineberger moved, Niswonger seconded, that 1500 copies be printed, to sell for \$5.00 each. The motion carried. There was discussion about the computer in the registrar's office and about the possible need for a new one or for customized software. Nelson reported having received donations toward a computer fund for this purpose as the result of a letter sent out by Ben Hager. Corlew moved, Lineberger seconded, that Nelson, Hager and Marilyn Harlow investigate to determine exactly what is needed for the registrar's office, that the Executive Committee approve the cost determined, not to exceed funds available at the moment, and that a report be made at the spring meeting. The motion carried.

Publication Sales Director Lack presented a report of total sales for the year plus inventories of sales items, of the AIS Archives, and of old *Bulletins*. There was discussion about the advisability of printing a new membership booklet and about the number to print. Barr moved, Stayer seconded, that a new membership booklet be printed, fewer in number, using the old format. The motion carried. Niswonger moved,

Stayer seconded, that 250 be printed. The motion carried. In further discussion concerning the cost of printing and postage and handling, it was determined that the Executive Committee could give its approval at a later date.

Stayer moved, Barr seconded, that Lack purchase the following books for the AIS Archives: *The Louisiana Iris*, *The Japanese Iris*, and *Siberian Irises*. The motion carried.

At 10:15 PM, the meeting was recessed until 8:30 AM the following morning.

Affiliates Chairman Niswonger reported a total of 146 affiliates, and gave a comparison by year and by region for each year since 1985. A complete listing of approved affiliates for 1990 with the name and address of the president of each one was distributed. Membership secretary Harlow noted that soon after the beginning of the year RVPs will have current membership lists for their regions, important in determining affiliate status.

Awards Committee Chairman Copeland reported having sent 975 ballots to accredited judges on March 30, 1990 and 92 ballots to Judges Training Chairmen for apprentices. Eight hundred seventy-four ballots were returned before the deadline. The Cook-Douglas Medal was not awarded this year, as no iris received 15% of the votes. The Symposium has been completed with top honors going to Beverly Sills, Vanity, Titan's Glory, Stepping Out, and Mary Frances. Approximately 20% of the membership participated. Expenses were \$1905.77. Copeland noted that several errors were made on the AIS ballot and on the Symposium ballot, and he assured the Board and the RVPs that adjustments will be made on future ballots to compensate for these errors.

There was no report from Convention Liaison Williams, who was not present. Ray John of the Fort Worth Iris Society, announced a change in the date of the 1993 AIS convention in Fort Worth this convention will be held April 20-24, 1993.

Exhibitions Chairman Gristwood distributed a detailed report of AIS approved shows held in 1990. There were 186 approved shows, an increase from 179 last year. Region 19 was first with 19

shows and one all-seedling show, and Regions 22 and 14 tied for second place with 15 each. The AIS provided 122 sets of medals to affiliate societies and regions. Gristwood commented that every show makes the public more aware of irises and of the AIS.

Lengthy discussion followed concerning sets of medals provided by the AIS to affiliates and to regions. Lineberger moved that the information sent by Gristwood specify that each affiliate and each region presenting an approved show is entitled to one set of medals. The motion was later withdrawn. Corlew moved that the price of one set of medals (one silver and one bronze) be set at \$27.50. Copeland seconded. The motion carried.

There was a coffee break from 9:45 until 10:15.

Foundation Liaison Pettijohn reported that there are no projects or applications at this time. The Iris Society of Dallas has made a generous donation to the Foundation.

Historical Committee Chairman Harder distributed a list of items received during 1990 for the AIS historical files and reported on a box of photos and manuscripts received from Mrs. Jesse Wills. Members are encouraged to continue sending catalogs and regional bulletins. Harder is keeping a log of acquisitions as materials come in, and an annual listing of irises introduced that year and whether or not he has pictures of them. Harder stated that he is willing to store anything pertaining to the AIS. There was

a suggestion from the floor that AIS conventions be video-taped. This was followed by discussion, but no action was taken.

The report of the Honorary Awards Committee was deferred until later

Judges and Judges Training Chairman Crick submitted for Board approval a list of new Master Judges for 1991, along with information about Garden Judges and Apprentices and statistics for the Judges program throughout the regions. Following discussion about the requirements for Master Judges, Lineberger moved, Gates seconded, that the training required of Active Master Judges consist of three hours of classroom training or three hours as a classroom instructor. The motion passed. Crick spoke of problems caused by the fact that RVPs sometimes do not meet the deadline for sending their reports to her, and she thanked Mullin for his help to her as chairman of Judges and Judges Training. Lineberger moved that the Board accept Crick's report, including the following list of new Master Judges:

Region 1 — Shirley Varmette

Region 2—G.M. Schifferli

Mrs. Granger Smith

Region 6—Lynda Miller

Mrs. Robert E. Moore

Leland M. Welsh

Region 8—Evelyn D. Johnson

Region 9—Rita Kinsella

C.J. Simon

Region 12—Hiram L. Ames

D. C. Anderson

Mrs. Willard Done

Region 13—Doris E. Shinn

David Silverberg

Region 14—Marilyn R. Harlow

Frank Foster

Region 18—Floyd Dyer

Norman Gossling

Region 22—Leonard J. Michel

Region 23—Mrs. L.E. Roberts

Mrs. Robert D. Steele

Overseas— John O. Baldwin, Australia

N.K. Scopes, England

Akira Horinaka, Japan

The motion carried.

Editor Mullin reported on getting material for the *Bulletin*, making the suggestions that section leaders submit material from their Robins for Flightlines and that the membership report be printed in the *Bulletin*. Mullin commented that Membership Secretary Harlow is doing an excellent job, as is Registrar and Advertising Editor Nelson. Both were given a round of applause.

Membership Contest Chairman Fry outlined some of the rules of the contest. During the 1991 AIS convention, one award will be given to a youth member, one to an adult

member, and one to an AIS affiliate who have accumulated the largest number of points in the contest. Each affiliate must decide whether its members will participate in the contest as individuals or as a group. In order to encourage continued membership in the AIS, more points will be awarded for conversion of membership from annual to triennial; this applies to those memberships that have been in effect for a minimum of one year. Points for new youth memberships will be awarded to youth recruiters *only*. This last statement has resulted in some controversy. Following discussion on the subject, Gates moved, Copeland seconded, that the rules of the contest be altered so that all adults and affiliates will receive points for securing youth memberships. The motion passed.

Policy Chairman Barr stated that there was no report other than the normal gathering of information on policy matters and that there had been no requests from officers or committee chairmen for specific information. At this time both Historical Chairman Harder and Registrar Nelson asked that material pertaining to their respective positions be forwarded.

Public Relations Chairman Rice-Waters reported that the 1991 calendars are now available. Distribution is going well this year. Members are urged to insert calendar ads in their local newsletters and to use the AIS Display Screen at horticulture shows. Rice-Waters indicated also that when the present supply of AIS post cards is gone a new and different set can be made up. Post Cards can be ordered from Publication Sales Director Lack. Lack also has a supply of the brochure "Native American Iris".

RVP Counselor Machulak commented that the RVPs seem to be getting more work sent to them, and that they are getting very little support from the AIS. There was discussion and quite a bit of disagreement concerning RVPs and their need for support and the relationship between the RVPs and the AIS.

The meeting was recessed for lunch from noon until 1:45 PM.

Scholarship Chairman Gates reported that scholarship winner John Stromberger, having sent verification of his enrollment, had received his initial check for \$1,000. Scholarship information for next year will be going out in the usual manner about January 1.

There was no Scientific Committee report.

Section Liaison Lineberger stated that he had asked each section to complete an information report and to make suggestions as to what the Board might do to help the sections. The Society for Japanese Irises had responded with the following suggestions:

- 1) that slides or prints be required as a condition of registration;
- 2) that funds be provided for a full-time librarian to assist the historian;
- 3) that there be rules established concerning items given to the AIS in trust;
- 4) that the AIS promote fall shows for Japanese irises.

After lengthy discussion of these points the report was acknowledged and accepted for further consideration.

Slides Chairman Shockey sent a report, read by Stayer, about the activity in the use of the slide sets, stating that the new containers were working well. Shockey wrote also, as President of the Aril Society International, asking permission to use an article from Garden Irises in the Aril Society's 1990 Yearbook. Niswonger so moved, Corlew seconded, and the motion carried.

Youth Committee Chairman Gates thanked all the RVPs who had sent information about youth activities to her and who have encouraged youth participation, and she

stressed the importance of involving youth members by giving them more responsibilities. Gates recalled that at the spring meeting there had been some discussion about changing the age on youth memberships and that she had been asked to consider the matter and bring a proposal to the fall meeting. The proposal which she brought back was that the age not be changed.

Copeland reported for the Dykes Medal Research Committee, stating that the committee unanimously recommended that the Dykes Medal be awarded annually, and he so moved. Rice-Waters seconded. The motion carried. Copeland then presented a second recommendation, in the form of a motion, that the iris with the most votes be awarded the Dykes Medal, with a run-off to be held in case of a tie. Rice-Waters seconded. The motion carried.

Copeland then suggested that the president appoint a committee to study the entire awards system, and he so moved. The motion was seconded and passed. Copeland had indicated a willingness to chair such a committee and had suggested the names of three others who could meet together easily for this study, Harold Stahly, Carol Morgan, and Lee Welsh. Waite so appointed this group, with instructions to bring other interested persons into the committee.

There was a break from 2:50 PM until 3:45 PM.

Copeland moved, Niswonger seconded, that Exhibition awards be specifically excluded from the business of the committee to study awards. The motion carried.

Stahly reported for the committee appointed to study RVP voting rights. This committee was formed because of the recommendation from the RVPs to the AIS Board that RVPs be granted voting rights at AIS Board meetings. The committee was uncertain as to whether the recommendation intended that each RVP should have voting rights. A written report outlining concerns on both sides was presented. It was felt that at the very least there is a communication problem and that means should be sought by the Board to give the RVPs a better hearing of their opinions. The committee recommended that the request that each RVP be made an ex officio Director with voting privileges be denied, further recommending that means be sought to strengthen the voice of RVPs in the conduct of AIS affairs and presenting a long list of suggestions representative of committee thinking.

After very lengthy discussion of all suggestions and ideas, Machulak moved that the present committee, with the addition of 2 more RVPs, continue the study and report back to the meeting next spring, not necessarily with a final recommendation. Lineberger seconded. The motion carried. The President directed that the two additional RVPs be chosen by the RVPs themselves. During discussion it became apparent that no one intended that all 24 RVPs be voting members of the Board, therefore action on committee recommendations was deferred.

Rasmussen reported for the 75th anniversary committee, stating that there is much to think about and plan for. He mentioned, among other things, a poster, a logo, and the possibilities of having a special *Bulletin* issue and of the issuance of an iris stamp. The anniversary convention will be held in Pennsylvania, and Rasmussen has been in contact with the RVP of Region 3 and with the convention chairman.

There was no report from the committee to study the findings of Attorney Glenn Spain on interrelationships within the AIS. Chairman Stahly stated that the committee will not begin its study until Spain's report is completed.

Speaking for the committee studying color patterns, Stahly stated that the committee hopes to

have a firm recommendation on color descriptions by the time of the meeting next spring. The meeting was recessed at 4:40 PM to reconvene after dinner at 9:00 PM.

When the meeting reassembled, President Waite relinquished the chair to Vice President Barr for the beginning of the election of officers. Stayer nominated Waite for President; Corlew seconded. Copeland moved that the nominations cease and Waite be elected by acclamation; Rasmussen seconded. The motion carried.

Waite resumed the chair Rice-Waters nominated Barr for First Vice President; Niswonger seconded. Stayer moved that the nominations cease and Barr be elected by acclamation; Corlew seconded. The motion carried.

Stayer nominated Copeland for Second Vice President; Corlew seconded. Barr moved that the nominations cease and Copeland be nominated by acclamation. The motion was seconded and carried.

Corlew nominated Stayer for Secretary; Niswonger seconded. Rasmussen moved that the nominations cease and Stayer be elected by acclamation; Barr seconded. The motion carried.

Copeland nominated Corlew for Treasurer; Niswonger seconded. Stayer moved that the nominations cease and Corlew be elected by acclamation; Rice-Waters seconded. The motion carried.

Crick nominated Mullin for Editor; Rasmussen seconded. Gates moved that the nominations cease and Mullin be elected by acclamation; Copeland seconded. The motion carried.

Waite then called for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of hearing the report of the Honorary Awards committee, appointing James Fry and Rose Mary Baler as counters.

Following Executive Session, Waite announced that upon the recommendation of the Honorary Awards Committee the Hybridizer's Medal had been awarded to George A. Shoop, and that Harley Briscoe and Lloyd Zurbrigg had been named Emeritus Judges.

Waite announced the appointment of the following officers:

- 1) Registrar Kay Nelson
- 2) Membership Secretary Marilyn Harlow
- 3) Publication Sales Director C. J. Lack
- 4) Recording Secretary Claire Barr
- 5) Advertising Director Kay Nelson
- 6) Photo Coordinator Larry Stayer

Niswonger moved, Copeland seconded, that these appointments be approved. The motion carried.

RVP Counselor Machulak recommended for reappointment the following RVPs:

(having served two years) (having served one year)

Region 3	Sterling Innerst	Region 1	Shirley Pope
6	Carol Morgan	2	Carl M. O'Shea
8	Dr Donald Koza	4	Mrs. Andrew Warner
9	Melody Wilhoit	5	Mrs. AD. Wilder

11 Rose Mary Baler 17 Jim Keefe
12 Paul J. Smith 20 David G. Miller
14 James P McWhirter 21 Opal Wulf
iB Leda Christlieb 23 Doug Goodnight
22 Mrs. J.H. Jamieson

Niswonger moved, Copeland seconded, that these reappointments be approved.
The motion carried.

Machulak then recommended for appointment the following new RVPs:

Region 7 Mrs. Donald King
10 Albert W. Ernst
13 Lyle Fort
15 Bobbie Shepard
16 Mrs. John McMillen
19 Nancy Szmuriga
24 T.A. Gilliam

Niswonger moved, Copeland seconded, that these appointments be approved. The
motion
carried.

Waite appointed the following standing committee chairmen:

- 1) Affiliates 0. David Niswonger
- 2) Awards James Copeland
- 3) Convention Liaison Bennett Jones (New)
- 4) Exhibitions Lillian Gristwood
- 5) Foundation Liaison Richard Pettijohn
- 6) Historical Larry Harder
- 7) Honorary Awards James Rasmussen
- 8) Judges and Judges Training Hilda Crick
- 9) Membership Contest Lucy Fry
- 10) Policy Claire Barr
- 11) Public Relations Olive Rice-Waters
- 12) Registrations Kay Nelson
- 13) Robins Howard Brookins (New)
- 14) RVP Counselor Walter Machulak
- 15) Scholarship Catherine Long Gates
- 16) Scientific Dr Currier McEwen
- 17) Section Liaison Everette Lineberger
- 18) Slides Howard Shockey
- 19) Youth Catherine Long Gates

Corlew moved, Barr seconded, that these appointments be approved. The motion
carried.

Waite passed around a set of prints by Jean Witt which had been sent to him by
Colin Rigby of the Species Iris Group of North America. These prints will be available
from SIGNA.

Waite thanked the Iris Society of Dallas for generous contributions to the AIS and to

the AIS Foundation.

Waite and Judges and Judges Training Chairman Crick presented a list of suggested revisions for the Judges Handbook for garden and exhibition judging of Japanese irises. This proposal was made by the Society for Japanese Irises. After discussion, Gates moved, Copeland seconded, that the revisions be accepted. The motion passed. These revisions, along with other approved revisions will be sent to all judges along with the judged ballots, and will be available to others on request.

In response to a complaint about the handling of guest irises at regional meetings, it was the consensus that the Board reaffirm its stated policy that while the Board encourages guesting irises at both regional and national conventions, the Board cannot be responsible for those irises.

Stayer presented the new contract with Williams Printing Company. This contract covers the period July, 1991, through April, 1992, and represents an overall increase of approximately 4% with specifications remaining basically the same. Lineberger moved, Rice-Waters seconded, that the new contract be accepted. The motion carried.

Rice-Waters asked for and was granted permission to appoint a committee to work on a project for an educational display to be used at shows.

The meeting was recessed at 10:35 PM to reconvene at 8:30 the following morning.

Following discussion about the disposition of the computer in the Membership Secretary's office. Corlew moved, Stayer seconded, that Harlow sell the computer for the best price available and apply the proceeds to the restricted computer fund. The motion carried.

Rice-Waters moved, Gates seconded, that the Board rescind its policy of having no book reviews in the *Bulletin*. The motion carried.

Treasurer Corlew again presented the proposed budget figures. Corlew moved, Stayer seconded, that salaries of paid employees be increased \$25 per month, or \$300 per year. The motion carried. After discussion and some changes, Machulak moved, Niswonger seconded, that the budget be approved with the proper corrections. The motion carried.

Corlew moved, Lineberger seconded, that a committee be appointed to study the membership dues structure, registration fees, and advertising rates. The motion carried.

Waite appointed Corlew, Nelson, and Harlow to the committee to study the dues structure, registration fees, and advertising rates.

Waite announced that the spring meeting will be held in Washington, D.C., May 18-22, 1991. An invitation from Judith J. Vaught, president of the Indianapolis Daylily and Iris Society, to hold the fall Board meeting in Indianapolis has been accepted.

The meeting was adjourned with many thanks to the Iris Society of Dallas for being wonderful hosts.

Claire Barr, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting
Holiday Inn **May 20-21, 1990**
Omaha, Nebraska

The spring meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society was called to order at 1:15p.m., May 20, 1990, by President Kenneth Waite. Present at this and subsequent sessions were:

President Waite; Immediate Past President Rasmussen; Second Vice President Copeland; Secretary J. Stayer; Treasurer Corlew; Editor Mullin; Registrar Nelson; Membership Secretary Harlow; Publication Sales Director C.J. Lack; Photo Coordinator L. Stayer; Directors Crick, C. Gates, Gristwood, Hobbs, Lineberger, W. Machulak, Niswonger, Rice-Waters, and Williams; Committee Chairmen Pettijohn, Harder, L. Fry, McEwen, and Shockey; RVPs Pope (1), O'Shea (2), Wilder (5), Morgan (6), Christopher (7), Koza (8), M. Wilhoit (9), B. Aitken (13), Strane (15), Keefe (17), Christlieb (18), McMartin (19), D. Miller (20), Jamieson (22), and Goodnight (23); RVP Representatives M. Lowe (4) and Gilliam (24); Section Representatives C. Boswell (MIS), A. Miller (SSI), Perkins (SIS), J. Fry (DIS), Hall (SPCNI), Rigby (SIGNA), and A. Lowe (HIPS); and guests Doucette and A. Waite (1), Stephenson and Stoneburner (4), Cronin and Verwilst (6), King and Vogt (7), A. Machulak (8), Clough and J. Wilhoit (9), T. Aitken (13), L. Boswell, Erickson, Holloway, Keppel, Maryott, Messick, and Simmons (14), Brewer, Howard, and John (17), Tasco (15), Henderson, Murrain, F Townsend, M. Townsend, and Waddick (18), Aulicky (19), and D. Gates, Lyons, V. Wiekhorst, and W. Wiekhorst (20). Following introductions and a word of welcome President Waite invited everyone's participation in the discussion but reminded all present that only board members may vote. Waite announced that Recording Secretary Barr was unable to attend and that Gates would record the minutes.

The minutes of the fall Board meeting in Wichita, Kansas, were approved as published in *Bulletin* #276.

President Waite reported that since the fall meeting the executive committee had approved the *Bulletin* contract for '90-'91 with Williams Printing Company with a 3% cost increase; approved sale of membership secretary's typewriter for \$200.00 to Ramsey since the new secretary did not need it; approved expenditures by Dr. Norlan Henderson of \$244.95 and an advance of \$100.00. Waite had sent an invitation to attend the convention to Professor Zhao Yu-Tang of China.

Secretary Stayer reported requests for the Native American Iris flyer have been numerous; Mr Spain has nearly completed his study of the relationship between the AIS and the AIS Foundation and has started work on the Sections. He is having trouble eliciting any response from some Sections. Stayer urged Section Representatives to respond. Five hundred Judges Handbook covers were purchased for \$1,353.00 plus \$52.63 shipping.

Membership Secretary Harlow thanked former Membership Secretary Ramsey as well as Waite, Stayer, and Maryott for their help with the transition in the membership office. Harlow distributed a written report which listed the April 1, 1990, total AIS membership at 8,113. Harlow received many kudos and a round of applause for the efficient manner in which she has executed her job thus far. In response to questions by Machulak, Harlow noted that backup copies of the membership files are going to the President every 30 days or so, and she is attempting to document the entire operation to ease any future transitions.

Treasurer Corlew noted there was an error in the budget approved last fall. The sub total at the top of page 2 should have read \$23,005.00 instead of \$20,005.00 making a total of \$139,196.00 instead of \$136,196.00. He moved to accept the corrected figure of 139,196.00. Seconded by Niswonger, the motion carried. Corlew reported that the

raising of the Postage & Handling allowance last fall had pretty well accomplished the goal of breaking even on publication sales expenses.

Editor Mullin reported that the April *Bulletin* was sent out on schedule. The July issue is still short on material reflecting the problem of continually coming up with new ideas and authors. Several questions were raised about the Flightlines column and the need for better coordination to see that material from the robins gets into the *Bulletin*.

Publication Sales Director Lack reported that sales continue to go well. He pointed out the need to think ahead on pricing since another postage increase is due in 1991.

Affiliates Chairman Niswonger thanked the RVPs for the fine job of organizing the affiliates and seeing that the necessary forms were returned to him. Niswonger pointed out that affiliates are a

great way to encourage sustained membership by involving members at the local level. At the current time there are 141 affiliates.

Awards Chairman Copeland reported that his job was going well and he had received a lot of help, especially from his daughter Sue.

Exhibitions Chairman Gristwood said 183 shows had been scheduled with 5 cancellations because of weather or location problems. This is an all time record number of shows.

Historical Chairman Harder noted that his job is collecting anything and everything that has to do with the AIS. He would like to receive all regional publications and all committee reports.

Membership Contest Chairman Fry said the cooperation from the membership secretary has been terrific. She expressed disappointment that after changing the rules to allow youth participation there had not been any entries yet.

Public Relations Chairman Rice-Waters showed several publications with articles about irises that had been printed recently, including one in *M.D. Magazine* featuring Currier McEwen. Use of the display screen and membership flyers at garden and landscape shows really pays off in increased membership and general promotion of the iris. Rasmussen showed a copy of the Ponca City, Oklahoma, Chamber of Commerce brochure which features photographs of irises.

Robins Chairman Hobbs noted that she has only received reports from about of the Robin Directors. There are 21 Robins currently listed.

Scholarship Chairman Gates said she had recently received a copy of the Master's thesis from the 1987-88 scholarship winner, Jerry Bricker. In keeping with the guidelines of the scholarship program this thesis will now be turned over to the Scientific Committee. Gates reported that there were 11 very qualified applicants this year. From these the committee selected John Stromberger who will be pursuing a Ph.D. at Purdue University researching genetics and physiology of ammonium assimilation and utilization in maize. Gates notes that there are some members of the committee who feel strongly that a scholarship should not be awarded this year because none of the applicants' fields of study is at all closely related to irises. Several comments were made in support of the idea that the Society's financial support of research in the area of plant sciences benefits us all eventually and that it need not have a direct connection with the genus *Iris*. Gates moved that the 1990-91 AIS scholarship be awarded to John Stromberger. Rice-Waters seconded and the motion passed.

Slides Chairman Shockey reported that 2 sets of slides had been lost in the mail.

Corlew moved that the slides chairman be authorized to make duplicate sets of those sets he judges to be most critical. Niswonger seconded and the motion carried. After discussion Lineberger moved the rental fee for slide sets be raised to \$7.50, effective January 1, 1991. Niswonger seconded and the motion passed. Shockey asked for clarification on the cost of sending slides overseas. The consensus was that as long as there are only a few requests per year the Society will absorb the extra cost of shipment overseas as a gesture of good will.

Youth Chairman Gates reported that the judges for the Youth Achievement Contest consist of one RVP, one Regional Youth Chairman, and one AIS member at large. This year's judges were RVP Shirley Pope (1), Regional Youth Chairman Virginia Hodges (17), and member at large Hooker Nichols (22). Participation in the contest was up considerably with 17 individuals nominating 10 youths. The winner of the 1990 Clarke Cosgrove Memorial Award for Youth Achievement is Jerry Simmons (14), first runner-up is Sue Copeland (6), and second runner-up is Andrea Johnson (5). Gates also said he had received suggestions to alter the age designation for youth membership, one to lower the age limit to 16 or so and one to raise it to 21. She will report back to the board in the fall with a more definite proposal.

The meeting recessed at 3:35 p.m. and reconvened at 9:15 am. on May 21st.

Scientific Chairman McEwen reviewed two of the main functions of the scientific committee, to give answers to scientific questions and to support scientific endeavors. One source of funds for this support recently has been the Northshore Iris & Daylily Society. McEwen asked for a small grant for Amy Poole, a high school student in Illinois who is studying bacterial leaf spot and testing the efficacy of various antibiotics. Gates moved that \$200. be granted to Poole for this study. Niswonger seconded and the motion passed. McEwen introduced Dr Norlan Henderson who has been carrying on the iris studies originally undertaken by Homer Metcalf. Henderson said he has been asked to do the section on the genus Iris for the "New Flora of North America", a 12 volume work in

progress. He outlined some of his work thus far, including the problem of the botanical classification of bearded irises. They are usually listed incorrectly as *I. germanica*. His proposal is to classify all bearded irises as *I. conglomerata*, reflecting the 43 species of irises which have figured in the ancestry of our current bearded irises. Hybrid Louisiana irises will be classified as *I. x louisiana* and the pacifica hybrids as *I. pacifica*.

Judges and Judges Training Chairman Crick reported that the new designation for master judges (active and retired) seems to be fairly well accepted. She reported a loss of 10 judges since November because of death or non-renewals.

Advertising Editor Nelson noted a record number of color advertisements were sold for the April issue, and the July issue will have a color centerfold.

Registrar Nelson reported that 400 new registrations have been received in 1990. Work is progressing on the ten-year checklist, and she will have a further report in the fall.

Foundation Liaison Pettijohn reported a \$14,000.00 increase to the fund balance resulting in a current balance of just over \$80,000.00. Both studies of scorch disease supported by the Foundation have been completed.

RVP Counselor Machulak reported on the RVP meeting held the previous evening.

Four motions were approved during that meeting: (1) Recommend that an automatic runoff be held to award the Dykes Medal in any year that no iris receives the necessary 15%. (2) Recommend that the "Invitation to John" brochure be reprinted as soon as possible in the current form, but with the correct address for the Membership Secretary. (3) The chairman of the Washington, D.C., convention should be contacted to request that the RVP meeting be open ended, rather than have a time limitation. (4) RVPs shall be granted a vote at AIS Board meetings even if it is necessary to amend the by-laws to do so. Lineberger moved and Stayer seconded that motion #1 be considered under new business. Motion passed. After considerable discussion about motion #2, Williams moved that 5,000 copies of "Invitation to Join" be printed with the current address and be distributed with a limit of 25 per individual request and 200 per RVP request. Machulak seconded. Corlew moved to amend the motion to state that a quantity of 25,000 be printed. The amendment was seconded by Copeland and passed. The motion as amended was then passed. Lineberger moved that motion #4 be considered under new business. Stayer seconded and the motion passed. Machulak read the results of the elections held at the RVP meeting. James McWhirter (Region 14) is the new RVP chairman, Carol Morgan (Region 6) is secretary, and Melody Wilhoit (Region 9) and Doug Good-night (Region 23) have been elected to serve on the Personnel Committee.

Section Liaison Lineberger reported that every Section President had attended the meeting held earlier. He commented on the high degree of interest in all the Sections and praised the excellent quality of Section publications. Lineberger reported that Joe Mertzweiler was elected as Section representative to the Personnel Committee.

The meeting was recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

Rasmussen gave an update on the iris postage stamp proposal. He sent Native American Iris flyers to each RVP to be mailed to their congressional representatives. He apologized for not sending the correct and complete addresses and said he would send the correct ones. He reiterated the need to keep pushing on the stamp proposal and urged members to make use of any personal contacts to enhance the chances of a stamp being approved. Rasmussen asked for reimbursement for postage expenses during this promotion. Copeland moved and Stayer seconded that the AIS pay the postage for Rasmussen's efforts. Motion passed. Rasmussen noted that there are still over a thousand flyers left and quite a few people have requested them. Rice-Waters moved that we sell the Native American Iris flyers in packs of 10 for \$3.50, with a quantity price of 50 for \$15.00. Rasmussen seconded and the motion carried.

The question of whether a species iris is eligible for Best Specimen of Show was raised. Stayer moved that we defer further discussion of the matter until SIGNA can come up with a proposal. Corlew seconded and the motion carried.

Kay Nelson, Keith Keppel, and Bennett Jones were proposed to serve on the honorary awards committee as at-large members. Corlew moved approval of the appointments; Niswonger seconded, and the motion carried.

Waite appointed Hal Stahly, Ron Mullin, James Rasmussen, and Keith Keppel to serve on a 75th Anniversary committee to investigate what the Society might like to do to celebrate the upcoming

anniversary. Niswonger moved for acceptance of the appointments. Rice-Waters seconded and the motion passed.

Rice-Waters said the wholesale price of the calendars needs to be increased. The "10 for \$25.00" price hasn't covered our costs. She moved that the individual price remain at \$5.00 each and the price for 10 be increased to \$30.00. Stayer seconded and the motion carried.

Convention Liaison Williams read a letter from the guest iris chairmen for the 1992 Atlanta convention that clarified guidelines for guest irises that were omitted from their ad in *Bulletin #277*. These guidelines state that unless otherwise directed, only 10 rhizomes of each variety will be returned postpaid, except to foreign addresses. Any additional rhizomes will either be destroyed or returned C.O.D. as instructed by the contributor on the disposal form. Williams then read an invitation from Region 20 asking to host the 1998 convention in Colorado, Williams moved acceptance of the invitation. Stayer seconded and the motion passed.

Discussion was opened on the proposal from the RVPs that a Dykes Medal be awarded every year and the petition, submitted to Board Members by Perry Dyer and a number of other AIS judges, which outlined a runoff system. The consensus was that some action is necessary, but a study of the awards system was probably in order. Corlew moved that the President appoint a "blue ribbon" committee to study the Dykes Medal Award situation and report back at the fall meeting. Rasmussen seconded. Williams moved to amend the motion so that for 1990 only a runoff ballot as proposed in the petition be implemented. (The petition reads: In the event that no single variety receives the required 15% of the total votes cast, a second (run-off) ballot will be ordered by the AIS Board of Directors. The top four candidates from the initial balloting will appear on this ballot, in addition to a fifth choice designated as "No Award".) Rasmussen seconded and the amendment passed. A vote was called for on the original motion and it carried.

The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:50 p.m.

Waite announced another IGA competition (5th International Horticulture Exhibition) will be held in Munich in 1993, and that he has information on entering.

The proposal from the RVPs to be granted a vote at AIS Board meetings was discussed. Niswonger moved to appoint a committee to investigate the possibility of granting a vote at the Board meetings to the RVPs. Stayer seconded. Discussion ensued as to when the committee would report back. Williams moved the motion be amended to add the words that an absolute and final proposal be presented at the fall Board meeting. Gates seconded. The amendment was defeated. The original motion passed.

Williams brought up the subject of the contract with American Airlines. The matter was discussed, but no action was taken. In reply to questions Stayer stated that the agreement with American Airlines is not binding and that a convention committee may enter into a contract with any other airline.

Copeland presented the report of the 1990 Personnel Committee for nominations for the Board of Directors with terms expiring in 1993: incumbents Gristwood, Stayer, and Lineberger, and to fill the fourth vacancy the committee presented two nominees, Bennett Jones and Jean Witt. There were no nominations from the floor. Waite called for an adjournment to executive session to consider the nominations. Following executive session, Waite announced that the nominees are Gristwood, Stayer, Lineberger, and Jones. Waite appointed Stayer and Lineberger to serve on the 1991

Personnel Committee.

Waite reminded everyone that the fall meeting of the Board would be held In Dallas, Texas, on November 2-4, 1990.

Waite thanked the Omaha Convention Committee and the Greater Omaha Iris Society for providing the meeting facilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Catherine Long Gates

Recording Secretary, pro tem

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Canterbury Inn November 3-5, 1989
Wichita, Kansas

The fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society was called to order at 8:00 PM, Nov. 3, 1989, by President James Rasmussen. Present at this and subsequent sessions were: President Rasmussen; President-elect K. Waite; Immediate Past President and Editor Mullin; Vice President and Recording Secretary Barr; Secretary J. Stayer; Treasurer Corlew; Membership

Secretary Ramsey; Publication Sales Director C. J. Lack; Photo Coordinator L. Stayer; Directors James Copeland, Crick, Gates, Gristwood, Hobbs, Lineberger, W. Machulak, O. D. Niswonger and Rice-Waters; Commtee Chairman Harder; RVPs Morgan (6), Christopher (7), Koza (8), Baler (11), Strane (15), Howard (17) and Christlieb (18); RVP Representatives A. Waite (1), M. Lowe (also RIS

Representative) (4), W. Wiekhorst (20) and Nichols (22); Section Representatives C. Boswell (MIS), J. Fry (DIS) and Hall (SPCNI); Historical Iris Preservation Society President A. Lowe; and guests Jill Copeland (6), A. Machulak (8), L. Boswell (14), L. Fry, Halz, Hargrove, G. McCune, K. McC une and M. Niswonger (18); V. Wiekhorst (20) and K. Lack (22). Following introductions and a word of welcome, President Rasmussen commented on meeting procedures, inviting guest participation in discussion.

The minutes of the spring Board meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, were approved, with one correction, as published In *Bulletin #275*. The correction: In the report of the Membership Contest Chairman, the number of points won by the Southern Kentucky Iris Society should have been 190.

Secretary Stayer announced that as there were no other nominations for vacancies on the Board of Directors, Barr, Hobbs, O. D. Niswonger and Rice-Waters are duly elected and qualified as AIS Directors with terms expiring In 1992.

President Rasmussen reported on interim Board action. A ballot had been sent to all directors regarding the Dykes Medal Award; the vote was In favor of withholding the Dykes Medal Award this year (1989). There was no report from the Executive Committee.

Secretary Stayer reported as follows: 1) the new American Airlines agreement/contract is now In effect and will continue to be so through the spring meeting of 1995, which will take place In Hershey, PA; 2) Maureen Foster has again won the Silver Medal for the British Iris Society's spring show (a second show was not scheduled this year); 3) the British Dykes Medal winner was EARLY LIGHT, raised by Miss Nora Scopes, registered in 1983 from CUP RACE X LEMON BROCADE; 4) with

reference to 501(c)(3), Attorney Glenn Spain has been studying inter-relationships within the American Iris Society; his first priority has been the AIS Foundation; the next study will be the sections; 5) Region 20 has again donated 15% of the proceeds from its rhizome sales to the AIS; 6) the secretary continues to have interesting correspondence with irisarians in foreign countries, most recently Poland, West Germany and the USSR; 7) orders for stationery must be placed with the secretary by December 10, except for new RVPs, who will automatically receive imprinted stationery.

There was no report from the recording secretary.

The report of the membership secretary was deferred until the following day.

Treasurer Corlew distributed copies of the annual financial report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1989, and copies of the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1990, to be studied and acted upon later in the meeting.

The report of Editor Mullin was deferred until the following day.

In the absence of Registrar Nelson, Stayer moved that the Board authorize the printing of 750 copies of *1989 Registrations and Introductions*, with approval for printing costs and for pricing to be given later by the Executive Committee. Rice-Waters seconded. The motion passed.

Publication Sales Director Lack distributed copies of his report of sales for the year, with inventory lists of the AIS archives and of sales materials. Lack spoke about the problems resulting from postage increases, stating that present pricing of sales items is unrealistic with regard to recovering costs. With international mail there are higher postal costs, along with extra fees for cashing overseas checks. Lack presented a list of suggested price increases for certain items. Following lengthy discussion about even greater price increases Lineberger moved that the increases suggested by Chairman Lack be adopted. Copeland seconded. Corlew moved that the motion be amended to say that these price increases should take effect January 1, 1990. Lineberger seconded. The amendment was approved, and the motion passed. Prices will be as follows:

ITEM	NEW PRICE
THE WORLD OF IRISES	\$17.50
'69 and '79 Checklists	17.00
Judges Handbook	6.00
Membership List	7.00
Current R. & I.	5.00
All Back Issues of <i>Bulletin</i>	3.00

It was reported also that Judges Handbook Binders are in short supply. Niswonger moved, Crick seconded, that the secretary be instructed to order 500 binders. The motion carried.

Affiliates Chairman Copeland distributed lists showing, by region, the number of affiliates for the years 1985 through 1989. The total number of affiliates has increased from 125 in 1985 to 138 in 1989.

Awards Committee Chairman Waite reported that ballots listing 2,277 varieties were mailed to 963 accredited judges on April 3. 774 judges returned ballots before the July 10 deadline. No iris received the required 15% of the votes cast for the Dykes Medal. The Board was polled and the decision made not to have a run-off ballot for 1989. The 1990 Symposium has been completed with all 24 regions reporting and 6 ballots from

overseas.

Waite read a letter from Region 13 RVP Aitken stating that at their fall regional meeting disappointment had been expressed that there was no Dykes Medal awarded this year. Members at this regional meeting voted a recommendation that "The AIS shall award the Dykes Medal each year", and that this letter be read at the AIS fall meeting. Following discussion, Corlew moved, Stayer seconded, that the Board reaffirm its policy that in the event that no iris receives the required 15% of the votes to receive the Dykes Medal, the Board shall decide whether to have a run-off ballot. The motion passed. It was suggested that thought be given to the required number of votes to be cast and to the length of time of eligibility for the Dykes Medal. Waite stated also that the question had been raised as to how to get Cal-Sibes and other inter-species hybrids into the awards system. It was suggested that a proposal be drawn up and presented to the Board.

Convention Liaison Williams sent a report, which was read by Stayer. A convention handbook has been sent to the Pennsylvania convention committee, but there have been no official communications from other convention committees.

The report of the Exhibitions Committee was deferred until the following day.

Stayer reported for AIS Foundation Liaison Pettijohn. Since the May meeting in Memphis the Foundation has made a loan of \$5,000 to the Society for Japanese Irises to assist in the publication of their book. There have been no applications for grants or loans during the period. Reports have been submitted to Attorney Glenn Spain in his review of the inter-relationship between the AIS and the Foundation. The Foundation has been named a residuary beneficiary under the will of Matilda A. Reinhardt, New Berlin, Wisconsin. Additional information on the bequest should be available by the end of January, 1990. Arrangements are being made for an audit of the Foundation's accounts, and this audit should be completed by the end of the year.

Historical Committee Chairman Harder reported having received a large number of iris catalogs this year for his files and an even larger number of general catalogs, as well as regional and sectional publications. The excellent article about Dr Currier McEwen which was recently published in the magazine *Modern Maturity* was mentioned also.

There was no report from the Membership Contest Committee.

The meeting was recessed at 9:50 PM, to reconvene the following day at 8:30 AM.

When the meeting was called to order Saturday morning, November 4, Exhibitions Chairman Hobbs distributed copies of a detailed report of the 179 shows held during the year, more than in any other year in the past decade. There was an increase in the percentage of shows having participation in Youth Divisions and Educational Exhibits. Region 14 had the largest number of shows.

The question was raised as to the eligibility of species irises to be chosen Best Specimen in Show. There was lengthy discussion with numerous suggestions. Corlew moved, Hobbs seconded, that the president appoint a committee to study this matter and report back to the Board. The motion passed.

A question was sent to the Board, also, with regard to a show held inside a botanic garden for which there is an admission fee charged. Does the admission fee to enter the garden violate the AIS rule for having shows open free to the public? The consensus was that it is difficult to make changes in a situation of this kind and that the

AIS rule would not be violated In this instance.

Membership Secretary Ramsey presented a detailed report of regional membership statistics for May 15-October 1, 1989, and a complete strength report for 10/1/88 to 10/1/89. The membership total on 10/1/89 was 7,967. Ramsey announced that she is retiring after six years In the job as membership secretary. There were many expressions of appreciation to Ramsey for her dedication not only in this job for the past six years but for her many years of service to the American Iris Society prior to that undertaking.

Following a twenty-minute coffee break, *Bulletin* Editor Mullin reported that the October issue has been mailed. Mullin explained some of the problems involved with putting together an issue of the *Bulletin*, one being the difficulty of keeping the January, April and October issues within the 96 pages normally allowed because of certain information which is designated for specific issues each year. Also, Mullin asked again that the sections please send the names of their new officers to him as soon as possible after elections.

There was discussion of *Bulletin* policy. Niswonger moved, Corlew seconded, that the Board send a letter of condolence to Melba Hamblen on the death of her husband, James Hamblen, and that this be acknowledged in the *Bulletin*. Mullin called the Board's attention, also, to a newly published book on irises sent to him by the author In the hope that the *Bulletin* might carry a review of the book. After discussion, the consensus was that the editor should inform the author that it is the Board's policy not to publish book reviews.

Mullin asked that his report for the Honorary Awards committee be deterred until later In the meeting. and Judges Training Chairman Crick presented statistics and changes In the judges

roster and recommended approval of the 1990 roster of judges. Lineberger moved that the list be approved as presented. Gates seconded. The motion passed. The new roster includes 451 Garden Judges and 20 new Master Judges. The new Master Judges are as follows:

Region 1	Robert Sobek
Region 4	Richard Sparling
	David Walsh
Region 6	Mrs. Otho Boone
	Mrs. William T. Rhodes
Region 7	Mrs. Donald R. King
Region 8	Mrs. Wilbert G. Sindt
Region 9	Donovan Albers
Region 13	Patricia Adams
	Warren Noyes
Region 14	James P. McWhirter
	Capt. M. C. Osborne
Region 15	Janice Chesnik
Region 16	Verna Laurin
Region 18	Dolores Denney
	Mrs. Edwin Knight

Region 22 L. D. Stayer
Mrs. L. D. Stayer
Region 23 Mrs. Roger Figge
Janice M. Wilson

Mullin was asked to report for the committee appointed to study the status of Master Judges. The proposal presented was that there be two classes of Master Judges: 1) Retired Master Judges, who would be inactive and would not receive a ballot. A Retired Master Judge could be used as a show judge if needed by a show committee, assigned to a panel with an Accredited or Master Judge. 2) (Regular) Master Judges, who would be active and would be required to have at least three hours of training every three years. There would be no change in the status of Emeritus Judges. These changes would become effective January 1, 1991. Crick moved that this proposal be accepted. Niswonger seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Crick wished to further clarify this proposal, and she was asked to present a written motion later in the meeting.

Policy Committee Chairman Barr reported on the progress of entering past policy decisions into the computer for reference. Two requests for information had been made since the last Board meeting, and information asked for had been called up and printed out. The chairman brought some printouts by subject matter for committee chairmen and officers to see how the information could be used.

Public Relations Chairman Rice-Waters stated that the new calendars are out and emphasized that the calendars are published not just for AIS members but as a promotional tool to attract new members. She urged everyone to buy them in the wholesale packs and take them to book stores and nurseries which might use them as sales items. Everyone is urged to buy post cards, also, as production on a new set of postcards will not start until the present supply is depleted. Rice-Waters distributed copies of a progress report on the Species Iris Flyer, and she spoke of publicity generated by articles in *Modern Maturity* and *Sunset Magazine* and by the AIS Display Screen.

There was no report from the Registration Committee.

A report from Robins Chairman Badger was read noting that there are 505 members, with 52 flights in 18 divisions.

RVP Counselor Maculak stated at this time only that he writes regularly to the RVPs, with continuing good relations and communication.

Scholarship Chairman Gristwood reported that 140 scholarship applications had been sent out and 16 replies received. The recipient for this year is Todd Stanislav, from the University of Kansas, who has sent acknowledgements of funds received to Treasurer Corlew and Chairman Gristwood and who should be present at the meeting later in the day.

Barr read a letter from Scientific Committee Chairman McEwen in which he stated that there had again been an expression of interest from the North Shore Iris and Daylily Society (Chicago) to consider making an additional grant in support of activities of the Scientific Committee. McEwen commented further in the letter that the book on Japanese irises, mentioned in the report of Foundation Liaison Pettijohn, is in the hands of the University Press of New England and is expected to be out well in time for the AIS convention in the spring, with copies of the book available there. He spoke also of

the convention of the Society for Japanese Irises to be held In Maine In July, 1990.

Section Liaison Lineberger reported increased membership In the sections and spoke of the importance, already mentioned earlier by Editor Mullin, of getting information about new section officers, etc., to the president, the secretary and the *Bulletin* editor. Lineberger stated also that a proposal for a new section will be brought before the meeting later in the day.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:45 AM, to reconvene at 1:15 PM.

There was no report from the Slides Committee except that President Rasmussen stated that there had been a request recently from the Italian Iris Society for two sets of slides.

Youth Committee Chairman Gates spoke about the need for enthusiastic youth advisors on both the regional and the local level, leaders willing to plan events to keep the interest of the young members. Youth membership fluctuates, but there have been no big changes of late.

Reports of special committees followed. For the Committee to Study Inter-relations within the AIS, Chairman Stahly was unable to attend, but Rasmussen pointed out that study by this committee is dependent on study being carried out by Attorney Spain. The latter study has not been completed as yet; presently under scrutiny are the relationships between the AIS and the AIS Foundation and between the AIS and the sections.

Speaking again for Stahly as chairman of the Color Pattern Definition Committee, Rasmussen stated that the definition of luminata had already been approved by the Board; other definitions are being studied. The results will ultimately be published in the *Bulletin*.

It was announced at this time that Clarence Mahan will be chairman for the 1991 convention in Washington, D.C.

Under unfinished business, there was discussion about the revision of *Basic Iris Culture*. Rice-Waters moved, Waite seconded, that there be a reprint of 5,000 copies of the present booklet, In order to insure the supply and allow time for a revision. The motion passed.

Rasmussen distributed copies of a report and a proposal from Norlan Henderson, who has been continuing the research begun by Homer Metcalf. Dr. Henderson outlined modest expenditures of \$244.85 incurred while working on the AIS study, and In his proposal asked that a small fund of perhaps \$100. be set aside for copies and books as needed. Dr. Henderson asked also for suggestions on how the information gained from this project can be used to the best advantage and for plans to be made about what should be done with this material when he is no longer able to take care of it. Rasmussen expressed his own interest In the project and offered to remain in contact with Dr. Henderson and others involved In the study.

Crick presented a motion to be added to the one passed earlier regarding Master Judge status:

Master Judges shall be required to complete an annual activity report In addition to the requirement pertaining to training. Retired Master Judges may ask to rejoin the list of Master Judges. Such requests shall be honored if the judge has completed the required training and also completes the region's current activity report. Req uests for changes from Retired Master Judge to Master Judge are to be made through the

region's RVP and/or regional Judges Training Chairman. Copeland seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rasmussen showed everyone the Native American Iris brochure (flyer) which he and Rice-Waters have worked on for some time as an advertisement for the hoped-for 75th anniversary stamp. Rasmussen outlined plans to contact congressmen and the Postal Service to accomplish this purpose.

A preview video of the 1990 convention gardens was shown to all those present at this time.

Following the video presentation, Todd Stanislav, recipient of the AIS scholarship, spoke briefly.

There was a fifteen-minute break at 2:45 PM, following which out-going President Rasmussen gave a few farewell remarks and welcomed Kenneth Waite as the new president. Waite thanked Rasmussen and presented him a Lifetime membership in the society.

Before proceeding with the election of officers, the new president spoke briefly of the following

goals: to continue to keep the budget of the society within its income, to proceed with the updating

of the Judges Handbook, and to make plans for the observance of the 75th anniversary of the AIS

which will occur in 1995.

Waite then called for the election of officers. Rice-Waters nominated Barr for First Vice President. Corlew seconded. Rasmussen moved that nominations cease and Barr be elected by acclamation. Lineberger seconded. The motion carried.

Lineberger nominated Copeland for Second Vice President. Rice-Waters seconded. Corlew moved that nominations cease and Copeland be elected by acclamation. Barr seconded. The motion carried.

Rasmussen nominated Stayer for Secretary. Rice-Waters seconded. Niswonger moved that nominations cease and Stayer be elected by acclamation. Corlew seconded. The motion carried.

Barr nominated Glenn Corlew for Treasurer. Gristwood seconded. Niswonger moved that nominations cease and Corlew be elected by acclamation. Copeland seconded. The motion carried.

Rice-Waters nominated Mullin for Editor. Gates seconded. Corlew moved that nominations cease and Mullin be elected by acclamation. Rasmussen seconded. The motion carried.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session to consider the report of the Honorary Awards Committee and reconvened after dinner at 8:00 PM.

President Waite announced that upon the recommendation of the Honorary Awards Committee Distinguished Service Medals had been awarded to James Burch and Kay Nelson.

Waite appointed the following officers:

Registrar—Kay Nelson

Membership Secretary—Marilyn Harlow

Publication Sales Director—C. J. Lack

Recording Secretary—Claire Barr

Advertising Editor—Kay Nelson
Photo Coordinator—Larry Stayer

Corlew moved, Niswonger seconded, that these appointments be approved. The motion passed. RVP Counselor Machulak recommended for reappointment the following RVPs:

	(having served two years)		(having served one year)
Reg. 7	Joseph Christopher	Reg. 3	Sterling Innerst
10	Mrs. Ed Ostheimer	6	Carol Morgan
13	Barbara Aitken	8	Dr. Donald Koza
15	Ralph Strane	9	Melody Wilhoit
16	John McMillen	11	Rose Mary Baler
24	Sarah Scruggs	12	Paul J. Smith
	14		James P McWhirter
	18		Leda Christlieb
	22		Mrs. J. H. Jamieson

Copeland moved, Rice-Waters seconded, that these reappointments be approved. The motion carried.

Machulak then recommended the following new RVPs:

Region 1 Mrs. Maurice B. Pope, Jr.
2 Carl M. O'Shea
4 Mrs. Andrew Warner
5 Mrs. A. D. Wilder
17 Jim Keefe
19 Betty Lou McMartin
20 David G. Miller
21 Opal Wulf
23 Doug Goodnight

Crick moved that the recommended appointments be approved. Corlew seconded, and the motion carried.

Waite appointed the following committee chairmen:

Affiliates—O. D. Niswonger Public Relations—Olive Rice-Waters
Awards—James Copeland Registrations—Kay Nelson
Convention Liaison—Phillip Williams Robins—Emma Hobbs
Exhibitions—Lillian Gristwood RVP Counselor—Walter Machulak
Foundation Liaison—Richard Pettijohn Scholarship—Catherine Long Gates
Historical—Larry Harder Scientific—Currier McEwen
Honorary Awards—James Rasmussen Section Liaison—Everette Lineberger
Judges and Judges Training—Hilda Crick Slides—Howard Shockey
Membership Contest—Lucy Fry Youth—Catherine Long Gates

Policy—Claire Barr

Machulak moved that the foregoing appointments be approved. Gates seconded. The motion passed.

Next on the agenda was the Standard Banking Resolution for change of officers. Stayer stated that she has all the papers and cards which need signatures. This matter

can be taken care of immediately after the meeting.

Waite stated that there had been a request for section status from the Historic Iris Preservation Society (HIPS). Lineberger presented a proposal to this effect, telling the Board briefly of the preparations made by HIPS in order to become a section. Lineberger recommended to the Board that the Historic Iris Preservation Society be given section status. Niswonger seconded. Anne Lowe, president of the society and editor of *Roots*, its publication, spoke about the 245 members of HIPS, of the writing of the bylaws, and of some of the society's goals. The question was called for and the motion was approved. The Historic Iris Preservation Society was welcomed as a new section of the AIS.

Waite called on the new Membership Contest Chairman, Lucy Fry, who presented the rules for the 1990 Membership Contest. Of particular interest is a special category which will recognize the youth member recruiting the greatest number of new youth members and/or adult members. Points for new youth memberships will be awarded to youth recruiters *only*. After the rules and point structure were read, Gates moved, Copeland seconded, that the new guidelines be approved. The motion carried. The complete proposal will be published in the *Bulletin*. It was noted that "Invitation to Join" brochures may be obtained from Gristwood (for shows) and from Stayer, and membership flyers from Rice-Waters.

Stayer read letters from Herman Dennis, a member of the Tidewater Iris Society of Virginia Beach, VA, Region 4, and from a representative of the Norfolk Botanical Garden, concerning their wish to establish AIS-sanctioned test gardens or public gardens at the Norfolk Botanical Garden. After discussion, it was the consensus that the AIS should reaffirm its policy of not sanctioning test gardens or public gardens.

~. A letter from Region 13 was read asking permission for or opinions about adding one extra day to the AIS convention schedule for 1994. There was much discussion, with the feeling that it is not the policy of the Board to tell the committee about the number of days for a convention, nor is there any ruling about this subject, though the committee might wish to consider the financial impact of such a move.

Stayer read a letter from RVP McWhirter, of Region 14, in which he issued an invitation from Region 14 to the AIS to hold its 1996 convention in Region 14, with headquarters likely to be in Sacramento. Barr moved, Stayer seconded, that the invitation be accepted. The motion carried.

The next item was the proposed budget. During discussion Corlew moved that the "P & H allocation" under "Sales Director", page 5, be increased from 15% to 20%. Stayer seconded. The motion carried. After further deliberation by the Board and some changes, Machulak moved that the proposed budget be accepted as amended. Rasmussen seconded. The motion carried.

Waite announced that the spring meeting will be in Omaha, Nebraska, at the Holiday Inn Central, May 20 to 24, 1990. The 1990 fall meeting will be in Dallas, Texas, November 2 to 4.

Waite expressed the appreciation of everyone present to the Wichita Area Iris Society for their warm hospitality and excellent planning.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting

**The Peabody Hotel April 29 and 30, 1989
Memphis, Tennessee**

The regular spring meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Iris Society was called to order at 2 p.m., April 29, 1989, by President Rasmussen. Present at the various sessions were President Rasmussen; Immediate Past President and Editor Mullin; Past President Stahly; 1st Vice President K. Waite; 2nd Vice President and Recording Secretary Barr; Secretary J. Stayer; Treasurer Corlew; Registrar and Advertising Editor Nelson; Publication Sales Director C. Lack; Photo Coordinator L. Stayer; Directors Copeland, Crick, Gates, Gristwood, E. Hobbs, Lineberger, W. Machulak, and Rice-Waters; Committee Chairmen Harder, McEwen, and Shockey; AIS Foundation Liaison Pettijohn and Trustee Holloway; RVPs A. Waite (1), Innerst (3), Zurbrigg (4), Gaines (5), Morgan (6), Christopher (7), Koza (8), Wilhoit (9), Aitken (13), McWhirter (14), Strane (15), McMillen (16), Howard (17), Szmuriga (19), Claussen (21), and Jamieson (22), RVP Representatives Townsend (18), Wiekhorst (20), and Gilliam (24); Section Representatives J. Fry (DIS), B. Hobbs (SSI), R. John (SIS), and C. Rigby (SIGNA); Aril Society International Representative Flanagan; 1989 Convention Chairman Browne; 1990 Convention Co-chairmen H. and O. Wulf; and guests Cronin (6), Luna and Vogt (7), Cooper, Duvall, and A. Machulak (8), Kinsella and Kupstis (9), Erickson and T. Rigby (14), Caillet, H. John, Lee, and Stanley (17), L. Fry, Hedgecock, and I, Rasmussen (18), Noe (19), Kuesel (20), and K. Lack (22).

President Rasmussen welcomed those present and spoke of the past year as a better year with fewer problems; cooperation on the part of everyone made all jobs easier. Meeting procedures were explained: only Board members may vote, but anyone may speak up in the discussions; the spring meeting consists mostly of committee reports, with less business taking place than at the fall meeting. Rasmussen called for introductions and asked everyone to sign the attendance sheet.

The minutes of the fall Board meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, published in the AIS BULLETIN #272, were approved with two corrections: p. 94, to “. . . salaries of the BULLETIN Editor and the Membership Secretary be increased \$600 each , add “per year;” p. 90, in the report of the Historical Committee Chairman, delete, “Harder has four complete sets of the AIS BULLETIN in the AIS library.” Substitute, “The AIS currently has two sets of AIS BULLETINS, and Harder has two sets. One of the latter will eventually go to the AIS, the other to the Region 21 library.”

President Rasmussen reported that there had been no interim Board action. The Executive Committee had acted in the interim to increase to \$6000 the amount authorized for purchase of the RHS Colour Charts in order that Secretary Stayer might order 150 of the charts at the discounted price.

Rasmussen has asked Dorothy and Earl Hall of Ohio to investigate plans for the International Flower and Garden Exposition to be held in Columbus, Ohio, in 1992.

The President explained that a personnel problem at the computer department of the American Horticultural Society, which supplies the AIS with mailing labels, has caused a delay in the mailing of the April issue of the BULLETIN, and other delays as well. The labels will be printed in the office of Membership Secretary Ramsey as soon as possible.

Secretary Stayer stated that she had distributed copies of a new telephone log to the

Board members and RVPs. She has been contacted by a number of regions, sections, and societies asking for information on using the AIS tax number. Each group has been told that this is not allowed; each group must apply separately for its own tax number. Stayer reported much interesting correspondence, with iris growers in Poland and West Germany, and with students and others requesting copies of AIS materials at no charge.

Stayer had been approached by a company wishing to produce a video for the AIS and saying that it could be a very profitable and educational venture. The consensus was that the AIS is not ready at this time to make a video but that a file on videos should be kept for future reference. Stayer had been approached, also, by a travel consultant who wanted to put together a tour of gardens in Italy to coincide with the time of the International Competition in Florence, the tour to be sponsored by the AIS. It was felt that the AIS should not sponsor tours, but that the travel consultant may place an ad in the BULLETIN concerning such a tour

Copies of a letter from Attorney Glenn Spain were distributed to Board members, along with copies of a contract, an "attorney-client fee agreement." Board members were asked to read these and to be prepared to discuss them later in the meeting. Stayer stated that she would check with the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania about dues to be paid by the AIS inasmuch as none had been paid since the new Articles of Incorporation were approved.

The secretary stated that she has a new American Airlines contract in hand: 40% off full day coach fare, or 5% off the lowest super saver fare; each person must ask for this lower fare, as the information will not usually be given otherwise. It was suggested that there be a page in the BULLETIN, possibly in October, explaining the details of the new contract. The new star file number is 16z9rj. The contract includes Canada, except that the discount there will be 35%. Corlew moved that the contract be approved. Waite seconded. The motion passed.

Following a ten-minute break at 3:05 p.m., Stayer presented the facts and figures concerning the purchase of the RHS Colour Charts. The final cost for 150 charts came to \$5,541.30; mailing and insurance costs would bring the break-even selling price to \$40.05. Stayer recommended and moved that the selling price be \$42. Copeland seconded. The feeling during discussion was that a price of \$45 would be more realistic in view of ever-rising mailing costs and other uncertain factors. Stayer and Copeland withdrew the motion and second. Barr moved that the charts be sold for \$45. Corlew seconded. The motion was approved.

Stayer thanked the sections, the societies, and the regions for sending their publications to her and giving her closer contact with the people involved. The secretary announced, also, that Ponca City, Oklahoma, is sponsoring an Iris Festival on May 6, this year. On May 6, the Post Office will use an iris cancellation commemorating this festival. Stayer has sent to each Board member a note which will be mailed on this date and will bear this cancellation.

A temporary report from Membership Secretary Ramsey was read. The interim membership report will be mailed to officers, directors, chairmen, RVPs, and section presidents as soon as the report is finished. Ramsey expressed regret at the inconvenience caused by the label problem.

Rasmussen brought up again the subject of the letter and the contract from Attorney

Spain. It was decided to delay further discussion until tomorrow. Board members were asked again to read and study these documents.

Treasurer Corlew distributed copies of the interim financial report, noting that he had brought fifty copies so that everyone might have one. The report will be discussed later in the meeting when everyone has had a chance to review it.

BULLETIN editor Mullin reported that the April issue has been ready since April 17, but there have been no mailing labels; and aside from the delay in getting the BULLETIN to the members, a delay causes a storage problem with the printer. Concerning the Ponca City Iris Festival, stamp collectors interested in having a letter with the iris cancellation may send a self-addressed letter with the proper postage under cover to the postmaster at Ponca City to have it mailed on May 6.

Mullin asked Policy Chairman Barr to check current policy on publishing obituaries in the BULLETIN, stating that the Board may wish to consider the policy and make some changes in it.

Mullin then thanked Public Relations Chairman Rice-Waters for providing color separations for some BULLETIN covers and commented on some of the correspondence he receives as editor. Articles for the publication are always needed, and Mullin encourages members to submit their articles to him. His goal is to have something on all types of irises in every issue.

Advertising Editor Nelson reported that the April issue of the BULLETIN contains a large number of ads, approximately 47 pages. As Registrar, Nelson reported that the 1988 Registrations and Introductions booklet has been printed, and the 1979 Checklist has been reprinted. So far this year, 389 new irises have been registered; Nelson is still working on the 1989 introductions, but so far, 250 have been recorded.

Publication Sales Director Lack reported sales comparable to 1988, particularly with the Checklists for 1969 and 1979 and the Handbook for Judges. There are still requests for the 1959 Checklist. The notecards have not sold well. There was discussion about a possible change in billing policy, but no action was taken. There was discussion also about the number of BULLETINS printed. It was suggested that perhaps the order should be increased. There is a formula for ordering, based on the number of members. No action was taken.

At 4:10 p.m., Rasmussen declared the meeting recessed until 9 a.m. Sunday, April 30 and reminded RVPs, section presidents, and judges' training chairmen, or their representatives, to attend their respective meetings in the evening.

The meeting was resumed at 9 a.m. Sunday, with President Rasmussen repeating the instructions of the day before concerning meeting procedures. Newcomers were asked to sign the attendance sheet.

The first item of business was a return to the discussion of the contract with Attorney Spain. Stayer moved that the Board accept Mr. Spain's contract. Barr seconded. Machulak proposed an amendment to the motion, that the vote be delayed until Board members can have the time, perhaps two weeks, to study and check the contract. Hobbs seconded. Voting on the amendment was by a show of hands, and the amendment was vetoed. After discussion, the original motion was carried.

There was discussion on the interim financial report which had been distributed earlier by the treasurer. Machulak moved that in the future the report should be sent to Board members ten days ahead of time so that they would have the time to study it

before the meeting. The motion died for lack of a second.

Section Liaison Lineberger reported that all sections except one were represented at the meeting the night before, most by the section president. The sections are continuing to grow, and as they grow they are becoming better organized. Most sections now need more space scheduled for Board meetings at conventions. The sections would like to have the AIS continue to receive section dues for them, but they do not wish to increase the work load of the Membership Secretary. Carl Boswell, president of the Median Iris Society, was elected to represent the sections on the 1990 Personnel Committee.

Affiliates Chairman Copeland thanked all the RVPs for the work they do in checking on the membership status of affiliate officers, and he particularly thanked those who get their reports to him ahead of the deadline. At this time there are approximately 135 affiliates. Any affiliates sending reports to the chairman between now and July 15 will be listed in the October BULLETIN.

Awards Chairman Waite reported that ballots were sent to 963 accredited judges (945 in the United States and Canada and 18 overseas) with 2277 varieties listed. The Judges' Training Chairman was sent ballots for 115 apprentices. The 1990 Symposium copy was sent to the AIS BULLETIN editor listing 422 varieties. There are 18 silver medals on hand in the safe deposit box. Expenditures were \$616.92. One thousand Honorable Mention Certificates and two hundred Award of Merit Equivalent Certificates have been printed, as authorized, at an additional cost of \$146. Two maintenance items: the base of the Payne Cup is loose and there is no room on the Walther Cup for future engraving. Waite will check the cups and take care of whatever needs to be done.

Mrs. Jennifer Hewitt, editor of the British Iris Society publication, has asked Waite to write an article on the AIS awards system, which he will do. Waite asked for a clarification, as a result of an inquiry from Mrs. Hewitt, on policy concerning AIS garden awards at conventions. After discussion, Corlew moved that irises sent from abroad for conventions be eligible for the Franklin Cook Cup and the Favorite Guest Irises list, provided they have been registered and introduced. Gates seconded. The motion carried.

Exhibitions Chairman Hobbs stated that 170 show schedules have been approved and that requests for approval are still coming in. Region 15 RVP Strane spoke up to thank Hobbs and to say that affiliates in Region 15 are most happy with the cooperation they have received from the Exhibitions Chairman.

Historical Committee Chairman Harder reported normal activity with regional publications and current catalogs coming into the library. Harder is working closely with the RVPs, especially the new ones, and with the new Historical Iris Preservation Society, and he is supplying the Society for Japanese Irises with duplicates of old catalogs which they have been wanting for their society. He hopes that when visitors to the AIS convention next year come to his garden they will take the time to also visit the library and take a look at the archives. McEwen took this opportunity to say that the Historical Committee Chairman had been a wonderful source of help to him in locating materials and to ask whether the library would like to receive hybridizers' notebooks. The question was answered in the affirmative.

Judges' Training Chairman Crick announced that the judges' program has lost ten judges since the fall Board meeting. The committee is still working on a proposal

concerning Master judges and hopes to have it ready by fall. The motion passed at the time of the Awards Chairman's report will cause a revision in one of the pages of the Handbook for Judges.

Stayer read the report of Membership Contest Chairman Kearney. The first place winner in the division for individuals was W. W. Vines, of Region 7, with 775 points. In second place was Bryce Williamson, of Region 14, with 400 points, and in third place was Mrs. Richard Averitt, of Region 7, with 385 points. The winner of the division for affiliates was The Southern Kentucky Iris Society, of Region 7, with 1830 points. Individuals should remember that in sending Membership Contest information to the chairman they should use their names exactly as they appear in the AIS

membership list; otherwise, the number of points to be credited to an individual may be split between two names though only one person is responsible. Rules for the Membership Contest may be found each year in the April BULLETIN.

Policy Chairman Barr reported on progress thus far in determining AIS policy from searching minutes of past Board meetings, and asked whether there would be any merit in sending to each Board member a complete copy of the information found. (Stayer, as secretary, will have a complete copy.) After discussion, Rasmussen asked that all material for any given topic be sent to the chairman, committee, or group associated with that topic; these statements can then be sorted and studied, after which recommendations can be brought to the Board as to changes which need to be made. This is particularly important in the areas of judging and awards.

Public Relations Chairman Rice-Waters announced that a new traveling case for the AIS Display Screen has been purchased at a cost of \$166. The screen itself has new pictures, at a cost of \$673. Iris books, such as the recently published book on Louisiana irises, and magazine articles about irises continue to give good exposure and publicity. Modern Maturity Magazine will soon carry an article featuring the McEwen garden in Maine. The chairman reported on the species iris flyer (designed to promote the iris postage stamp) giving estimates on printing, color separations, design, etc., from Dai Nippon, of Japan, and from Suburban Press, of Hayward, California, and recommended, in the form of a motion, that the domestic Suburban Press be used. Copeland seconded. The motion carried. The size of the flyer will be determined after the pictures have been chosen. The estimate from the Japanese publisher for the 1990 calendar is only \$100 more than last year. This does not need approval, as it is in the budget. Rice-Waters recommended that unsold calendars be used as giveaways at fall flower shows; she suggested that in the future the calendars be sold through the Publication Sales Director's office and listed as an AIS sales item, and she thanked Mullin for his cooperation in advertising the calendar on the back page of the BULLETIN and for all his help in mailing the calendars through the years.

Following a ten-minute break, Rice-Waters called attention to the note cards mentioned by Lack in his report. A packet was displayed, and it was announced that the Publication Sales Director has packets available at the convention.

Stayer read a report from Registrations Committee Chairman Keppel. One question had arisen, the possibility of assigning and publishing a permanent identifying number to each iris clone registered. This would aid in computerized data programs and specifically in genealogy programs. If the Board feels the use of such a number would be advantageous, it should be possible to use the registration application number now

used by the Registrar. Inclusion of this number with the varietal description in the registration and introduction supplement would satisfy the requirement for current registration. The report continued, saying that inasmuch as the duties of the Registrations Committee Chairman are so few, Keppel would like to suggest that the Board consider making the Registrar the automatic chairman of the Registrations Committee. Keppel stated further that he would be happy to assist in any way requested as a member of the committee. The consensus was that this was a good idea but that no action was needed, as the President could make the change in the committee. No action was taken at this time on the question of assigning a number to each registered iris.

Robins Chairman Badger's report, read by Stayer, listed 15 divisions, 56 flights, and 547 members.

Scientific Committee Chairman McEwen reported fewer than usual inquiries and no requests for grant support. The North Shore Iris and Daylily Society of the Chicago area has made a grant to the Scientific Committee in support of the project started by the late Homer Metcalf. Because of President Rasmussen's particular interest in the continuation of this project, McEwen has asked Rasmussen to be responsible for using the gift in the best way to support that undertaking. McEwen reported also on news from the research project at the University of Iowa, which is funded by the AIS Foundation. It is believed that scorch in bearded irises is caused by mycoplasmas. Research needs to be continued with beardless irises.

Scholarship Committee Chairman Gristwood reported that from applications sent to 140 colleges there were 16 entries. The committee chose five to consider. The first choice was Todd Stanislav of the University of Kansas. Gristwood recommended that the committee's choice be accepted. Waite seconded. Todd Stanislav was approved. Gristwood explained some problems which occurred with last year's scholarship recipient. There was discussion about instructions to recipients, methods of delivering checks, and acknowledgment of the receipt of the checks.

Rasmussen reported for Slides Chairman Shockey who was attending another convention meeting. The slides program is going well, with about the same number of sets in use as before; on one occasion a set was kept too long, making it impossible to get the set to the next group on time. New slides are needed to update the sets, and the chairman asks members to send duplicates of good slides to him for use in the slides program.

Youth Committee Chairman Gates announced that the winner of the Clarke Cosgrove Memorial Award for Youth Achievement is Louise Anne Watson, from Milledgeville, Georgia, (Region 5). The runner-up is Daniel Watson, also of Milledgeville, Georgia. Both winner and runner-up will be at the convention on Wednesday and will attend the awards banquet.

AIS Foundation Liaison Pettijohn reported that contributions, interest, etc., fell from \$11,400 last year to \$9500 this year; grants paid out went from \$21,350 to \$32,300. all in all, the balance dropped from \$89,100 to \$65,700. As a result, there will be fewer grants awarded for a while. A request for a grant to study Dutch irises was discouraged, not only because of the scarcity of funds, but because it was felt there was a lack of interest in funding research on bulbous irises. The Jay and Marian Ackerman Essay Contest is underway. The first winner is Sue Copeland of Region 6. This contest will

continue for another nine years.

The Foundation's three research projects are coming to a close. The research at the University of Nebraska: the thesis will be written and published in July. A copy will be sent to Harder for the AIS library. Research at the University of Iowa, mentioned earlier by McEwen: two methods of treatment have been used for scorch and have received almost 100% success. The results of this research will be published. The third project, research on Louisiana irises: hoping to get a further grant from the government. They have been very successful in research on the genetics of the Louisiana iris. Researcher Bobby Bennett will attend the LISA meeting and will speak.

The Foundation's Helen McCaughey library needs gifts of old iris books. Contributions are tax deductible. The library is currently being held by Historical Chairman Harder. Donors should contact Pettijohn before sending any books to be sure the Foundation does not already have them.

RVP Counselor Machulak read a list of topics compiled at the RVP meeting for the consideration of the Board: 1) the status of the average AIS member; 2) management by the membership rather than by the Board; 3) possibility of RVPs being given a vote; 4) enough copies of reports for everyone at Board meetings; 5) furnishing RVPs with personalized imprinted stationery; 6) helping aging members to stay active; 7) how to keep new members; 8) how to get a tax number; 9) lack of participation by RVPs at Board meetings; 10) what to do about Board members who do not actively participate or attend Board meetings regularly. The Counselor announced that Ralph Strane, Region 15, was elected RVP Chairman; Barbara Aitken, Region 13, was elected Secretary; and Sterling Innerst, Region 3, and James McWhirter, Region 14, will serve as RVP Representatives on the 1990 Personnel Committee.

Machulak moved that RVPs be provided with stationery imprinted with name and address. Corlew seconded. After discussion, Machulak moved that the motion be amended to include officers, directors, RVPs, and committee chairmen. Corlew seconded the amendment. The amendment was approved. In discussion, Stayer stated that stationery is ordered only once a year, and the announcement is made each year at the fall Board meeting. For each person SOO sheets and SOO envelopes are ordered. Stationery is ordered for new RVPs each year (in recent years RVP stationery has not been imprinted); anyone, including RVPs, who needs more stationery should place an order with Stayer no later than the fall Board meeting, preferably before the meeting. The RVP Counselor should remind RVPs to place their orders each year. If the motion just made is passed, Stayer will provide each new RVP with the standard amount of stationery, imprinted with the name and address provided by the RVP Counselor at the fall Board meeting. RVPs should be sure that their names and addresses on this list are correct and current. The motion was brought to a vote and passed.

Machulak thanked Mullin for his help and support at the RVP meeting. Rasmussen thanked the RVPs for the list of concerns and stated that he will be reading and studying them to see what can be done to implement them. The bylaws are strict, and some items on the list would require a change in the structure of the organization; others would be simple to solve. The list will be studied thoroughly before the Board meeting in the fall.

Stayer read a report from Convention Liaison Williams in which he stated that correspondence with the Atlanta convention committee indicates that everything seems

to be in good order there. Rasmussen stated that other matters mentioned in the report will be dealt with later.

Mullin asked about reprinting the Convention Handbook. Corlew moved that thirty copies be

printed. Copeland seconded. After discussion, Corlew and Copeland amended the motion to one hundred copies. The amendment and the motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 11:45 a.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1:30 p.m., at which time reports of special committees were heard.

Stahly stated that there was no report on inter-relationships within the AIS because at this time the committee has not received the information to be studied.

Stahly then reported for the committee (which included Keppel and Nelson) charged with establishing a definition of the luminata color pattern. The committee started with a definition stated by the Median Iris Society's Genetics Study Panel in "Luminata—Fancy in the Altogether," AIS BULLETIN, April, 1972. The committee proposed to modify this definition in light of developments since it was published. These developments were presented, along with the modified definition and some descriptive characteristics of the luminata. Barr moved, Rice-Waters seconded, that the Board accept this definition. The motion carried. Stahly reported that the committee had also been asked to work toward standardization of color pattern terminology, and he presented the beginning of a complete glossary of color pattern terminology in irises. The committee was complimented on its work thus far, and it will continue its study. The definitions will be published at a later date.

Waite reported for the committee to study a proposed change in the awards structure for SDBs to increase the number of Awards of Merit from four to six. The committee, on which Audrey Machulak worked with Waite, studied the number of HMs awarded in recent years to SDBs and concluded that no change in the number of AMs is needed at this time. There was discussion about the possibility of increasing the number of votes allowed for HMs, but the consensus was that the Board should wait to get concrete proposals from the Median Iris Society.

In the Convention Liaison report, Williams stated that he had not done anything as yet about updating BASIC IRIS CULTURE. Rasmussen will look into this matter to see about the revision before the supply of the original booklets is gone.

Under unfinished business, Rasmussen presented a report from Dr. Norlan C. Henderson who is continuing the research done by the late Dr. Homer Metcalf. Rasmussen stated that it is indeed fortunate for the AIS that Dr. Henderson has the interest in irises and the time to continue this research, and he asked that in the future Dr. Henderson's reports go directly to the Scientific Committee. Dr. Henderson does not need any funds at this time.

The next item under unfinished business was an update on the anniversary stamp. Rasmussen spoke of his research on iris and other flower stamps and of the hopes and plans for having an iris anniversary stamp for 1995.

There was no new business.

Rasmussen proposed that Olive Rice-Waters and James Copeland be nominated as representatives of the Board on the 1990 Personnel Committee. Barr moved that these nominations be accepted. Waite seconded. The motion carried.

Copeland presented the report of the 1989 Personnel Committee for nominations for

the Board of Directors with terms expiring in 1992: incumbents Barr, Hobbs, and Rice-Waters; and for the vacancy created by the resignation of Waite, James Hummel and O. D. Niswonger. There were no nominations from the floor. Rasmussen called for an adjournment to executive session to consider the nominations. Following executive session, Rasmussen announced that the nominees are Barr, Hobbs, Niswonger, and Rice-Waters.

~~Rasmussen explained the tradition of naming the President-elect at the spring meeting in the last year of the term of the current president. This is done in order to facilitate a smooth transition at the November meeting and to allow the new president to appoint his committee chairmen before taking office in November.

Machulak moved that Waite be named President-elect. Rice-Waters seconded. Lineberger moved that the nominations be closed. Corlew seconded. Waite was unanimously named President-elect.

President Rasmussen announced that the fall Board meeting will be held in Wichita, Kansas, on November 3-5. He then thanked the convention committee for the excellent facilities provided and the fine hotel, and he thanked the members of the Memphis Area Iris Society for hosting the convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.

Claire Barr, Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
The Green Oaks Inn November 4-6, 1988
Fort Worth, Texas**

The regular fall meeting at the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society was called to order at 8:15 PM, Friday, November 4, 1988, by President Rasmussen. The following were in attendance at the various sessions: Past President and Editor Mullin; Vice Presidents K. Waite and Williams; Secretary J. Stayer; Treasurer Corlew; Recording Secretary Barr; Publication Sales Director C. J. Lack; Directors Copeland, Crick, Gates, Gristwood, E. Hobbs, W. Machulak and Rice-Waters; Committee Chairman Harder; RVPs A. Waite (1), Gaines (5), Christopher (7), A. Machulak (8), Strane (15), Howard (17) and L. Stayer (22); RVP-elect Morgan (6); SSI Vice President and Asst. RVP-elect Hobbs (6); SIS President R. John; ASI Director Flanagan; and guests Brewer, B. Conrad, J. Conrad, Dow, H. John, M. Powell, W. Powell, K. Smith, M. Smith, Stanley, H. Welches and L. Welches (17) and K. Lack (22).

President Rasmussen called for introductions of all those present and explained that, while all are invited to take part in discussions, only elected directors and those officers who have a vote may participate.

The minutes of the spring Board meeting in Oklahoma City were approved as published in *Bulletin* No. 271, with the addition of two names to the list of those attending: RVP Howard (17) and Section representative John (SIS). Recording Secretary Barr stressed the importance of signing the attendance sheet at Board meetings.

Secretary Stayer reported that no other nominations for director were received, so Copeland, Crick, Gates and W. Machulak are duly elected and qualified as AIS Directors with terms expiring in 1991.

President Rasmussen reported the following interim action by the Board: a) voted to

award the scholarship to Tim Lukaszewski, who was the runner- up, after the recipient who was approved at the spring Board meeting was unable to accept the award; b) voted to approve Dr. Norlan Henderson, of Kansas City, to review the late Dr. Homer Metcalf's papers. Well qualified to undertake this task, Dr. Henderson will examine the material and advise the Board about future direction. There was no action taken by the Executive Committee.

Rasmussen reported further: 1) That the city of Columbus, Ohio, had written requesting an iris exhibit at the U.S.'s First International Flower and Garden Exposition, planned for 1992. The request will be referred to AIS members in that area. 2) That the American Horticultural Society had requested an iris article for the February issue of its magazine, *The American Horticulturist*. Audrey Machulak, RVP of Region B, is writing the article. 3) That there had been discussion concerning the pros and cons of using video cameras in convention gardens. 4) That Schreiner's Gardens, of Salem, Oregon, had asked for information about iris borers because of inquiries from their customers. Gristwood had information taken from Garden Irises which can be sent to Schreiner's. 5) That there had been an inquiry about registering an iris resulting from a cross with *I. versicolor*. This matter was referred to Registrar Nelson.

Secretary Stayer reported as follows: 1) Maureen Foster has again won the Silver Medal for the British Iris Society's spring show. The medal has been sent to her. 2) The BIS Dykes Medal winner is WENSLEYDALE, a TB by B. L. C. Dodsworth. 3) Concerning the contract with American Airlines, it will be better to wait until after the 1989 spring convention to renew that contract. There was discussion about such contracts being negotiated by individual convention committees. 4) A letter has been written to Attorney Glenn Spain concerning Board action at the spring meeting about the 501 -C-3 tax status, but there has been no reply as yet. 5) Officers and chairmen should send their checks to the secretary as often as possible and should follow carefully the new bank regulations about endorsing checks. 6) Stayer showed to the Board a wallet-pack of iris note cards from Kensington Publishing House, Ltd. which she referred to Public Relations Chairman Rice-Waters for consideration as an AIS sales item, possibly through the office of Publication Sales Director Lack. Rice-Waters noted that there are frequent requests for such stationery. 7) Region 20 has again donated 15% of the proceeds from their rhizome sale to the AIS. Region 20 is to be commended for continued support of the AIS. 8) It is time for the annual order of AIS stationery. Anyone wishing an additional supply should let Stayer know during this meeting. New RVPs will automatically receive a supply of plain letterheads, but must pay for any imprinting. Other RVPs needing an additional supply should notify Stayer

Williams posed questions at this time concerning funds paid to Attorney Glenn Spain for work done and expenses incurred while obtaining temporary 501 -C-3 tax status for the AIS and while revising the Articles of Incorporation of the American Iris Society, concerning funds in escrow for the work to be done in obtaining the permanent 501 -C-3 exemption in 1991, and concerning the lack of a written contract with Attorney Spain. Following lengthy discussion, Williams moved that Mr. Spain be asked to outline maximum estimated charges for the research and opinions requested by Secretary Stayer in her August letter before proceeding and that the bid be returned to Mrs. Stayer by February 1, 1989, for consideration by the Board in April. Machulak seconded. There was a tie vote, which was broken by President Rasmussen, who noted no. The motion

failed. Even so, Rasmussen stated that he would ask Secretary Stayer to write to Attorney Spain to get more information about the American Iris Society's contractual relationship with him. As soon as such information is available, a letter will be sent to Board members.

The report of the recording secretary was next on the agenda. Barr asked that when possible motions be written, for the sake of accuracy and convenience, and again urged everyone attending Board meetings to sign the attendance sheet.

Membership Secretary Ramsey sent both a written and a recorded report. Included with the report were the detailed quarterly reports for July and October 1. Also included were a four-year membership study and the strength report for the 10/1/87 to 10/1/88 year with six week totals shown from April, 1988.

July 1 and January 1 delinquent members are dropped from the membership roll on September 30 and March 31 respectively, so the October 1 and April 1 reports which are presented at the fall and spring Board meetings represent solid membership readings with all members in good standing.

As of October 1, the Society had a membership of 8,037, officially crossing the 8,000 mark for the first time. Region 7 is in first place with 741 members, Region 14 is in second place with 682 members, and Region 4 is third with 603 members, followed by Regions 18 (538); 6 (537); 17 (522); and 15(512).

Ramsey recommended that the Board appoint someone to assist the membership secretary by taking the responsibility for mailing new-member packets. Corlew so moved, Copeland seconded. The motion passed. Rasmussen asked Board members to send suggestions to him about such an appointment. Recommended also were the updating of Basic Iris Culture and the printing of a small pamphlet on hybridizing. Williams volunteered to update Basic Iris Culture, with particular attention to the information on awards, iris diseases and pests, and hybridizing.

Treasurer Corlew reported on his first year in that office and presented the annual report for the year ending September 30, 1988, with a copy for each Board member. Copies of the proposed budget for the fiscal year 1988/89 were distributed for Board members to study before discussion and action later in the meeting.

Stayer reported for Registrar Nelson that registrations were heavy for the year. Nelson asked about the number of copies of Registrations and Introductions, 1988 to be printed. Stayer moved, Waite seconded, that 750 copies be printed. After discussion, Stayer moved that the motion be amended to add, ". . . to sell for \$4.00 per copy." The amendment was approved, and the motion passed. It was reported also that the newly reprinted 1979 Iris Checklist, 1000 copies, will soon be ready. Stayer moved that the price for this book be set at \$15.00. Copeland seconded, and the motion passed.

Publication Sales Director Lack presented an itemized list of sales for the past year along with a complete inventory of sales items and of the material in the AIS Archives. Sold out are *Iris for Everyone*, the 1979 Iris Checklist, and the two rare prints. It was suggested that the new 1979 Iris Checklist be made available for sale at the next convention. The supply of *RHS Colour Charts* is getting low. Corlew moved, Barr seconded, that Secretary Stayer investigate whether or not the *RHS Colour Chart* is available and, if so, that she be authorized to spend as much as \$3,000 for replacement stock. The motion passed. Lack's report included, also, a comparison of postage rates before and after the last increase.

At 10:30 PM the meeting recessed until 8:45 AM, Saturday, November 5.

Affiliates Chairman Copeland reported that the number of affiliates is increasing slowly, and that most of the groups are meeting the membership requirements which allow them to be affiliated without charge.

Awards Chairman Waite reported on the results of official balloting and symposium balloting this year, and on expenses incurred by the committee. Waite then asked for Board action on two items of business: 1) New supplies of Honorable Mention and Award of Merit Certificates are needed. Copeland moved that Waite be authorized to order 1,000 HM certificates and 200 AM Equivalent certificates. Corlew seconded, and the motion passed. 2) Waite had received a request from the Median Iris Society for an increase from four to six Award of Merit votes in the SDB category. After discussion, Corlew moved, Barr seconded, that a committee be appointed to study this matter and bring to the Board a recommendation and, if indicated, the means of phasing in a change. The motion passed.

As Convention Liaison Williams began his report, there was concern expressed by one Regional Vice President about plans for a future convention. It was the consensus that it was not the position of the Board to tell a convention committee what to do.

At 10:10 AM there was a fifteen minute break, after which Williams resumed the report. Copies of the tentative schedule for the Memphis convention, to be held April 29-May 3, 1989, were distributed. Problems of scheduling the various meetings, particularly the section Board meetings, were discussed, the conclusion reached being that there has to be some overlapping of times in order to accommodate all who wish to hold meetings.

Williams reported on an offer from a major commercial iris grower to the chairman of the Memphis Convention to underwrite the cost of the convention booklet. The convention chairman wished to know whether or not the AIS Board had any strong objections. Williams will report back to the convention chairman that the Board voiced no strong objection to this offer.

Williams discussed also ways in which Siberian and other beardless irises sent to convention gardens as guests might be recorded with the Guest Iris Chairman and planted in the convention gardens more quickly. There is often a delay, sometimes a considerable one, which keeps the irises out of the ground too long. The purpose of any change in procedure would be to increase the survival rate of the beardless irises, and the cooperation of the hybridizer, the convention Guest Iris Chairman, and the garden owner would be needed. It was felt that no Board action was needed, but that Williams, as Convention Liaison, could work with the persons mentioned to find the most successful procedures to follow.

There was discussion about the high cost of conventions, and it was suggested that this matter, along with the need for a policy on advertising in the convention booklet or elsewhere at conventions, be studied in committee.

Williams announced that an invitation had been received from the Oklahoma Iris Society for the next available fall Board meeting. Corlew moved, Rice-Waters seconded, that the invitation be accepted for 1992, pending confirmation two years in advance of that date according to present policy.

Exhibitions Chairman Hobbs reported 168 shows approved, with six cancellations because of weather conditions. Three shows did not send in reports. Four winners of

Best Specimen in the Youth Division also won the Best Specimen of the Show award. The Nelson Award was won by MARY FRANCES. Runners-up were BEVERLY SILLS, JOYCE TERRY, SONG OF NORWAY AND TITAN'S GLORY Hobbs discussed the problem of late reports from fall shows into the *Bulletin* before the deadline. There were three fall shows this year, two in Region 4 and one in Region 14. The Board expressed thanks to Hobbs for a difficult job well done.

Bulletin Editor Mullin stated that deadlines are always problems in putting the issue together. Speed is important in getting material to the printers. Suggestions for articles are always appreciated. For advertising in the January issue there are 3 color ads, plus the centerfold and some display ads. Mullin expressed his appreciation for the help of Advertising Editor Nelson.

Rasmussen reported for Foundation Liaison Pettijohn, reading from a letter from Pettijohn stating that in the past grants in excess of earnings had been approved, so that some funds had come out of the principal. Rasmussen stated that donations made to the Foundation would help to return the fund to its former level.

Historical Committee Chairman Harder presented a list of books received from Pettijohn. These books were willed to the AIS Foundation by the late Helen McCaughey. In view of the value of some of the books, Harder discussed the possibility of purchasing a special file cabinet and of special insurance coverage. No action was taken. Harder has four complete sets of the AIS *Bulletin* in the AIS Library. There was discussion of the possibility of lending some of these copies and about what to do with collections of iris artifacts stored in the AIS Library. Harder mentioned also that a major grower had asked to borrow a copy of one of that company's very early catalogs. There was favorable reaction to presenting the copy (a duplicate) to the company.

At 1:45 AM the meeting was recessed for lunch until 1:30 PM.

The report of the Honorary Awards Chairman was deferred until later in the meeting.

Judges and Judges Training Chairman Crick reported statistics and changes in the judges roster and recommended approval of the 1989 roster of judges. Corlew moved, Gates seconded, that the 1989 roster of judges be approved as listed in Crick's report, which included the following new Master Judges:

Region 3—Sterling Innerst

Ophelia F. Straw

Region 4—Mrs. Frank H. J. Figge

Mrs. Charles L. Hare

Region 5—David Mohr

Region 6—James A. Copeland

Mrs. James A. Copeland

Bernard E. Hobbs

Mrs. Z. B. Prentiss

Region 7—Doyle B. Inman

Mrs. M. A. Luna

Raymond N. Miller

George O. Slade

Mrs. Frank Tyree

Region 8—Frederick C. Jahnke

Region 10—Mrs. Ed Ostheimer

Region 13—Doris Greenwood
Region 14—Duane E. Meek
Edith P. Wheeler
Region 15—Mrs. William E. Barr
Robert O. Sorenson
Region 17—Luella Danielson
Mrs. Finley Herrington
Capt. Otis R. Skinner, Jr.
Region 19—Mrs. Melvin Leavitt
Region 20—Mrs. Tolbert E. Murphy
Region 22—Marthella Shoemake
Region 23—Mrs. Milton J. Clauser
Region 24—Mrs. J. W. Kuykendall, Jr.

Crick said that it had come to her attention that some regions were announcing new judges in their newsletters before the new roster had been approved by the Board at the fall meeting. Another matter discussed was the status of Master Judges. Williams moved, Machulak seconded, that the Judges Training Committee study and offer a proposal to the Board on inactive status for some Master Judges. The motion passed.

There was no report from the Membership Contest Chairman.

Policy Chairman Barr distributed samples of computer print-out sheets concerning policy decisions and action taken by the Board at past meetings and explained how the records could be searched for information on a particular subject.

Public Relations Chairman Rice-Waters reported on sales of the new 1989 AIS calendar, as did Mullin, who receives orders and mails calendars from his home. Rice-Waters stated that they were well on the way to recovering the investment in producing the calendar, which is the objective, as the calendar is a promotional item. The postal increase has been a problem. Mullin asked about the disposition of old calendars which he is storing at his home. Williams moved that Mullin be authorized to dispose of old calendars at his discretion. Copeland seconded. The motion carried. In answer to questions received, major holidays and the AIS convention dates are noted in small print on the calendar, but irises pictured are never identified by name.

Speaking about the AIS display screen, Rice-Waters said that a new shipping case may have to be purchased, but if so, the funds can come from the Public Relations budget.

There was no report from Registrations Chairman Keppel.

Robins Chairman Badger's report was read by Secretary Stayer. There are fourteen active divisions, with 534 members, and there are five inactive divisions. Fifty-eight flights were made during the past year.

RVP Counselor Machulak stated that ten RVPs are retiring this year, and there will be ten new ones to replace them. A complete list of RVPs with their terms of office noted will be distributed later in the meeting for Board approval.

There was no report from the Scientific Committee.

Scholarship Chairman Gristwood repeated the information given earlier that Tim Lukaszwesky is the recipient of the scholarship this year. The first check has been sent to him. Gristwood has received four requests for applications for next year plus one from a high school Junior. Gristwood wrote to the latter explaining to the young lady that

the scholarship is for a graduate student and that high school and undergraduate students are not eligible.

There was no report from Section Liaison Lineberger. Rasmussen stated that Lineberger had received complaints from the Sections about scheduling at conventions. Mullin suggested that each Section should receive a copy of "Guidelines for Setting up Section Meetings." This would help them to understand the problems involved.

The report of Slides Committee Chairman Shockey was read by Stayer. Shockey gave statistics of slide sets used during the past year, the most popular being TYPES OTHER THAN TALL BEARDED. Seventy-two slide set requests were confirmed. A new set on ARRANGEMENTS is being put together

Youth Committee Chairman Gates gave a complete youth membership report, noting that there are fewer members overall this year, but noting also that the membership fluctuates from year to year. There are 156 youth members at present.

The meeting was recessed for fifteen minutes, after which came reports of special committees. Copeland reported for the Committee to Study Awards for Irises Registered in Other Countries. Copeland presented two recommendations: (1) (concerning the footnote on p. A-23 in the Handbook for Judges and Show Officials). "Irises originated elsewhere, although not eligible for the American Dykes Medal, are eligible for other AIS awards provided that the original introduction was in the United States/Canada or that it was simultaneously (same calendar year) introduced in the United States/Canada and another country." Copeland noted that the recommended statement does not change the original footnote, but that it clarifies it, and he put the statement in the form of a motion. Stayer seconded, and the motion passed. (2) This recommendation concerns show awards, and if passed it would be added to page C-S of the Judges Handbook: "Irises originated elsewhere are eligible for AIS show awards provided they are registered with the AIS Registrar-Recorder and introduced in the originating country or with the AIS. Copeland moved that this statement be approved, also. Corlew seconded. The motion passed.

Rasmussen stated that Color Pattern Definition Committee Chairman Stahly had asked for direction from the Board on the type of definition to pursue, whether scientific or just a visual color classification. For example, the Board was referred to Index of Taxa *Within* Iris, April, 1974, by Jean G. Witt and B. LeRoy Davidson (Glossary, Appendix, section 2) for a scientific definition of the term, "luminata". The consensus was that the committee should continue its work on definitions of color patterns, not necessarily scientifically accurate, but ones with which irisarians could converse, particularly with reference to awards and shows.

Williams reported next for the Committee to Study Test Garden Alternatives. There was lengthy discussion on the subject of test gardens and display gardens in general, and a proposal from the Elmohr Iris Society of Colorado was presented. There was no action taken, however, at this time.

Under unfinished business, Scholarship Chairman Gristwood asked that some new members be appointed to her committee; there was discussion but no recommendation yet on whether a limit should be placed on the number of scholarships awarded.

Concerning the study of life memberships, the motion brought to the Board at the spring meeting had been tabled. Copeland suggested changes to the second part of the original motion and moved that it be approved to read as follows:

1) An originally SINGLE life membership may be changed to a FAMILY life membership by adding a spouse, or other legal member at the same address, to the original SINGLE life membership upon payment of the appropriate fee differential.

2) Should a FAMILY life membership revert to SINGLE life status because of death, divorce or any other reason, an originally SINGLE life membership may again be changed to a FAMILY life membership by adding a spouse, or other legal family member at the same address, to the original SINGLE life membership upon payment of the appropriate fee differential. However, the “added spouse or other legal family member” will forever remain a SINGLE life membership. Any request for change to FAMILY life membership will be denied, because this would constitute a transfer of membership. Rice-Waters seconded, and the motion passed.

The meeting was recessed at 4:45 PM, to reconvene at 9:00 PM following dinner.

Rasmussen and Rice-Waters reported on the progress of the proposed native American iris brochure, describing plans and showing a list and pictures of some North American iris species for possible use. This is a project undertaken in connection with the 75th anniversary of the AIS in 1995 and in the hope that there can be a native American iris postage stamp at that time.

Rasmussen announced the appointment of a committee to study the inter-relationships within the AIS, and he read the following statement: “The Board of The American Iris Society has requested Mr. Spain of California to review our legal association with the Regions, Sections, and The American Iris Society Foundation. During the next year while he is arriving at a determination of our legal position, a committee consisting of Hal Stahly as Chairman, Ken Waite, Jeane Stayer, and James Copeland will study our definitions of each entity and formulate a statement for the Board at some future meeting on our corporate inter-relationship. This will be finalized after the various rulings from the legal counsel.” Corlew moved that the committee be approved. Barr seconded. The motion carried.

Mullin stated that fifty copies of the RVP Handbook had been reprinted, and he will mail a copy to each of the new RVPs. The remaining copies will go to the Publication Sales Director. The handbooks may be purchased by anyone, but a copy is furnished to each new RVP at no charge.

Rice-Waters stated that she would order some sets of the iris note cards, which Stayer had shown to the Board earlier, to be placed on the list of AIS sales items.

Rasmussen at this time relinquished the chair to Vice President Waite for the election of the President. Stayer nominated Rasmussen, Rice-Waters seconded. Corlew moved that the nominations cease and Rasmussen be elected by unanimous ballot. Stayer seconded. The motion carried, and Rasmussen was elected.

Rasmussen resumed the chair Gates nominated Waite for First Vice President. Machulak seconded. Corlew moved that the nominations cease and Waite be elected by unanimous ballot. Crick seconded. The motion carried, and Waite was elected.

Machulak nominated Williams for Second Vice President. Gates seconded. Copeland nominated Barr. Rice-Waters seconded. Stayer moved that the nominations cease. Hobbs seconded. The motion passed. Waite called for a written ballot. Corlew seconded. The motion passed. Rasmussen appointed Ralph Strange, Ramona Howard and Carol Morgan as the counting committee. Barr was elected.

Rice-Waters nominated Stayer for Secretary. Waite seconded. Gristwood moved

that the nominations cease and Stayer be elected by unanimous ballot. Copeland seconded. The motion passed, and Stayer was elected.

Waite nominated Corlew for Treasurer. Barr seconded. Stayer moved that the nominations cease and Corlew be elected by unanimous ballot. Rice-Waters seconded. The motion carried, and Corlew was elected.

Stayer nominated Mullin for Editor. Rice-Waters seconded. Copeland moved that the nominations cease and Mullin be elected by unanimous ballot, Waite seconded. The motion carried, and Mullin was elected.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session to consider the report of the Honorary Awards Committee and the recommendations for appointment to Emeritus Judge. Following Executive Session, Rasmussen announced that upon the recommendation of the committee the AIS Hybridizer's medal had been awarded to Eleanor McCown and that upon the recommendation of the Judges Training Chairman Ellene Rockwell had been appointed an Emeritus Judge.

Rasmussen appointed the following officers:

Registrar—Kay Nelson

Membership Secretary—Carol Ramsey

Publication Sales Director—C. J. Lack

Recording Secretary—Claire Barr

Advertising Editor—Kay Nelson

Photo Coordinator—Larry Stayer

Machulak moved that these appointments be approved. Copeland Seconded. The motion carried. RVP Counselor Machulak recommended for reappointment the following RVPs who have already served two years:

Region 1. Agnes Waite

Region 2. James Burke

Region 4. Dr. Lloyd Zurbrigg

Region 5. Mrs. John S. Gaines

Region 17. Ramona Howard

Region 20. Jesse V. Quintana

Region 21. Charles T. Claussen

Region 23. David B. Hooten

The following who have already served one year were recommended for reappointment;

Region 7. Joseph Christopher

Region 10. Mrs. Ed Ostheimer

Region 13. Barbara Aitken

Region 15, Ralph Strane

Region 16. John McMillen

Region 24. Sarah Scruggs

The following were recommended as new RVPs:

Region 3. Sterling Innerst

Region 6. Carol Morgan

Region 8. Dr. Donald Koza

Region 9. Melody Wilhoit

Region 11. Rose Mary Baier

Region 12. Paul J. Smith
Region 14. James P. McWhirter
Region 18. Leda Christlieb
Region 19. Nancy Szmuriga
Region 22. Mrs. J. H. Jamieson

Machulak asked that these recommendations be approved. Gates seconded. The motion passed. Machulak expressed his thanks to all the RVPs who are leaving office for the wonderful job they have done.

Rasmussen appointed the following Committee Chairmen:

Affiliates—James Copeland
Awards—Kenneth Waite
Convention Liaison—Phillip Williams
Exhibitions—Emma Hobbs
Foundation Liaison—Richard Pettijohn
Historical—Larry Harder
Honorary Awards—Ronald Mullin
Judges and Judges Training—Hilda Crick
Membership Contest—Mary Kearney
Policy—Claire Barr
Public Relations—Olive Rice-Waters
Registrations—Keith Keppel
Robins—Janice Badger
RVP Counselor—Walter Machulak
Scientific—Currier McEwen
Scholarship—Lillian Gristwood
Section Liaison—Everette Lineberger
Slides—Howard Shockey
Youth—Catherine Long Gates

Corlew moved that these appointments be accepted. Rice-Waters seconded. The motion carried.

The following committees were appointed: 1) To study a change in the award structure for SDBs—Kenneth Waite and Audrey Machulak. 2) To study convention advertising procedures—Phil Williams, chairman, Ron Mullin and Emma Hobbs. 3) Scholarship—Lillian Gristwood, chairman, Elsie Mae Nicholson, Ralph Strane, Keith Fillmore, Ray John, Emma Hobbs, and Ron Dunn. Barr moved that these appointments be approved. Stayer seconded. The motion carried.

RVP Gaines of Region 5 spoke briefly as a member of the Garden Club of Georgia, and as Plant Society Chairman of that organization, requesting permission to use the scale of points from the AIS Handbook for Judges and Show Officials in putting together a booklet with similar material from other plant societies. The booklet would be used by the garden club judges. The consensus was that this was a very good idea.

The meeting was recessed at 10:15 PM, to reconvene the next day, Sunday, November 6, at 8:00 AM.

Before beginning deliberation on the proposed budget, Waite moved that the salaries of the Bulletin Editor and the Membership Secretary be increased \$600.00 each, to be effective January 1. Rice-Waters seconded, and the motion carried.

After discussion and some changes in the proposed budget, Corlew moved that the amended budget be approved. Barr seconded, and the motion carried.

Rasmussen announced that the spring meeting will be held in Memphis, TN, April 29 to May 3. The fall meeting next year will be in Wichita, KS, on November 3, 4, and 5.

Rasmussen thanked the members of the Fort Worth Iris Society for the fine meeting place provided and for their wonderful food and hospitality.

There were comments from visiting RVPs, requesting that Board members provide enough copies of reports so that RVPs might have copies and that RVPs be allowed to participate more in the meetings.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 AM.

Claire Barr, recording secretary