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The basic duties of the Secretary position flow along pretty well, a flub here or there, for which I must correct—which proves to be the best teaching tool.

Four motions, seconds and balloting was conducted via email with the required number of votes received to carry the proposals, those being:

- (1) The inclusion of PayPal as a membership registration option to be attached to the AIS Website;
- (2) The appointment of Tracy Plotner to serve as the new AIS Library Chairman, replacing Keith McNames;
- (3) The one-time extension of the Meerow grant, and
- (4) The ordering/disbursal proposal for the new Clarence Mahan book “*Classic Iris and the Men and Women Who Created Them*”.

With the wonders of modern day technology, the last action was conducted within a total of 4 days (from proposal to approval per majority ballot).

When trying to apply for the new postal permit, per the tradition of past Secretary's, both Jill Bonino, AIS Treasurer, and I were to learn a new and valuable lesson, on who ***must file*** these forms. To make a very long and convoluted story short, we learned that these need be filed by the Membership Secretary on an annual basis, the reasoning of which is that this is the person holding all the records and paid membership data for the AIS. Thanks to the excellent information provided by Mary of the Santa Clarita, California, Mailing Permitting Division, and Jill Bonino working from the prior office of registration, we were able to complete this process and remain in compliance with our periodical publication and mailing permits.

Once again, many thanks to all the Board and committee members who submitted their reports for the Fall Board Meeting, the process went smoothly. While it takes time from this end to convert and forward to John, the whole process lightens the load burden traveling to the meetings, and for this I am very grateful.

Respectfully Submitted By:
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