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The Publications Committee is pleased to report that the Eric Nies Chronicle has been very well received. The first printing of 20 copies was quickly sold out and back orders accumulated during the summer while the second printing was prepared.

We thank the board for its rapid action to the proposal to secure an AIS discounted price for Clarence Mahan's new book: "*Classic Irises and the Men and Women who Created Them*". We plan to promote the book in the January bulletin with a book review by George Waters.

Two projects are still in progress. The design publication being prepared by Carolyn Hawkins still requires much work. The earliest possible publication date is fall 2007. The hybridizer's manual is led by Terry Aitkens. He has prepared an outline and will be consulting with hybridizers and possible authors over the coming months. While it may be ready in 2008, publication is more likely to be in 2009.

The publications committee reviewed the possibility of updating *Irises for Everyone*. This project was passed on to the Public Relations Committee who suggested that it was more appropriate for its committee as it is a marketing document.

New projects are being considered. Betty Roberts is exploring the possibility of compiling past articles on hybridizing in the AIS bulletin. Maureen Mark considering a separate hybridizing volume on beardless iris. And given the popularity of the Eric Nies Chronicle, we will explore with HIPs possible future chronicles.

Ideas for future publications are always welcome, as are volunteers who would like to take on a publications project.

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