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Nothing stellar to report from the office of the AIS Secretary, just the usual functions of processing vouchers and deposits as an on-going procedure.

There was only one electronic ballot conducted between the time of the Spring Convention Board Meeting in April to present date. The motion was made and seconded that we approve the request for the Andrew Wheeler grant proposal in the amount of \$2500, the request was endorsed by the Scientific Advisory Committee and unanimously approved by the voting members of AIS.

During my tenure I revised several forms, utilized for functions within this office, to assist in expediting vouchers, an electronic ballot tally form and a deposit tally form that can be utilized for listing all checks included in a deposit (which eliminates the need to purchase costly deposit slips). All forms are computer friendly and saves time in hand written documentation. Copies of all the above mentioned forms have been forwarded to Michelle Snyder for her utilization if so desired.

The most remarkable accomplishment is the electronically submitted meeting reports, that are forwarded to John I. Jones for web site access. We have received numerous compliments on the utilization of this process. It has resulted in the drastically decreased amount of copying time and cost of providing copies for ALL meeting attendees. The greatest benefit is that it allows each of us to review the contents of each report before the meetings, helping us to become much more informed of each persons functions, duties and accomplishments, as well as any items for board consideration and action at each meeting.

As you all know, I have tendered my resignation that will become effective following the approval of my replacement (Michelle Snyder) at the Fall Board Meeting. Serving on the Board of the American Iris Society, as one of your elected officers, has been a super time in my life, as in all of my iris hobby pursuits, and I wouldn't change a minute of it for anything. The Board Members are some of the finest people I have had the pleasure and honor to meet and to serve with, "thanks for the memories".

Through my association with the AIS Board I have gained a wealth of information, and a new appreciation of the workings of the AIS, and all that is entailed in each of the offices and committees. It makes me ever so grateful that there are those of you, who give so unselfishly of yourselves and your time to serve in all the capacities you have, and will continue to do so. It has been an honor, and a challenge, to serve in all the local, regional and national posts to date. I shall continue to serve on a local and regional level, as well as attend an occasional convention, until that time I am no longer able to do so. Wishing you all well.....I remain

Iristatically Yours,
Patricia Randall, AIS Secretary