

**AIS Nominating Committee Report
Spring 2007**

Committee Members:

Ann Violette, Chair, Region 11; Brad Kasperek, Affiliates Chair, Board Member; Debby Cole, Region 13; Carol Hawkins, Region 5; Gary White RVP Region 21, Board Member

The Bylaws state Article V, Section 4 (j): In case of a vacancy on the AIS Board of a director serving a three-year term, the President shall fill the unexpired term by appointment from the remaining candidates from the two most recent pools of nominees, subject to confirmation by the AIS Board. The President shall call upon the Nominating Committee to augment the pool of qualified candidates whenever the number remaining falls below double the number of vacancies to be filled. The remaining names in the 2006 pool are : Kitty Loberg, Lorena Reid, Carol Goldsberry

Current Board Members expiring 2007 are:

Paul Gossett
Jim Morris
Bob Pries
Gerry Snyder

Three of the expiring Board members have agreed to another term (2010) as is allowed. Gerry Snyder has withdrawn from consideration. The remaining three have agreed to serve an additional term if requested.

Submitted for your consideration are 5 names for the “2007 Pool”— all have agreed to serve if requested:

Carol Goldsberry

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Member of AIS since 1990, AIS Judge, RVP Region 22, RVP Representative to AIS Board 2006, regularly attends AIS national meetings, has held many offices with local groups, computer literate.

Kitty Loberg

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Member of AIS since 1985, Active Master Judge, past RVP of Region 14, has held many offices with local groups including 2004 Convention Treasurer, business computer professional, regularly attends AIS national meetings, the 2005 Photo Contest and computer literate.

Susan Grigg

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Like many other irisarians my love of the iris began with my Grandmother Hord's row of blue and white blooms in her side yard. It was not until I was married and my husband Glenn and I were in our home in Raleigh, NC in the 1960s that I had iris plants of my own. A local member of the AIS, John Dughi, gave us our first named irises, and I was hooked. We soon realized that joining the AIS would provide us with a wealth of information and that the local iris society, the ENCIS, would offer close contacts with other iris lovers.

In 1995 we moved to a new home on an acre to have more gardening space. Our garden now holds over 300 irises, including TBs, MTBs, BBs, IBs, SDBs, SIBs, LAs, JIs, and SPEC-Xs. We also have over 300 daylilies, 85 camellias, 25 roses, and other perennials. In 2005 our garden was on tour for the AIS Region 4 Spring Meeting. In 2006 we were a tour garden for the Region 15 American Hemerocallis Society Meeting.

I have served as Secretary and as President of ENCIS, an office that I currently hold for the second time. I've been the Chairman of our local iris shows and our very successful sale, which we held for the first time in 2006. I have served as Secretary for Region 4. I am currently the Membership Secretary for The Society for Siberian Irises.

I believe that the AIS must be the strong tree trunk, just as the Societies and Sections must be the strong branches. The health of the whole tree depends on how it is cared for, and that's a difficult task in this present day when so many demands are made on our time. However, those wise men and women who worked so hard to establish the AIS overcame much and we must not waste their efforts.

Susan M. Grigg

Rita Gromley

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Member of AIS since 1995

Garden Judge

Co-chair – Silent Auction Committee since 2003

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AIS Region 18

RVP – 2003 to 2006

Assistant RVP prior

Median Iris Society

Membership Chair since 2001

Editor – The Medianite since 2003

MIS Board Member as Editor

Society for Japanese Irises

Editor – SJI REVIEW since 2002

SJI Board Member as Editor

Member-all AIS Sections and Cooperating Societies

Greater St. Louis Iris Society

Treasurer – 2001 to 2007

Newsletter Editor

2005 AIS Convention Committee-Secretary and Meeting Chair

Kirkwood Iris Society

Treasurer since 2000

Former Newsletter Editor

Jeff Co Iris Society

President 2005 to present

Michelle Snyder

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I first became involved with Irises in 1989 when I joined my local affiliate, The San Fernando Valley Iris Society. I attended my first national convention in 1990 in Omaha, NE, where Gerry and I were fortunate enough to have our wedding at the garden of Alan and Gladys Ensminger, the hybridizer of Batik and many other popular irises. I became a life member of AIS around 1991.

I held various positions in my local club including Vice President for two years. I was also Guest Chair for one Regional Trek and in charge of Registration packets for another. I started working at the National level approximately six years ago when I became Insurance Chair. I have spent the last six years working on providing the AIS with the best possible insurance coverage. In my capacity as Insurance Chair I have made presentations to the RVP, Affiliate and Section meetings at the spring convention regarding the benefits and costs of the insurance coverage, as well as answering questions throughout the year from members. I also set up the form on the webpage for obtaining certificates of insurance when needed. I regularly attend both the spring and fall board meetings and am a frequent contributor to their discussions.

Once again, thank you for considering me as a candidate.

Michelle Snyder

FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS:

I respectfully submit these names for your consideration and recommend that in the future the nominating committee have a notice in the October AIS Bulletin for the general public to submit names to all the members of the nominating committee. The January AIS Bulletin should state the closing date for submitting nomination names. February should allow ample time to contact and assemble the nomination names list.