

RVP Board of Counselor's Meeting 2008
April 15, 2008, Austin, Texas

RVPs Present:

Region 7	RVP	Darnell Hester	darnellhester@aol.com
Region 3	RVP	Harold Griffie	hgriffie18@yahoo.com
Region 19	RVP	Gary Slagle	garyslagale@comcast.net
Region 18	RVP	Carolyn Ash	irishappygal@hotmail.com
Region 23	RVP	James Reilly	jpreilly@zianet.com
Region 5	RVP	Ernest Yearwood	earnestyl@windstream.net
Region 2	RVP	Vaughn Sayles	vsayles47@aol.com
Region 21	RVP	LeRoy Meininger	prairiefossil@yahoo.com
Region 16	RVP	Kate Brewitt	just1moreiris@gmail.com
Region 13	RVP	Terry Aitken	terry@flowerfantasy.net
Region 24	RVP	Jim Chappell	daylily@ix.wetcom.com
Region 4	RVP	Jerry Coates	jcoates694@aol.com
Region 6	RVP	Jody Nolin	jody.nolin@gmail.com
Region 17	RVP	Debra Strauss	dkstraus@swbell.net
Region 16	Asst.RVP	Terrance Laurin	tlaurin@torontoirissociety.com
Region 14	RVP	Lynn Williams	irislynn@willitsonline.com

Also present:

RVP Counselor	Louise Carson	nloucar@earthlink.net
AIS President	E. Roy Epperson	
AIS Past President	Jeanne Clay Plank	
AIS Treasurer	Jill Bonino	
AIS Affiliate Chair	Brad Kasparek	
AIS Counsel	Bob Plank	
AIS Symposium Chair	Jerry Snyder	

Lynn Williams, RVP Counsel Meeting Chair, call the meeting to order at 1 p.m.
Lynn polled the group for first year RVPs. Only one new RVP does not have an RVP Handbook. The Handbook is available at the AIS website and through the AIS storefront.

The minutes from the 2007 RVP Counsel Meeting were read and approved.

- Election of 2009 Counsel Meeting Chair- The duties include soliciting agenda items and running the meeting. No nomination were received from the floor. Lynn agreed to serve for another year. Jerry Coates nominated Lynn to serve a second term, Terry Aitken seconded. There was no discussion and the nomination passed.
- Election of 2009 secretary for the Counsel Meeting – The duties include taking the minutes of the meeting and forwarding to John Jones for posting on the AIS website. No nomination were received from the floor. Jody agreed to serve for another year. Jim Reilly nominated Jody to serve a second term, Harold Griffie seconded. There was no discussion and the nomination passed.

- Selection of members of the Nominating Committee – The Nominating Committee is made up of two RVPs, 1 Section President, and 2 Board members. The duties are to compile a list of people willing to serve on the board, to be aware of the qualifications of people across the country and in your region. Louise Carson stated that most of the committee work is done by email, except the notification of the nominees. Roy Epperson stated that the expectation was that the Chair of the Nominating Committee not be a Board member. Harold Griffie and LeRoy Meininger volunteered to serve. Jim Reilly so moved, Jerry Coates seconded, and the nominations passed with no discussion.
- Selection of the RVP Representative to the Board – This must be a second or third year RVP. Duties are to represent the wishes of the RVPs to the Board and communicate Board actions to the RVPs. The Representative is expected to attend the Spring and Fall Board Meetings. Jerry Coates stated that it was a pleasure to be this year's Representative. The new RVPs email group made it easy. Jerry Coates nominated Jody Nolin, who agreed to serve. Harold Griffie seconded the nomination, and it passed.

Lynn called for old business. There being no old business, Lynn then called for new business.

New business items:

- Jill Bonino, AIS Treasurer: The IRS now requires filing for all non-profits with 501C (3) status, even those formerly too small to file. If your organization makes less than \$25,000, you must file an e-card. If your fiscal year end Dec. 31, you must file by May 15th. Jill needs the forms completed and returned to her. She will confirm in writing that the affiliate is in compliance. Jill's email is AISTreas@earthlink.net. This information is explained further in the April bulletin.
Jim Chappell asked if this applied to local clubs. Jill answered that it does.
- Gerry Snyder asked RVPs to use his text file program for the upcoming Symposium and email the results to him. Alternately, manual tally sheets are available. Gerry's website is: irisarian.dynip.com. Carolyn Ash recommended Gerry's method. Lots less formatting and it can be used with Notepad. Please reply to his email when it goes out, so he doesn't have to send hardcopy.
- Jim Chappell asked about incorporation for AIS and affiliates. AIS is incorporated, some regions and affiliates are, some aren't. Bob Plank suggested working with local attorneys who will know the specific state laws. Regions can choose which state to incorporate. 501(C)3 status can be obtained under the AIS umbrella.
- Vaughn Sayles asked how long Judges training is good for. Lynn replied that it starts at certification, then runs for 3 years. Further discussion was suggested at the Judged Training meeting.
- Lynn asked that the minutes of this meeting be posted along with the Board meeting minutes on the AIS website, and be sent to the RVP email group.
- Jeanne Clay Plank encouraged RVPs to read the RVP Handbook. If you feel that changes are needed, contact her.
- Debra Strauss asked if there was a new procedure for starting a new club. Roy Epperson replied that Jeanne is working on this.

- LeRoy Meininger spoke about a new club in his region. He and Gary White will start another one this year. LeRoy said Region 21 provides \$300 - \$350 for a new club to start up. Lynn asked that they share their experience, perhaps in a bulletin article and encouraged RVPs to share ideas, even if they didn't work for you, they might work for someone else.
- Lynn asked how many people had the AIS bylaws. They are available for download from the AIS website, under Member Services, AIS Information Central.
- The group discussed how regions raise money. There are many variations. Some take a percent of auction sales, some have dues, some ask for contributions. Also discussed was the guidelines for hosting a regional convention. Some regions have guides.
- Kate Brewitt asked about the RVP email group; RVPs@aisboard.org. New RVPs should be informed and send their email addresses to John Jones. Current RVPS should also send their Assistant RVPs email addresses to John. Gerry Snyder asked how an outsider sends email to the RVP group. Email for the RVP group should be sent to the RVP Representative to forward to the group.

There being no further business, Chair Lynn Williams adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Nolin
2008 RVP Board of Counselors Meeting Secretary