

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
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- I appointed Janet Smith as Photo Contest Chair following Kitty Loberg's resignation of this position in January. I recommend that she be approved as Chair of this Committee. **ACTION REQUIRED.**
- The Judge's Handbook Committee chair has been vacant for 2 years. I recommend that Jim Morris be approved as the Chair of this Committee. I also recommend that this committee be responsible for reviewing the current edition of the "Basic Iris Culture" publication and making recommendations for changes, if any. **ACTION REQUIRED.**
- Following Roy's passing, it was discovered that neither the JT Handbook nor the "Basic Iris Culture" publication exist in an electronic format. Both of these publications will have to be OCR scanned into a usable electronic format before changes can be made to either.
- Carolyn Hawkins, former RVP of Region 5 is working with the National Garden Clubs, Inc. to prepare a book on iris and other plants. She is requesting permission to use images from the Judge's Handbook in this publication – specifically the ink outlines of bearded irises (opposite page 54), branching (page 58), flower form (pages 61 and 146), aril (page 124), Louisiana (page 162), and Spuria (page 200). **ACTION REQUIRED.**
- On behalf of The Tall Bearded Iris Society, TBIS President Bob VanLiere, has turned down the invitation to become a Section of the American Iris Society.
- Linda Sercus, Presby Memorial Garden, has approached me regarding moving the AIS Library to their facility. In her discussion she stated that she had talked with Roy regarding this following the Fall 2009 Board meeting and that he had appointed an Ad Hoc committee to research this. Subsequently, Bob Plank has learned that a suitable facility for the library may be available in Silverton and has provided information on that facility which will be presented during this meeting. I am asking that the committee commissioned by Roy research the pros and cons (including financial considerations) of each of these facilities as well as other options, e.g. traveling library, and presenting a report and recommendation at the Fall 2010 meeting in Portland. Members of the committee are Will Plotner, Bob Hollingworth, Jill Bonino, Nancy Price, Gary White, and Jeanne Plank and me.