SECTION AND COOPERATING SOCIETY LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT November 2012

As I move up to AIS president and Gary White to first vice-president this will be my last report as Section Liaison Consultant. I have asked Gary to become the next liaison consultant to our various iris sections and cooperating societies responsible for reporting a synopsis of their activities in each issue of *Irises*, the Bulletin of the American Iris Society.

Past president of AIS, Jeanne Clay Plank, originated the concept of the *Section Happenings* column in 2005 and asked me to write it in my role as Section Liaison Consultant. The first column debuted in the October 2005 issue. The newly dated October/November 2012 column will be my last – seven years plus one quarter for a total of 29 issues.

During my time as Section Liaison Consultant I was pleased to see the Society for Louisiana Irises vote to change status from a cooperating society to a section of AIS; and for the Tall Bearded Iris Society to join AIS as a cooperating society. This brings the AIS organization to ten sections and two cooperating societies.

All Sections and Cooperating Societies should make sure that Gary White is on their organization's mailing list.

I thank everyone who assisted me in this function - a job I truly enjoyed. And I wish Gary every success in his new role.

Jim Morris