

## **AIS President's Report November 2014**

I will not be in Salt Lake City for the fall AIS Board meeting as I will be guest speaker representing AIS at the New Zealand Iris Society Convention sponsored by the Waikato Iris Group. This has been on my "bucket list" of places to visit and is probably a once-in-my-lifetime opportunity I could not pass up.

Gary White will preside at the Board meeting and we have communicated in advance. Our legal counsel, Veronica Johnson, will be available by phone on Saturday 8 November if needed. This time I have asked Veronica to notify Gary with her home/cell phone number as appropriate.

Following the resignation of Susan Boyce as Recording Secretary I asked Susan Grigg to succeed her and record the minutes of the board meeting. She agreed to do so. Susan Boyce also resigned as Affiliates committee chairman so I asked Jody Nolin to chair a combined Affiliates/Affiliate Liaison function and she agreed to do so. My thanks to both of them for agreeing to do these jobs.

Among the items I would like to see discussed in the appropriate functions/committees are the following:

- 2020 Convention - 1. We have reserved the iris names '**Centennial Anniversary**' and '**Centennial Celebration**' for the 2020 iris seedling competition. Discuss application competition and decision process.
2. Discuss possible casting of a 2020 gold medal using existing silver & bronze molds.

*Iris*es AIS Bulletin - Copyright statement from 2004 was modified with the addition of "Copyright 2014 The American Iris Society. All rights reserved. Printed at Sundance Press, Tucson, AZ" as recommended by Veronica Johnson, legal counsel. Kathleen Sonntag inserted this beginning with the Fall 2014 issue.

The AIS Judges' Handbook is copyrighted by AIS and any foreign translation of that work can only be done with the permission of the AIS and would have to proceed through the Intellectual Property committee. This is in response to an inquiry regarding a French translation of part(s) of the handbook on a French website. This was brought to Betty Roberts' attention in her role as Judges' Handbook Revision committee chairman. J. Luc Bersillon notified Betty.

Region 8 non-functioning in Executive Session.

Potential purchase of more modern digital projector for Board meetings and affiliate rental.

I hope to hear and see some positive reports when I return!

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President  
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