

2014 Spring Board Meeting of the American Iris Society Report of General Counsel

IRS Group Exemption for the AIS. We continue to work on adding affiliates to the AIS group tax exemption. I have had inquiries from the Columbia Basin Iris Society and the Inland Empire Iris Society. SIGNA is in the process of applying for inclusion, and the Mesilla Valley Iris Society has completed its application. I have also been able to confirm that the Bluegrass Iris Society and the Iris Society of Minnesota have been included in our group exemption by the IRS.

AIS Intellectual Property. Information for the AIS Wiki has apparently been copied and used by a separate, for-profit web site. I consulted with Professor Dave Deal, head of the Intellectual Property Clinic at Washington University School of Law, to discuss the matter and determine our options. That information has been provided to the President Jim Morris.

Policy Manual. I continue to encourage the AIS to compile its policies into a central location so that they can be easily referenced.