

AIS President's Report April 2014

It has been my pleasure serving as American Iris Society president for the past year. It has included the mundane and the surprising. I especially enjoyed hearing from members that I have never had the pleasure of meeting before in my 45-year membership in AIS. Keep those cards and letters and emails coming folks. I try hard to be responsive to all in a reasonable time. Of necessity some things I have to delegate to others for a timely and detailed response.

At the start of our board meeting I would like us to observe a minute of silence in honor of all those wonderful AIS members who passed away in the past year or so; people such as Bob Annand, Stan Baird, Karen Bergamo, Annette Brown, Jimmy Burch, Joan Cooper, Pete DeSantis, Ken Durio, Jim Ennenga, Miriam (Cooley) Ernst, M. D. Faith, Emma Hobbs, Elaine Hulbert, Clarence Mahan, Hal Mattos, Richard Morgan, George & Margaret Sutton, Harry Turner and Floyd Wickencamp.

Topics I would like the board to discuss in the proper committees include: digital posting of AIS Minutes as "Draft Minutes" until approved by AIS board; alleged copyright infringement by others & within our AIS encyclopedia; All Things Plants website; AIS representation at the Coalition of American Plant Societies (CAPS) upcoming meeting/seminar May 14-16; approval of AIS board appointment for Hal Griffie replacement; approval of appointment of Betty Roberts as chairman of the AIS Judges' Handbook Revision committee; the request from some hybridizers to reconsider extension of iris name "reserves" from 3 to 5 years; status of AIS 100th Anniversary convention and special *Bulletin* fact gathering and publication; and, the AIS Virtual Flower Show in 2014. I will rely on the board and the general membership to bring forth all other topics.

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