

Editor's Report, May, 2015 Board Meeting

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As you read this I will have prepared six issues, of *IRISES*. During my brief tenure as editor and designer of the AIS bulletin, I have endeavored to provide interesting and informative content to the members along with beautiful images. This has been possible with support from the many irisarians who provided photos and articles for each issue. Others assisted with proof reading. In addition, the bulletin was delivered by the end of the first month of each quarter.

I have contacted the guest editor for the summer 2015 issue, Jaime Cloud, at Jim Morris' request and will send her all the source files she needs to prepare that issue. I will do the same for the editor of the fall 2015 issue. The bulletin file archives from Kelly Norris and myself are stored on a hard drive that I will update and send to the next editor when directed to do so.

As you know, I have decided to focus on one major project for the next few year –a biography that requires extensive research prior to writing. It is about a poet's wife who was more than a poet's wife; she made her own contributions to the community and was a fascinating woman. I am finding many (too many) stories to tell. Here are the poet's words written after his wife's death:

*...You were more beautiful
Than a hawk flying; you were faithful and a lion heart...
...You are earth and air; you are in the beauty of the ocean
And the great streaming triumphs of sundown; you are alive and well
in the tender young grass rejoicing
When the soft rain falls all night, and little rosy-fleeced clouds float on
the dawn.*

Robinson Jeffers

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as editor and designer of *IRISES*.

The financial report for the last four issues follows.

	<u>Jul-14</u>	<u>Oct-14</u>	<u>Jan-15</u>	<u>Apr-15</u>
Issue cost (manufacturing + paper)*	7138.49	7070.87	7074.18	7435.89
Page count	64	64	64	68
Print run	3278	3244	3209	3220
Cost/issue	2.18	2.18	2.20	2.31
Cost/page	111.54	110.48	110.53	109.35
Cost/page/issue	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03

*Note: 2% discount not included mailing cost: approximately \$1,500/issue