

Report to the AIS from the AIS Foundation -- October 21, 2016

Foundation Business

At the 2016 Spring Meeting in Newark, NJ the Foundation elected/approved the email voting of the following Board members:

Jim Copeland
Susan Grigg
Bob Pries

The Board thanked Dorothy Willott for her service as she had asked to leave the Board.

Judy Keisling was elected Vice President, and Bob Hollingworth and Jill Bonino were relected as President and Secretary/Treasurer.

Grants & Scholarships

Several new projects are being discussed by the Board since the Spring meeting in Newark, New Jersey:

1. The Scientific Committee for the AIS and the AIS Foundation Board just recently approved the funding for a grant to Dr. Jinyan Guo, Asst Professor of Department of Biological Sciences at the State University of New York at Oswego. The project is the Comparative Micro Morphology, Anatomy and Development of Styles in *Iris*. It proposes to investigate if petaloid styles are truly petal-like and what developmental events led to their morphological feature of a petal. The proposal asks for \$11,208 over 2 years. The reviewers of this proposal were uniformly enthusiastic.
2. Another pending funding request is from Nina Alexeeva at the Komorov Botanical Institute in St. Petersburg, Russia. The amount requested is for \$6,000 to help fund a Ph.D student to spend time in Carol Wilson's lab at Berkeley learning some modern methods of molecular taxonomy and Next-Generation DNA Sequencing. This would cover one person's expenses for 3 – 4 weeks for travel, food, accommodations, visa, and materials used in the sequencing and related research expenses. The Komorov Botanical Institute will write an article for SIGNA on this project. The money won't be needed until the first quarter of 2017.

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3. The Foundation was originally asked to fund the scanning of The Siberian Iris for use in The Sidney DuBose/BenHager Memorial AIS Library. The Iris Connoisseurs of Michigan met in October, 2016 and voted to underwrite the costs of this scanning in honor of *Swans in Flight* receiving the Dykes Medal for 2016.

AIS Library

The lease on the Molalla Oregon library space was renewed for a 2-year term on June 1, 2016. Annual rent is \$7,500.

At the Newark meeting, the Foundation Board approved the following name for the AIS Library, to be used in all venues: “The Sidney DuBose/BenHager Memorial AIS Library”.

AIS Encyclopedia

A motion was passed at the Foundation Mtg in Newark to increase the payment for IT services for the wiki from \$1,000 a year to \$2,000 a year.

Other Foundation Operations

At the Newark Meeting in May 2016 and in a subsequent email vote (for amendments), the Foundation Board approved an Investment Policy for the AIS Foundation and The duBose Trust. A copy of it is attached to this Report.

The Board also conducted an email vote to approve opening up investment accounts for both the Foundation and the DuBose Trust with Global Wealth Management of La Canada, California.

Donations since June 1, 2016 total \$3,031.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Bonino,
Secretary/Treasurer