

## **2016 Spring Board Meeting American Iris Society**

### **Report of General Counsel**

Update on AIS 2014 Tax Return. In my 2015 Fall Report to the Board, I noted that the IRS had issued a penalty of \$1,740 to the AIS for allegedly filing the 2014 tax return late. That matter has been resolved and the IRS has removed the penalty. Thanks to Jill Bonino and Dwayne Booth for help in getting this matter resolved.

IRS Group Exemption for the AIS. Work in this area continues. The Santa Fe Iris Society of the American Iris Society is in the process of joining in our Group Exemption, as is the King County Iris Society and the Francis Scott Key Iris Society. SIGNA has regained its “stand alone” tax exempt status after ongoing difficulties with the IRS which they were finally able to resolve. The Shenandoah and Potomac Iris Society has joined our Group Exemption.

We recently had to notify the IRS that the Iris Society of Dallas is a subordinate organization for purposes of our Group Exemption. The IRS records appear to be inaccurate with regard to the ISD and we are trying to get it straightened out.

Centennial Logo. We were able to negotiate an exclusive license for the 2020 Centennial Logo, “Fleur De Lis,” by Lori Galletti. The AIS has exclusive rights to the logo and all money made from use of the logo belongs to the AIS. Moving forward, in any future design competitions, we must notify participants that their submission will become the sole property of the AIS.

