

RVP Counselor's Report

Fall 2017

The spring 2017 RVP Board of Counsellors meeting was well attended with 14 RVP's attending.

Topics of discussion included:

--Revision of the RVP Handbook - This is still an open item.

--Iris Symposium - Efforts continues to make voting for the symposium easier and tallying ballots easier for RVP.s.

--Youth Issues – Strict AIS policy to not identify youth on website pictures. RVP's should notify Cheryl Deaton if new Youth Chair is appointed in Region.

--Judges – Judy Keisling must be notified if Judges Training Chair changes in Region.

--Assistant RVP's - Not every region has an ARVP. It was recommended that every Region should have one. Assistant RVP is able to learn from RVP and take over if RVP is unable to continue.

--Botanical Garden Relationships - It was hoped that RVP's that had a relationship with a Botanical Garden could work with the Botanical Garden by making available issues of IRISES for their gift shops, thus promoting AIS.

--501 (c) (3) - Regions and Affiliates that currently are not 501 (c) (3) were encouraged to apply for tax exempt status through AIS.

--Other topics - Promoting different types of irises that grow in each Region; Sharing Powerpoint Presentations amongst Affiliates and Regions; Building AIS Membership; and finding hosts for AIS National Conventions (there will be at least one proposal presented for 2021).

Finally, I have attached a document listing names and contact information for RVP's for 2018. I am requesting Board approval for the attached list.

I would like to thank Anita Moran (Region 4), Janet Wilson (Region 7), Bob Seaman (Region 13) and Debbie James (Region 15) for their service as RVP's.

New RVP's subject to Board approval are Doug Chyz (Region 4), Belinda Carroll (Region 7), Ann Booth (Region 13) and Sue Brown (Region 15).

Respectfully submitted,

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