

Motion 1: That approve the March 23d, 2017 teleconference minutes. Carried

Motion 2: That approve the April 26, 2017 teleconference minutes. Carried

Motion 3: That John Jones be approved Motions Secretary. Carried

Motion 4: That we accept the interim email actions. Carried

Motion 5: That AIS establish a convention award, the 'Gerald Richardson Award' for the best integrated privately maintained planting at an AIS Convention garden as designated in the convention booklet. The award to be given annually to a privately maintained host garden based on popular vote of convention attendees. An integrated garden is defined as a garden bed composed of iris and companion plants that displays the iris to their best effect as a landscape plant. The award shall be an acrylic or Lucite trophy engraved with the award name, year of award and host garden name. The AIS shall assume the cost of the award. Carried

Motion 6: That the AIS publication, IRISES, accept display advertising from AIS sections, for the purpose of advertising sectional SPECIAL EVENTS that would be of interest to AIS members, be accepted by AIS at ½ the regular display advertising rate. Carried

Motion 7: That AIS allow advertisers to pay their fees via paypal. Carried

Motion 8: That the American Iris Society is concerned with Irises as the Genus Iris is known in the line of thought exemplified by Dykes's, Monograph, AIS checklists, Mathew's The Genus Iris, The British Iris Society's Guide to Species Irises, and Goldblatt

and Manning's The Iris Family (2008), and that the change be referred to the Bylaws Revision Committee for incorporation." Carried

Motion 9: That we accept the changes to Article X-Amendments as proposed by the By-Laws Committee in their report submitted 23 May 17. Carried

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Initiation of amendments to these bylaws shall be by a two-thirds vote at any business meeting of the AIS or of the AIS Board of Directors, provided that notice of the proposed amendment or amendments shall have been included in the notice of the meeting. Such proposed amendment or amendments shall then be submitted by postal mail or electronic mail to the AIS membership. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the total cast for any amendment or amendments shall be required for ratification and adoption.

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Section 2. The AIS Board of Directors shall have the authority to submit any question, including amendments to these bylaws, by mailed paper ballot or electronic ballot to members of the AIS with the request that the members vote by mailed paper ballot or electronic ballot upon such questions. Voting by mailed paper ballot or electronic ballot shall be as valid as if the question were voted upon at an annual or special meeting of the AIS.

Section 3. The parliamentary rules contained in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be used in all meetings of the AIS to cover questions not provided for in these bylaws.

Motion 10: That we accept the changes to Article VI Committees-Amendments as proposed by the By-Laws Committee in their report submitted 23 May 17. Carried

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

The AIS Board of Directors shall, in furtherance of the purposes of the AIS, have the authority to create and appoint committees and delegate to such committee's powers and functions as seem proper.

Motion 11: That we accept the changes to Article V- Board Of Directors Section 3 (j) Amendments as proposed by the By-Laws Committee in their report submitted 23 May 17. Carried

(j) In case of a vacancy on the AIS Board of a director serving a three-year term, the President shall fill the unexpired term by appointment from the remaining candidates

from the two most recent pools of nominees, subject to confirmation by the AIS Board. The President shall call upon the Nominating Committee to augment the pool of qualified candidates at his discretion.

Motion 12: That we advance \$1000.00 seed money to the 2018 Convention Liaison Committee. Carried

Motion 13: That the 10 points of the Vision Statement as enumerated in the StrategicPlanningCommitteeRept_Spring2017 be approved. Carried

1. Members of The American Iris Society actively support the AIS's Mission and Vision Statements, and they are enthusiastic ambassadors who encourage the cultivation and the enjoyment of irises.
2. The AIS is the leader for providing reliable information on irises of all types: including comprehensive information about the variables of growing irises in different terrains and climates, and that information is available to all for educational purposes.
3. The AIS supports the conservation and protection of all irises, including existing wild and cultivated species.
4. The AIS supports the development of new plants with greater garden appeal, and actively champions iris hybridization.
5. The AIS is an engaged and responsible member and leader of the international iris and horticultural communities.
6. The AIS delivers reliable services to members, and AIS helps members and volunteers find and use technology to become more effective and efficient.
7. The AIS helps members develop leadership and volunteer skills, and encourages them to be proactive in improving the AIS.
8. The AIS supports and/or works closely with all affiliates, sections, cooperating societies, and other national and international societies, which share common goals to ensure a flourishing, dynamic and strong partnership.
9. The AIS high ethical standards are shared by every level of the organization, from the Board on to the local affiliates. Our standards include encouraging exemplary volunteer actions and behaviors to promote good interpersonal relationships on all levels.
10. The AIS commits to a healthful and respectful environment for all AIS members, and the public perceives the AIS as an effective and caring organization.

Motion 14: That the Board approve the 7 Major Long Term Goals as enumerated in the Strategic Planning Committee Long Term Goals Spring2017 Report. Carried

1. AIS develops and implements plans to increase its membership.
2. Financial Stability: AIS has programs for financial growth and maintenance of its funds.
3. The American Iris Society is seen by the public and by horticultural enthusiasts as one of the indispensable sources for information about the genus Iris.
4. AIS promotes itself as a useful and interesting resource for general gardening enthusiasts (not just iris specialists), and promotes its membership to all gardeners.
5. AIS fosters and funds research about wild and cultivated irises, and it promotes the results of that research in ways that lead to improvements in preservation and widespread cultivation of all types of irises.
6. AIS helps local clubs and regions fulfill their mission by developing a comprehensive set of effective methods and tools for their work, and AIS is proactive in helping to implement them.
7. AIS supports and encourages everyone to share their iris enthusiasm!

Motion 15: That the AIS Board allocate \$30,000 toward the development of a new website and related services under the direction of the Electronic Services Committee. Funds will not be expended until the Board approves a specific proposal as recommended by the ESC in June 2017. Carried

Motion 16: That we increase the prices of the ribbons to \$12 for a pack of 25, that we increase the price of the large rosettes to \$8 each, and that we increase the price of the small rosettes to \$7 each, effective Jan 1, 2018. Carried

Motion 17: That we accept the appointment of Neil Houghton as Image Coordinator. Carried

Motion 18: That we approve the list of items for the Silent Auction as enumerated in the SilentAuctionRept_Spring2017 less the Anniversary Bulletins. Carried

Motion 19: That we approve replacing Ron Cosner with Phylliss Wilburn on the AIS Board of Directors.