

## Secretary Report Spring 2017

Everything is operating smoothly. Everyone continues to submit their bills and checks for deposit in a timely manner.

There have been three electronic motions presented from the time of the Fall, 2016, AIS Board Meeting.

Listing of electronic motions addressed:

"That we approve President Gary White's appointment of Eileen Hollander as RVP for Region 10"

**The motion passed with 15 YES votes and zero NO votes**

AIS Calendar Guidelines

1. The Calendar committee should consist of a chairman appointed by the AIS president and a minimum of three other members, one of whom is a member of the AIS Board (officer or director) and one of whom is the Manager of the AIS Storefront. Additional committee members may be added at the discretion of the committee chair.
2. Quotes to print the calendar are to be obtained from the printer no later than October 15th. Currently we are using Sundance Press but may select another printer. The Quote must be submitted to the AIS Board by the AIS Storefront manager at the fall Board of Director's meeting the year prior to the calendar going to press.
3. Drafting of the calendar is to begin November and finished mid-December (AIS Storefront manager has many places he must send the front image of the calendar to in the month of December.) The Calendar is to be sent to printers no later than February 1st. The calendars must be in the hands of the AIS Storefront no later than March 1st of any given year.
4. All picture candidates for the Calendar should be reviewed by the entire Calendar committee.
5. All photos used are to have supporting copyright approval from photographer.
6. All pictures must be pictures of members of the Genus Iris and may be from any time frame or year.
7. Candidate pictures must be original work and may be made by

anyone, but preference should be for submittals to the AIS Photo Contest; then submissions from AIS member if/when appropriate.

8. Photographs must be of high resolution (300 dpi or higher).

9. The Iris subject depicted must be free of damage, with no visible tears (even if natural), holes, disease, etc., in focus (considering depth of field) with the exception in an "artistic" category.

10. Scenic photos, garden photos, photos of natural setting or field photos shall be considered for each calendar issue but not to be overly used. (Garden pictures often have other flowers as well as irises. Companion plantings are of great interest to a lot of gardeners. As long as pictures are predominantly of Irises they should be acceptable for the calendar.)

11. Close up shots may be considered but not recommended.

12. Any named varieties currently in the AIS Awards process are not acceptable. (AIS is neutral regarding the AIS Award candidates and we do not provide free varietal promotion.)

13. It is recommended that the month of September depict Re-blooming Irises.

14. The Calendar Committee should strive for balance between Iris types to showcase our Iris diversity.

15. The proposed contract for printing will be submitted and approved at the Fall Board meeting. The Calendar Chair is authorized to sign the approved contract for printing on behalf of the AIS.

16. The Calendar committee is the final approving authority for the calendar.

17. The funds for printing were provided by the Greater Portland Iris Society and are recovered by calendar sales as set forth by the 2016 AIS Spring Meeting Board of Directors Minutes in Newark, NJ (Electronic Interim Motion 10) approved."

**The motion passed with 12 YES votes, zero NO votes and 1 abstention.**

"That we approve Scarlett Ayers as the new RVP of Region 23 to complete the term vacated by the prior RVP"

**The motion passed with 14 YES votes and zero NO votes.**

On Wednesday, April 26, a teleconference was held with 20 persons, 14 of which were board members. With 14 Board

Members on line, a quorum was deemed to be present and the following motions were made:

Michelle Snyder moved and John Jones seconded

“That the minutes of the 2016 Fall Board Meeting in Sedona, Arizona be approved as posted”

**The motion passed with 14 YES votes and zero NO votes.**

Bob Pries moved and Jim Morris seconded

“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”

After some discussion Susan Boyce moved and Howie Dash seconded

“That the motion be tabled until the 2017 Spring Board Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa”

**The motion passed with 8 YES votes and 6 NO votes**

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Snyder  
AIS Secretary