

AIS Board Videoconference, Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Present:

Jody Nolin - President, Affiliations Liaison

Andi Rivarola - 1st VP, Convention Liaison (temporary), Public Relations Social Media,
Public Relations 2020 Convention, Strategic Planning

Bonnie Jean Nichols - 2nd VP, Judges

Dwayne Booth - Treasurer

Gary White - Immediate Past President, Honorary Awards

John Jones - Registrar/Recorder

Anita Moran - Director, Photo Contest

Claire Schneider - Director, Recording Secretary

Howie Dash - Director, RVP Counselor

Janis Shackelford - Director, Policy

Jill Bonino - Director, Foundation Liaison

John Ludi - Director, Publication Sales Director

Neil Houghton - Director, Iris Program Resources Digital

Phyllis Wilburn - Director, Section & Cooperating Society Liaison

Wayne Messer - Director, Exhibition Show Reports, News & Notes

Lois Rose - Exhibition Schedules

Cheryl Deaton - Photo Contest, Youth

Jim Morris (18)

Doug Chyz, RVP 4

Scarlett Ayers, RVP 23

Susan Grigg (4)

Lorene Crone (7)

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM PST followed by Roll Call.

A quorum was present.

1. **Motion** to approve the minutes from the Fall Meeting by Dwayne Booth and seconded by John Ludi. Corrections were made by Jill Bonino. The motion passed.
2. **Motion** to approve the minutes from the videoconference, January 23, 2019, by John Ludi and seconded by Anita Moran. There were no corrections. The motion passed.
3. Investment policy – Dwayne Booth and Jill Bonino
Because the reports were made available only yesterday, it was suggested to postpone discussion of the policy and investment proposal details. The reports are involved and will require time to read and process, especially regarding the allocation of assets.
Motion to table the Investment Policy until the March Videoconference made by Neil Houghton and seconded by Howie Dash. The motion passed.

4. Website update – Jody Nolin and Andi Rivarola

Last year Thirsty, the website contractor, received approval from the Electronics Chair for the website design. Currently Andi, the chief negotiator, is working with Thirsty to finalize the personality of the AIS website. Neil, Jody and Andi have created about 50 pages of text and updated information that Thirsty will load into the website. The committee is waiting to see the next incarnation of the website which will include those updates.

Discussion:

Who will host the AIS website: Thirsty or Lunar Pages? Lunar Pages, our current host, charges AIS \$216 every two years which includes unlimited emails and storage.

Will the website be kept up-to-date? Will someone be able to upload information into the new website in a timely manner? The plan is that the AIS Electronics Services Chair will manage a core group of individuals who will keep the website updated with current events and personnel and their contact information. Speaking of “timely,” one of the instructions to Thirsty is to allow revision dates to be included on the web pages so the reader will know how current the posted information is.

Help wanted: People to update sections of the revised website. Training will be provided. If interested, please contact Andi Rivarola.

5. 2020 Centennial Publication update – Jim Morris

People from all over USA and Canada have volunteered to write articles for the Centennial Publication. Work is in progress for at least ten major articles. One problem has been the lack of local stories from regions and affiliate clubs. So far a total of twelve reports have been submitted from 156 affiliate clubs. Anyone with an interesting iris story or report should contact Jim Morris. There still is plenty of space in the four publications but deadlines are approaching. Deadlines for submission: March 30, 2019; July 15, 2019; plus two more.

Articles should be submitted in Microsoft Word. Photos and illustrations should be sent in high resolution. What kinds of information would make for an interesting regional or affiliate report? History of the formation of the region or affiliate club, number and names of affiliate clubs or members, photos, an important event in the past or present, a special project that the region or affiliate club supports, the oldest and youngest member, hybridizers in residence, etc.

6. 2019 Convention update

There is a need to see a final schedule of events and meetings. The convention chair is working on it. Jean Richter is the registrar. The garden hosts need information about budget so they can plan for refreshments. Judges for garden judging can't be arranged until a final schedule is posted.

7. Information-to-Join bookmarks update

Bookmarks are bundled in packets of 45 and are free. Send your request to John Ludi. Bookmark information should go onto the website and into News & Notes.

8. Medal update – Jim Morris

The Distinguished Service Medals arrived today and look great. They will be engraved and forwarded to the new Honorary Awards Chair.

9. The next videoconference will be March 27th at 5 PM PST. John Jones will send out the link for this meeting.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting ended at 6:13 PM PST

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Schneider