

Minutes of the May 25, 2022, AIS Board of Directors Zoom Meeting
Approved without corrections, June 22, 2022

Present:

Andi Rivarola (15) - President, Convention Liaison (temporary), Public Relations,
Social Media, Strategic Planning, Membership Development
Bonnie Jean Nichols (17) - 1st VP, Judges, Handbook Revision, RVP 17
Howie Dash (23) - 2nd VP, RVP Counselor, Audit Comm, AIS 2022 Convention Co-chair
Claire Schneider (15) - Secretary, Recording Secretary
Jill Bonino (15) – Treasurer, Foundation Liaison
Jody Nolin (6) - Immediate Past President, Honorary Awards, Affiliate Chair
John Ludi (13) – Publication Sales Director, RVP 13
Pam Messer (21) – Membership

Bill Dumont (13) - Director
Cheryl Deaton (15) - Director, Youth
Doug Chyz (5), Director, Public Relations & Marketing
Janis Shackelford (15) – Director, Registrar/Recorder, Policy, RVP 15
Jean Richter (14) - Director
Linda Wilkie (21) - Director
Lorene Crone (7) – Director, Electronic Services
Mike Reed (17) – Director, Awards
Phyllis Wilburn (14) – Director, Section & Cooperating Society Liaison
Scarlett Ayres (23) – Director, AIS 2022 Convention Co-chair
Susan Driver (7) – Director, Calendars, Photo Contest
Wayne Messer (21) - Director, News & Notes, Electronic Services Website, RVP 21
Margaret Kelly (9) - RVP 9, RVP Representative

Bob Pries (4) - Encyclopedia Manager, Gardens, Public Relations & Marketing
Gary White (21) - Finance, Webinars
Lois Rose (4) - Exhibitions Schedules
Charlotte Brennand (12) - RVP 12
Carolyn Hoover (14) - RVP 14
Josh Winzer (22) - RVP 22

Carol Cullen (14)
Christine Dickinson (14)
Jeannette Graham (11)
Anna Cadd (14)
Laura Cralle (17)
Candace Scott
Helen Bliven (14)

Joanne Bassett (2)
Jacqueline Pountney (23)
Wendy Roller (2)
Bernice Barnett (23)
Annette & Fred Pedesen (6)
Jan Blaedel (14)

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm PDT.

1. Minutes from previous Zoom Meeting - Claire Schneider

Motion 1: to accept the minutes from the April 11, 2022, in-person Board Meeting, as corrected. This was the AIS Spring Meeting, held in Las Cruces, New Mexico. There were two corrections sent by email during the previous week.

Motion by Doug Chyz and seconded by Janis Shackelford. Motion approved.

2. Welcome to the new RVP representative to the AIS Board of Directors, Margaret Kelly of Region 9. Margaret was given a very nice introduction by Howie Dash.

SPRING REPORTS

3. Awards - Mike Reed

A digital report was posted.

The garden awards and plaques from the Convention have been ordered. Mike will mail those out to the recipients after he receives them. Recently the software that sends out the notice and passwords for voting the AIS Ballot has had errors, such as not sending the email to everyone. At this time, Mike and Gerry Snyder recommend that the voting process be moved to a new software program that would include data bases for judges and eligible irises.

Motion 2: To form a committee to finalize the requirements for software for a new AIS Ballot voting system.

Motion by Mike Reed and seconded by Doug Chyz. Motion approved.

Discussion: included in the report produced by this committee would be a list of requirements for the program and an estimate of its cost. Gerry Snyder has done a great job on the current voting system, but it's time for an update. For now, judges are encouraged to use the online voting system, if they can access it. If they cannot, judges will need to use the paper ballot format. It is important that all judges know their status regarding voting the AIS Ballot. A suggestion was to use *News & Notes*, or to have Bonnie Nichols, Judges Chair, send out an email to all the judges, notifying them of their access to the AIS Ballot. Mike said that it might be possible to vote the AIS Ballot online using last year's username and password.

4. Intellectual Property - Bob Hollingworth (absent)

A digital report was posted online and read to the Board attendees.

Motion 3: To disband the Intellectual Property Committee (IPC)

Motion by Janis Shackelford and seconded by Jill Bonino.

After discussion, this motion was tabled.

Discussion: An example of the work that the IPC has done: a few years ago, all the information in the AIS Register was pilfered by another horticultural group. The IPC and AIS legal counsel investigated and made a recommendation to the AIS Board. The IPC also handles requests for AIS property and information. In contrast, the Scientific Advisory Committee reviews scientific study proposals and recommends (or not) that the AIS Foundation provide funding. The Scientific Advisory Committee also reviews scientific articles submitted to *Irises: The Bulletin*. It seems that the IPC has been a watchdog for protecting AIS property from theft which is to say, this committee should not be disbanded. On the other hand, it has been inactive for the last few years. Maybe the objectives of this committee should be updated.

5. Scientific Advisory - Bob Hollingworth

A digital report was posted.

The only action this year has been to favorably review a grant application to the AIS Foundation to study the effects of climate change and pollinator preferences on flower size.

6. Handbook Revision - Bonnie Nichols

Changes to Chapter 1 & 2 were presented.

Motion 4: to approve the changes in Chapter 1 & 2 as presented.

Motion by Howie Dash and seconded by Phyllis Wilburn. Motion approved.

After extensive discussion of the revisions of Chapter 4 & 24 and the Appendix F: Ethics, it was decided to send these three pieces back to the Handbook Revision Committee for further review.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Online Registration update - Janis Shackelford

A contract to develop an online registration system has been signed by Tim Valenzuela. Tim thinks he can have a beginning version of the program ready in a few months. Janis and Jody Nolin have been working with Tim. A committee to discuss a second phase of online registration has met a couple of times.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER ISSUES

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be a Zoom meeting on June 22, 2022 at 5 pm PDT.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm PDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Schneider