

Minutes of the April 12, 2023, AIS Spring Board Meeting, Dallas, Texas
[Approved by the AIS Board on June 28, 2023 with an amended sentence in topic #10.](#)

In attendance:

Andi Rivarola (15) - President, Convention Liaison (temporary), Social Media Chair,
Strategic Planning Chair, Membership Development Chair,
Bulletin Editorial Board Chair

Bonnie Jean Nichols (17) - 1st VP, Judges Chair, Handbook Revision Chair,
Convention Chair 2023

Howie Dash (23) - 2nd VP, RVP Counselor, Audit Chair

Claire Schneider (15) - AIS Secretary, Recording Secretary

Jill Bonino (15) – AIS Treasurer, Foundation Liaison, Foundation Treasurer

Jody Nolin (6) - Immediate Past President, Honorary Awards Chair, Affiliate Liaison

John Ludi (13) – Publication Sales Director, Convention 2024 Co-Chair

Pam Messer (21) – Membership Secretary

Jane Milliman (2) - Bulletin editor (absent)

Cheryl Deaton (15) - Director, Youth Chair

Doug Chyz (5) - Director, Public Relations & Marketing Co-Chair

Heather Haley (4) - Director, World of Irises Blog Manager

Janis Shackelford (15) – Director, Registrar/Recorder, Policy, RVP 15

Jean Richter (14) - Director, Image Coordinator, Iris Programs Digital (via Zoom)

Linda Wilkie (21) - Director, Advertising

Lorene Crone (7) – Director, Electronic Services

Mike Reed (17) – Director, RVP 17, Annual Awards

Phyllis Wilburn (14) – Director, Section & Cooperating Society Liaison

Scarlett Ayres (23) – Director

Susan Driver (7) – Director, Calendars, Photo Contest Chair

Wayne Messer (21) - Director, News & Notes, Electronic Services

Margaret Kelly (9) - RVP 9, RVP Representative

Anita Moran (4) - acting RVP 4 (via Zoom)

Anna Cadd (14) - VP Spuria Iris Society (via Zoom)

Carolyn Honnette (14)

Chad Harris (13)

Christine Dickinson (14) (via Zoom)

Fred Pedersen (6) - RVP 6 (via Zoom)

Gary Valiant (20)

Gary White (21) - Finance, Webinars

Harriet Robinson (1) - RVP 1 (via Zoom)

Jacqueline Pountney (23) - RVP 23

Jeanette Graham (11) - RVP 11

Jim Hedgecock (18) - RVP 18

Jim Morris (18) - Obituary Editor

John Honnette (14)

Kathy Huneycutt (4)

Ken Duke (5)

Lois Rose (4) - Exhibitions Schedules

Mark Warinner (20) - RVP 20

Michael Becker (21) - RVP 21

Patricia Randall (23)

Randy Grahah (11)

Stephanie Plummer (7)

Susan Grigg (4) (via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm CDT. A quorum was present.

1. Andi Rivarola, AIS president, called the meeting to order and welcomed the AIS Board members and people in the audience. Introductions were made by everyone in the room. There was a moment of silence to respect those AIS members who had passed away during the last year.

2. Andi Rivarola appointed Howie Dash as parliamentarian and Linda Wilkie as motions secretary.

3. Minutes from the March 22, 2023, Zoom AIS Meeting - Claire Schneider

Motion 1: Jody Nolin motioned and Doug Chyz seconded to accept the amended minutes as published. PASSED

SPRING REPORTS

4. Advertising Editor - Linda Wilkie

A digital report was posted online, information only. In fiscal year 2022-2023, \$4775 in advertisements were sold for *IRISES*. There were no expenses. The option of using PayPal has been added and is being used by some of the vendors.

5. Finance - Gary White

A report from the Finance Committee was posted online within the Treasurer's Report. The total portfolio market value as of March 31, 2023 is \$955,373 compared to \$841,790 on September 30, 2022. The portfolio continues to generate about \$30,000 in annual interest and dividends.

6. Treasurer - Jill Bonino

A digital report was posted online. In the last six months, the general fund has had a net income of \$3,343. The restricted funds had a net loss of \$19,078 due to the payment of \$25,000 to Tim Valenzuela for work on the online registration system and integrated operating. There is another payment of \$12,500 due to Tim. There will be a proposal at the meeting to add another \$2000 to the payment to Tim for fixing the payment problem with PayPal.

For the last six month period, membership services had a net loss of \$7,593, exhibitions had a net loss of \$1,202, registrations had a net income of \$2,906, the storefront had a net loss of \$2,313, and administration had a net income of \$11,245.

Overall, AIS is on track to meet its budget goals for this year.

UPDATES and UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. AIS Online System update - Andi Rivarola

A digital report was posted online, information only. The integrated system can link registrations, membership, and the awards and AIS ballot. There are four administrators who have access to specific areas. Tim is almost finished.

8. Payment add-on proposal - Jil Bonino

A digital explanation of this proposal was posted online. Each payment made through PayPal is itemized. However, when the number of items in a transaction surpasses an arbitrary limit, PayPal no longer allows itemization. This is a problem for the AIS treasurer who sorts payments and deposits for registration and membership. The proposal is to have the integrated system generate an itemized report for each purchase. The price quoted to add this feature is \$2,000.

Motion 2: Jill Bonino motioned, seconded by Cheryl Deaton to accept the proposal for payment tracking add-on to the integrated system by Tim Valenzuela for \$2,000.
PASSED

9. 2024 Convention update - John Ludi & Chad Harris

A very nice report of the 2024 convention was posted online that contains information about the hotel, a tentative schedule, and the list of the five convention gardens.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Historic Committee - Doug Chyz

Doug proposed that a Historic Committee be established. He has been working on the award information for the Iris Encyclopedia, the wiki. [During his research, he has discovered a lot of historical information in the Bulletin Archives which should be captured in the Encyclopedia.](#)

Discussion: Much of AIS history is recorded in *IRISES: The Bulletin* and an index to its articles does exist. However, currently, the index doesn't contain details. There have been webinars on historic irises and the history of AIS presented by Gary White and representatives from HIPS. There is concern about losing the history of iris progression, the history of AIS awards, etc. AIS had a historian up until about 20 years ago. All historical information should be part of the AIS Library's work. An effort should be made to document the work and life of hybridizers all of which is related to the history of AIS and irises.

NOMINATIONS for Director

11. Nominating Committee report - Cheryl Deaton for Josh Winzer

A digital report was posted with the names of seven candidates: Mike Reed, Cheryl Deaton, Scarlett Ayres, Susan Driver, Carolyn Hoover, Margaret Kelly, and Dan Williams.

There were no other nominations from the floor.

The AIS Board met in an executive session to elect four nominee directors whose terms will expire in November 2026.

After the AIS Board reconvened, Claire Schneider, AIS secretary, announced the four nominees, in alphabetical order by first name: Carolyn Hoover, Mike Reed, Scarlett Ayres, and Susan Driver.

APPOINTMENTS

12. RVP report - Howie Dash

- RVP secretary - Harriet Robinson (1)
- RVP rep to the AIS Board of Directors - Margaret Kelly (9)
- RVP to AIS Nominating Committee 2023 - Charlotte Brennand (12)
- RVP to AIS Nominating Committee 2023 - Jacqueline Pountney (23)

Motion 3: To approve Margaret Kelly as RVP representative for one year term beginning 2023 following the AIS Spring Board Meeting.

Motion by Howie Dash, seconded by Doug Chyz. PASSED

13. AIS Nominating Committee 2023 - Andi Rivarola

- AIS Board member - Howie Dash (23)
- AIS Board member - Heather Haley (4)
- RVP - Charlotte Brennand (12)
- RVP - Jacqueline Pountney (23)
- Section/Cooper. Soc rep - Anita Moran (4)
- Mentor - Josh Winzer (22)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next AIS Board of Directors meeting will be May 24, 5 pm PDT via Zoom

Motion 4: To adjourn. Motion by Howie Dash and seconded by Doug Chyz
Adjourned at 4:47 pm CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Schneider