

AIS Board Meeting via Teleconference, April 26, 2017
Meeting was called to order at 5 PM Pacific Daylight Time

Present were AIS Officers: President, Gary White; Second Vice President, Andi Rivarola; Secretary, Michelle Snyder; Treasurer, Dwayne Booth; Immediate Past President, Jim Morris. Administrative Officers: Registrar/Recorder, John Jones; Recording Secretary, Claire Schneider; Publication Sales Director, John Ludi. Directors: Susan Boyce, Dawn Boyer, Ron Cosner, David Cupps, Howie Dash, John Jones, John Ludi, Bob Pries, Claire Schneider, Gerry Snyder. Committee Chairs: Cheryl Deaton, Paul Gossett, Susan Grigg, Wayne Messer. RVP: Scarlett Ayres (23).

1. Approval of minutes from Fall Board meeting at Sedona, AZ (as posted on the website).
Motion 1: to accept the minutes as posted made by Michelle Snyder and seconded by John Jones. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Discussion:

What is the Amazon Smile? A fundraiser for non-profits associated with purchases made on Amazon.

What is a parliamentarian? Someone appointed by president to enforce the Roberts Rules of order during the meeting. Usually for the AIS meetings, the parliamentarian has not been formally trained.

2. Genus Iris

Bob Pries: papers have been published suggesting that the Iris genus be broken up into 25 genera. Traditional classification has used morphological characteristics. Lately, taxonomists are using DNA and cellular chemistry to reclassify and reorganize organisms such as the species in the genus Iris. Taxonomy is in a state of flux, including the genus Iris.

Discussion: In the Spring Issue of the Bulletin, pages 20 & 21, Dr. Waddick comments on the Crespo article and includes a chart of the proposed new genera.

Over the last forty years, the classification of plants has changed dramatically. Plant names are being changed and genera being moved to different families. It might work better for us horticulturally to continue using traditional names and classification. Thank you to Bob for making this motion. The actual paper that proposes the changes to the genus Iris is not widely available. In fact one must pay to obtain copies of it.

How will this reclassification of the genus Iris affect the AIS?

The motion proposed by Bob Pries would mean that this reclassification would not affect the AIS. We would continue to use our traditional definition of the genus Iris.

Motion 2: by Bob Pries. Seconded by Jim Morris.

“The American Iris Society is concerned with Irises as the Genus Iris is known in the line of thought exemplified by Dykes' 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). Botanical synonyms can be listed and noted as to acceptance by the World Checklist, but horticulturally we will continue to use the name Iris for Irises.”

And to add to Bob's motion:

"that the change be referred to the Bylaws Revision Committee for incorporation."

Motion to table Bob's motion by Susan Boyce. Seconded by Howie Dash.

Susan suggested that we postpone voting on this motion until everyone has had a chance to read the article. Roll call vote was 8 to 6 "yes" to table Bob's motion until the Spring Convention. All board members are encouraged to read the article and make a decision before the Spring Convention. The article regarding the change to the genus Iris is published in the Bulletin, Spring 2017 issue, pages 20 and 21 and is posted on the website.

3. Miscellaneous

David Cupps: Survey regarding the AIS website. 55 members have responded.

How long will survey responses be accepted? Until May 3 or as long as good input continues to be sent. Survey was sent out to AIS Discuss, then it went out on the AIS e-newsletter. Everyone is encouraged to pass the survey link along to affiliates, sections, to RVPs, to local clubs and regions.

Gerry Snyder: AIS ballots are in the mail. Electronic ballots will be out at the same time.

Gary White: The use of this conference call service is free. However, it is not free for those participants who pay long distance fees for their phone. Gary suggests that AIS consider a teleconference service that accepts all domestic callers toll free, though there might be a fee to AIS for that service when used.

What is future of these teleconferences? We will investigate other conference call services, use of website conferences, and real time powerpoints. Also we'll consider using services where members can view documents and other items. Maybe with data entry or text line, using a more interactive teleconference. More information on these teleconferences forthcoming at Spring Convention.

Michelle: Gerry and Michelle Snyder will not be at the Spring Convention in Des Moines. They're going to Paris May 19 to June 7. Michelle will send out emails detailing deadlines for submitting reports. Committee chairs and officers need to bring copies of their reports, enough for all board members plus other interested parties. A total of 25 copies should be enough. May 14th will be the cutoff date for submitting electronic copies of reports to Michelle so they can be posted on the website. Jodi will be taking Michelle's position at the convention.

Gerry Snyder presents the awards and his substitute at the Convention will be Jim.

Scarlett: Has an Iris Dykes BINGO game. How would she submit for affiliate clubs to use? Send the game to Janet Smith attached to an email.

Meeting adjourned at 5:59 PDT.

Respectfully submitted.
Claire Schneider