

AIS Board Teleconference, Wednesday, June 27, 2018

1. Welcome everyone.

Roll Call: **Officers:** Gary White, president; Jody Nolin, 1<sup>st</sup> VP; Andi Rivarola, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP; Michelle Snyder, secretary; Dwayne Booth, treasurer; and Jim Morris, immediate past president.

**Administrative Officers:** John Jones, registrar/recorder; John Ludi, publication sales director; Tom Gormley, membership; Claire Schneider, recording secretary. **Directors:** Al Elliott, Bob Pries, Claire Schneider, Dawn Boyer, David Cupps, Gerry Snyder, Howie Dash, Jill Bonino, John Ludi, Lois Rose, and Phyllis Wilburn. **Committee Chairs:** Advertising Editor, Dawn Boyer; Affiliates Liaison, Jody Nolin; Awards, Gerry Snyder; Electronic Services, David Cupps; Encyclopedia, Bob Pries; Exhibitions, Lois Rose and Wayne Messer; Honorary Awards, Jim Morris; Image Coordinator, Neil Houghton; Insurance, Michelle Snyder; Iris Program Resources (digital), Neil Houghton; Iris Program Resources (speakers), Al Elliott; Policy, Susan Boyce; Public Relations & Marketing, Bob Pries; Public Relations & Social Media, Andi Rivarola; RVP Counselor, Howie Dash; RVP Rep, Gary Slagle; Section & Cooperating Societies Liaison, Phyllis Wilburn; Strategic Planning, Andi Rivarola; and Symposium, Riley Probst. **RVPs:** Gary Slagle (3) and Phyllis Wilburn (14). **Visitors:** Paul Gossett and Janis Shackelford (15).

1. Meeting called to order at 5:05 PDT.

Welcome all and please identify yourself by name before you begin speaking.

A request was made that everyone uses the mute button on their electronic device to cut down on background noise and feedback. When you want to make a comment, ask a question, or vote, click the mute button to un-mute your device.

2. Minutes of AIS Board Meeting, April 8 & 9, 2018

Corrections to the Spring Board Meeting minutes were made by Howie Dash, John Ludi, Susan Boyer, Michelle Snyder, Tom Gormley, Bob Pries, and Gary White. The topic of AIS ombudsman will be put on the agenda for the Fall 2018 AIS Board Meeting.

**Motion 1:** to approve the minutes of the Spring 2018 Board Meeting with corrections was made by Howie Dash and seconded by Michelle Snyder. Motion carried.

3. Tall Bearded Symposium

The issue is who should be permitted to vote the Tall Bearded Symposium: AIS members only or open the vote to the general public. A motion approved in 2009 allowed AIS members and non-AIS members to vote the TB Symposium. Because the Symposium is a popularity contest, it seems that any person interested in irises should vote. A certain number of ballots is required to make the Symposium election valid so voting should be encouraged for all interested persons. It would help if the next Symposium ballot contained voting instructions including who is eligible to vote. Because the 2018 Symposium ballot already has been sent out, voting eligibility shouldn't change. In other words, AIS members and non-AIS members may submit a 2018 Symposium ballot. Riley Probst will coordinate a discussion of the Tall Bearded Symposium with Bob Pries, Howie Dash and Gerry Snyder. Their task will be develop voting guidelines and

investigate ways to increase participation in the Symposium. One suggestion was to ask other Sections how they conduct their Symposia. In the meantime, Howie will instruct the RVPs to collect and count all 2018 Symposium ballots, from AIS members and non-AIS members. There was no motion.

#### 4. Announcements

- After a long, persuasive discussion with Gary, Veronica Johnson has agreed to continue as the AIS Legal Counsel for another year. She plans to investigate the issue of intellectual theft of the wiki Iris Registry. She also is working on the merger of Dwarf Iris Society with the Median Iris Society.
- Regarding the Fall 2018 Board Meeting, John Ludi announced that two vans have been reserved to transport up to 30 board members and guests to the AIS Library on Sunday, November 4th. Details regarding cost of the library tour and arrangements for breakfast will be posted in AISDiscuss.
- Michelle Snyder and David Cupps will confer regarding the Operations Manual.
- Jody Nolin requested that the Audit Committee present the wording of their recommendations for inclusion in the bylaws. Gary will place this issue on the agenda for the July teleconference.
- The next teleconference will be Wednesday, July 25, same time (5 PM PDT).

#### 5. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM PDT.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claire Schneider