

AIS Board meeting, Wednesday, November 29, 2017, by teleconference

Meeting called to order at 5:05 PM PDT

1. Welcome everyone.

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

Administrative Officers: John Jones, registrar/recorder; Claire Schneider, recording secretary; John Ludi, publication/sales. **Directors:** Bob Pries, Claire Schneider, David Cupps, Gerry Snyder, Howie Dash, Jill Bonino, John Ludi, Lois Rose, Phyllis Wilburn. **Visitors:** Neil Houghton, Image Coordinator; Betty Roberts, Judges Handbook Revision; Scarlet Ayres, RVP 23; Wayne Messer, Exhibitions; Susan Boyce, Policy; Cathy Egerer; Rosemary Hart.

2. Proposal for iris submissions with registration (submitted by Neil Houghton). This proposal is the result of Motion 13 from the AIS Board of Directors Meeting, November 3 & 4, 2017. The proposal contains five recommendations with a flowchart to illustrate the path of iris registration.

Discussion: The proposal is that at the time an iris is registered (prior to introduction), a photo of the iris be submitted by the person registering the iris. The technical description regarding the size of the photo in kilobytes, pixels or dpi will be clarified by the Image Consultation Group. Credit for iris photos and photos by the person registering the iris will be included in the Iris Encyclopedia. Because the differences between iris cultivars can be minute, more than one image should be required for each newly registered iris. The timeline of requiring one or more specific images of a newly registered iris might be lengthy while hybridizers become accustomed to this new process. There is a concern about the registration of iris in the future. Will the person registering the iris be required to register the iris in multiple places?

Motion: that we accept the following recommendations, with the caveat that the Image Consultation Group will further clarify the resolution requirements.

AIS requires that:

- 1) Digital images(s) be submitted with the registration form by email to the Registrar and the Image Coordinator (registrar@irises.org and images@irises.org)
- 2) The minimum image submitted be a clear high-resolution image of the bloom (5"x7" and 300 dpi to be clarified).
- 3) The submission of additional images of the stalks, clump, heart and other distinctive features of the cultivar be recommended to the registrant as well.
- 4) While we encourage multiple images with each registration, images of other cultivars must be sent separately.
- 5) The Image Coordinator will maintain an online location of these images. Once names are finalized and images are properly named and marked internally (i.e. metadata) they would be placed in a folder that could be accessed by authorized persons and groups (e.g. those working on the online encyclopedia).

Motion by David Cupps. Seconded by Bob Pries. Motion is carried unanimously.

3. Proposal for acquiring copies of Dr. G. Percy Brown notebooks. This is a package that was mailed by Mike Lockett to Michelle Snyder just prior to the Fall Meeting in Dallas. Dr. G. Percy Brown, a physician at Harvard Medical School, saw iris for the first time circa 1919. In the 1930s he began hybridizing iris using crosses of species and produced many cold season rebloomers. Dr. Brown was able to convert irises from diploid to tetraploid in the 1930s. His hybridizing records are in the Westport Historical Society Museum, Westport, Massachusetts. Mike Lockett would like to obtain copies of these records, letters and notebooks and is asking the AIS Board to use its influence to assist in acquiring copies of these historic records. Copies would also be deposited in the AIS Library. In response to the request, Gary sent a letter to the Westport Historical Society Museum requesting copies of the Brown papers. Gary added that he would be willing to have a discussion with the Westport Historical Society about how the AIS could receive copies of the records and notes of G. Percy Brown. Jill Bonino recommended that because copies of these papers would eventually be deposited in the AIS Library that reimbursement of copying and shipping of Dr. Brown's papers be covered by the Foundation. More information about the G. Percy Brown papers to follow.

4. Miscellaneous Announcements.

The next teleconference will be January 24, Wednesday. 5 PM PST.

Instructions on how to dial into the next teleconference will be posted. David Cupps, we thank you for making it so easy to log into the teleconference and look forward to another smooth log in. All participants are encouraged to log into the teleconference with their computer or other online device.

The Audit Committee has met and will provide a report before the Spring Meeting, maybe at one of the upcoming teleconferences.

Happy New Year.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Schneider