

Minutes of the AIS Board of Directors Videoconference, Tuesday, September 29, 2020
(Special meeting)

Present:

Jody Nolin (6) - President, Affiliate Chair
Andi Rivarola (15) - 1st VP, Convention Liaison (temporary), Public Relations Social Media,
Public Relations 2020 Convention, Strategic Planning
Bonnie Jean Nichols (17) – 2nd VP, Judges, RVP 17
Jill Bonino (15) – Treasurer, Foundation Liaison
Gary White (21) - Immediate Past President, Honorary Awards, Finance

John Jones (14) - Registrar/Recorder

Claire Schneider (15) – Director, Recording Secretary
Doug Chyz (4) - Director, Public Relations & Marketing, RVP 4
Gerry Snyder (15) – Director, Awards
Howie Dash (23) – Director, RVP Counselor
Janis Shackelford (15) – Director, Policy
John Ludi (13) – Director, Publication Sales Director
Lorene Crone (7) – Director, Asst. Electronic Services
Neil Houghton (2) - Director, Image Coordinator, Iris Program Resources Digital
Phyllis Wilburn (14) – Director, Section & Cooperating Society Liaison
Susan Driver (7) – Director, Calendars
Wayne Messer (21) - Director, Exhibition Show Reports, News & Notes, RVP 21

Jean Richter (14) - RVP 14, RVP Representative
Jim Morris (18) - 2020 Centennial Publication Editor, Obituary Editor
Mike Reed (17) - asst RVP 17
Linda Baumgartner (20) - RVP 20
Paul Black (13)
Bruce Filardi (13)

The meeting was called to order on Zoom at 5:09 PM PDT.
A quorum was present.

This meeting was scheduled for the purpose of continuing the discussion of the 2020 AIS awards. One of the recommendations in the Hybridizer's Manifesto that was presented at the September 23, 2020 AIS teleconference was that an AIS Ballot be voted in the fall of 2020, a late ballot for 2020.

Gerry Snyder presented a potential schedule for having a late 2020 Ballot. To summarize his schedule, a revised ballot for 2020 would be mailed in mid-December and tallied by mid-March 2021. The 2021 Ballot would be mailed at the end of May.

Comments: A late 2020 Ballot should be a partial ballot, including only the medal and Dykes awards. In the event there is no 2020 Ballot, the 2021 Ballot would make up for the canceled

2020 by adding irises to each category and increasing the number of awards. The AIS Board voted at a previous teleconference to cancel the 2020 Ballot. The topic was discussed again at a subsequent teleconference with the same outcome. The absence of the 2020 Ballot produces serious financial hardship for hybridizers and commercial iris gardens. However, a late 2020 Ballot at this time would not change that hardship since the selling season is virtually over. Because of the COVID-19 restrictions, judges have not been able to thoroughly evaluate irises this year. It would be more reasonable to double the number of irises on the 2021 ballot than to vote a late 2020 ballot in January and February 2021 and vote again in June and July 2021. There could be some confusion about who would be qualified as a judge to vote a late 2020 Ballot. There are three choices: no ballot in 2020, a late 2020 ballot or a ballot that combines 2020 and 2021.

Motion 1 - There will be a single ballot to include the 2020 and 2021 awards with the details to be worked out and presented at the next board meeting for approval.

Motion by Andi Rivarola and seconded by Bonnie Nichols. Motion carried.

Appreciation was expressed that the AIS Board visited this topic again.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM PDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Schneider