

Minutes of the AIS Board of Directors Videoconference, Wednesday, Feb 24, 2021  
[Amended and approved at AIS Board of Directors meeting, March 24, 2021](#)

Present:

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

Cheryl Deaton (15) - Director, Youth  
Claire Schneider (15) – Director, Recording Secretary  
Doug Chyz (5) - Director, Public Relations & Marketing  
Howie Dash (23) – Director, RVP Counselor  
Janis Shackelford (15) – Director, Policy, RVP 15  
Lorene Crone (7) – Director, Electronic Services  
Mike Reed (17) - Director, Awards (incoming)  
Neil Houghton (2) - Director, Image Coordinator, Iris Program Resources Digital  
Phyllis Wilburn (14) – Director, Section & Cooperating Society Liaison  
Scarlett Ayres (23) - Director, AIS 2021 Convention Co-Chair  
Susan Driver (7) – Director, Calendars  
Wayne Messer (21) - Director, Exhibition Show Reports, News & Notes, RVP 21  
Jean Richter (14) - RVP 14, RVP Representative

Gerry Snyder (15) - Awards (outgoing)  
John Ludi (13) – RVP 13, Publication Sales Director  
Lois Rose (4) - Exhibition Schedules

Christine Dickinson (14)  
Carol Cullen (14)  
Jeannette Graham (11)  
Carol Lingenfelter (21)

The meeting was called to order on Zoom at 5:02 PM PST.  
A quorum was present.

**Motion 1:** To approve the amended minutes of the December 16, 2020, a regular AIS Board of Directors meeting. Motion by Janis Shackelford and seconded by Cheryl Deaton. Motion carried.

**Motion 2:** To approve the minutes of January 5, 2021, a special Handbook revision meeting. Motion by Janis Shackelford and seconded by Susan Driver. Motion carried.

**Motion 3:** To approve the minutes of January 19, 2021, a special Handbook revision. Motion by Michelle Snyder and seconded by Janis Shackelford. Motion carried.

**Motion 4:** To approve the minutes of February 2, 2021, a special Handbook revision meeting, as amended by Gerry Snyder. Motion by Janis Shackelford and seconded by Howie Dash. Motion carried.

**Motion 5:** To approve the minutes of February 9, 2021, a special Handbook revision meeting. Motion by Jean Richter and seconded by Michelle Snyder. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

Electronic reports were posted online for Exhibition Schedules, Exhibition Show Reports, Intellectual Scientific Advisory, Judges, and Library. All of these reports were for information only. There were no reports from Exhibition Supplies, Gardens (national collections), Insurance and Symposium. The report from Intellectual Property has been postponed.

Lois Rose gave an update on Exhibition Show Schedules. Last year at this time 61 shows had been approved. So far this year, only 19 show schedules have been approved and 1 virtual show.

Bonnie Nichols gave an update on Judges. As of last night, 16 judges have not renewed their dues. Bonnie encourages all judges to keep their dues current.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Reports - Michelle Snyder

Those who have reports scheduled for an AIS Board of Directors meeting should have submitted their reports at least two weeks before the AIS meeting so they can be posted online for Board members to read. If there is no report, please send an email to Michelle saying so. At the top of each report, please write "Information Only" or "Action Required."

### 2. Judges Handbook - Bonnie Nichols

Chapters that are up for review by the Board of Directors are posted in Google Drive about a week before the special handbook meeting of the AIS Board of Directors. Bonnie praised the median iris group, the aril-arilbred group and Lois Rose (the show chapters) for their work revising *Handbook* chapters. There is no estimated date of completion, but the revision process is moving forward.

The AIS Board of Directors has been meeting on Tuesdays to review and approve chapters for the revised handbook.

Discussion: Because of the pandemic, a few clubs have held virtual shows in lieu of real flower shows. There is nothing in the *Handbook* about virtual shows, so Lois Rose has been unable to approve any virtual show. Perhaps there is someone who would like to write an outline or chapter on virtual shows for the *Handbook for Judges*.

### 3. 2021 Voting Procedures - Mike Reed & Gerry Snyder

There will be two Dykes winners on the next ballot.

4. Centennial Supplement - Jim Morris (absent)

Jim is working on the fifth supplement. It was recommended that if there are more articles, that those be included in future issues of *Irises, The AIS Bulletin*. However, if there 15 to 20 more articles, perhaps a sixth supplement should be authorized. Jody will follow up.

5. Photo Contest - Jody Nolin

Anita Moran resigned last year due to health issues but has agreed to finish the 2020 Photo contest. Susan Driver will take over the contest for 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Disaster Plan - Wayne Messer

AIS does have a Disaster Plan, but it needs to be updated with names and addresses. The last time the Disaster Plan was updated was in 2010. All AIS Board members should read the plan and send Wayne updated information about job descriptions and contact information. Michelle Snyder has job descriptions in both electronic and hard copy format.

7. Registrar - Jody Nolin

John Jones will be stepping down as registrar. Janis Shackelford is in training as assistant registrar. All registration information should be sent to John because he is the current registrar.

8. Nominating Committee - Janis Shackelford

Please send nominations for director to Janis Shackelford. Currently there are eight nominees. Janis' report will be presented at the May AIS teleconference.

9. Condition of AIS Trophies - Mike Reed

The trophies have several issues. Some of the trophies are broken or missing pieces. Moving them from convention to convention is expensive. Some of them are out of space for engraving names of winners. Their only function is the photo of trophy with winner. Other than that, they take up storage space until the next convention. New transport cases have been purchased which means the trophies, regardless of condition, arrive without further damage. A suggestion was to replace trophies with a plaque, certificate, small keeper trophy or medal. Or maybe an object such as a mini-shovel or vase with an engraving of the winner's name, winning iris and category.

10. Fall Meeting - Janis Shackelford

Traditionally the Fall Meeting is held on the first Friday and Saturday in November. The set up for a Board meeting traditionally has been a U-shaped arrangement of tables with six, six and six people on each side. An extra chair between each person could help maintain social distance. Janis suggested the Fall Meeting be held in the Hilton across from the San Diego Airport. Vaccines are in the process of being approved which means that travel, hotels and meetings might be back to normal by the time of the Fall Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. AIS Webinars - Gary White

The March 3rd program will be Aril & Arilbreds presented by Howie Dash.

The March 10<sup>th</sup> program will be a panel presentation on pests and weeds moderated by Bob Hollingworth.

12. The next regular AIS board meeting will be March 24, 2021, Wednesday, at 5 PM PDT (Pacific Daylight Time). The next Handbook Revision meetings are scheduled for March 2, 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> (Tuesdays).

Reports for the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting:

President

1<sup>st</sup> VP

2<sup>nd</sup> VP

Secretary

Immediate Past President

Convention Liaison

Legal Advisor

Policy

Recording Secretary

Registrar

Strategic Planning

Youth

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM PST.

Respectively submitted,  
Claire Schneider