

Minutes of the December 8, 2021, AIS Board of Directors Teleconference  
Approved at the January 26, 2022, Board Meeting.

Present:

Andi Rivarola (15) - President, Convention Liaison (temporary), Public Relations, Social Media,  
Strategic Planning, Membership Development

Bonnie Jean Nichols (17) - 1st VP, Judges, Handbook Revision, RVP 17

Howie Dash (23) - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, RVP Counselor, Audit Comm, AIS 2022 Convention Co-chair

Claire Schneider (15) - Secretary, Recording Secretary

Jill Bonino (15) – Treasurer, Foundation Liaison

Jody Nolin (6) - Immediate Past President, Honorary Awards, Affiliate Chair

John Ludi (13) – Publication Sales Director, RVP 13

Pam Messer (21) – Membership

Bill Dumont (13) - Director

Cheryl Deaton (15) - Director, Youth

Doug Chyz (5), Director, Public Relations & Marketing

Janis Shackelford (15) – Director, Registrar/Recorder, Policy, RVP 15

Jean Richter (14) - Director

Linda Wilkie (21) - Director

Lorene Crone (7) – Director, Electronic Services

Mike Reed (17) – Director, Awards

Phyllis Wilburn (14) – Director, Section & Cooperating Society Liaison

Scarlett Ayres (23) – Director, AIS 2022 Convention Co-chair

Susan Driver (7) – Director, Calendars, Photo Contest

Wayne Messer (21) - Director, News & Notes, Electronic Services Website, RVP 21

Linda Baumgartner (20) - RVP 20, RVP Representative

Gary White (21) - Finance, Webinars

Lois Rose (4) - Exhibitions Schedules

Catherine Mason (10) - RVP 10

Charlotte Brennand (12) - RVP 12

Joshua Winzer (22) - RVP 22

Carol Cullen (14)

Christine Dickinson (14)

Delane Langton (11)

Nancy Vogel (18)

The meeting was called to order at 5 pm PST.

Gary White was appointed as parliamentarian.

1. Minutes from November 6, 2021, Fall Meeting in San Diego - Claire Schneider

**Motion 1:** to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2021, Fall Meeting.

Motion by Janis Shackelford and seconded by Bonnie Nichols. Motion approved.

2. Minutes from October 27, 2021, Board Teleconference - Claire Schneider

**Motion 2:** to re-approve the minutes from October 27, 2021, with corrections by Wayne Messer. Motion by Janis Shackelford. Seconded by Bonnie Nichols. Motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

3. Budget Update - Jill Bonino

Two electronic documents were posted: Draft Budget 9-30-22 and Restricted Funds Final 9-30-21. Regarding the Restricted Funds Income & Expenses, Jill reviewed the budget categories and posed questions to the Board about the future of some of the temporary restricted funds. Should any be discontinued, transferred, renamed, or returned to the original donor?

Discussion: A suggestion was to use the restricted funds from the Bulletin Scanning Project to bind the Centennial supplements into a book. Another suggestion was to define the “rainy day” and its purpose. Decisions about some of the restricted funds will be made in the future.

Regarding this updated Draft Budget, the changes made at the previous Board meeting have been included. After discussion and more changes, the final general fund net loss projected for 9-30-2022 will be \$4526 and a final restricted fund net loss of \$3300. In the future, Jill will prepare two budgets: a general fund budget and a restricted fund budget.

**Motion 3:** to approve the General Fund 9-30-2022 Budget with changes. Motion by Susan Driver. Seconded by Bonnie Nichols. Motion approved.

4. Authorize Andi Rivarola - Jill Bonino

**Motion 4:** that Andi Rivarola, as AIS President, be authorized to sign on all banking accounts and that Jody Nolin’s authorization be cancelled.

Motion by Jill Bonino. Seconded by Cheryl Deaton. Motion approved.

5. Judges Report - Bonnie Nichols

A revised judges report was posted. There are over 400 AIS G/E, master, and emeritus judges for 2022. The list is reduced by 48 judges, significantly more than the 28 judges lost last year. Bonnie has made multiple attempts to keep all judges current with dues and voting the AIS ballot. The color code for the AIS Judges List 2022 is as follows: blue indicates judges who have changes in their status and green indicates judges who are delinquent with their AIS dues. There are two regions with a very limited number of judges are Region 24 has only 2 judges and Region 10 with 4 judges.

**Motion 5:** to accept the 2022 list of AIS Judges as presented by Bonnie Nichols. Motion by Doug Chyz. Seconded by Howie Dash. Motion approved.

6. New RVP for Region 8 - Howie Dash

A revised list of RVPs as of December 8, 2021, was posted.

**Motion 6:** to approve Katerina Bergeron as RVP for Region 8

Motion by Howie Dash. Seconded by Doug Chyz. Motion approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

7. Cyber security Training for AIS Officers & Directors - Andi Rivarola

Three documents from KnowBE4 were posted that address cyber security. It was no surprise that on the first day of his presidential term, many of the Board members received requests “from Andi” for gift cards. This type of SPAM highlights the need for cyber security and Andi is recommending the KnowBE4 program.

Discussion: Based on her experience of training personnel about cyber security, Bonnie Nichols supported the use of KnowBE4. There are different programs and schedules available from KnowBe4. One example is 25 participants in a three-year program for a cost of \$65.88 per person. Jill recommended that the funds for such a program come from the restricted electronics services budget. A suggestion was to include region, section and cooperating societies officers in whatever cyber security program is employed. Another suggestion was that each affiliate, section, and cooperating society use an alias email account to which more than one person has access. Andi recommended that each Board member have an email address associated with irises.org. Wayne is working on a security add-on for the AIS website such as the check-box “I’m not a robot” or “captcha.”

8. Technology Knowledge - Andi Rivarola

Andi is offering a five-week course on increasing the use of technology. Instruction, examples, and homework will be provided for topics such as Google Drive, Google Calendar, using pdfs and productivity of email. Each class will be a live zoom session which will be recorded and later available for viewing on YouTube. Andi posted a flyer for his course.

9. Planned Giving - Andi Rivarola

**Motion 7:** that the AIS Board authorizes the pursuit of endowments for the long-term future of AIS in conjunction with the AIS Foundation.

Motion by Jill Bonino and seconded by Jody Nolin. Motion passed.

Discussion: A committee will be formed that will include members of the AIS Foundation and AIS Finance committees.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER ISSUES**

10. Janis Shackelford asked Linda Baumgartner to contact Orvid Olson, requesting him to contact Janis about the registration and introduction of two irises.

11. Gift for new president - Jill Bonino

Jill presented the new AIS president, Andi Rivarola, a gift from Nancy Skjei of Presby Memorial Iris Gardens with wishes for an enjoyable presidency. The gift is a colorful pair of Van Gogh socks.

12. Update on the 2019 Check List - John Ludi

John Jones has been unable to upload the 2019 Check List and recommends that it be printed in its pdf format to fit into a 2-inch binder and not in the traditional book format which would be 6.5 by 9 inches. John Ludi could take the 2019 Check List to the printer to ask for a quote using the pdf format if that is what the Board recommends. Another possibility is to give people the 2019 Check List as an attachment to an email.

Janis Shackelford is working on the 2021 R&I. To review, the Check List is a ten-year compilation of registrations and introductions while the R&I is an annual publication. For some people, the Check List is a more efficient way to look up an iris.

Andi and John Ludi will work on this issue.

13. Nomination of an emeritus judge - Bonnie Nichols

In an executive session, the AIS Board of Directors approved the nomination of Jody Nolin as emeritus judge. Congratulations, Jody!! A well-deserved honor!!

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be January 26, 2022, at 5 pm PST.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm PST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claire Schneider