

Fall Regional October 4-5, 2014

Reno, Nevada

Mary Sindicic, Secretary (Jo Balch recorded the minutes)

General Meeting Minutes

RVP John Pesek called the meeting of Region 14's Fall Regional together at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, October 4, 2014, in the Paradise Room of the Atlantis Hotel in Reno, NV. RVP Pesek welcomed everyone and thanked the High Desert Iris Society for hosting the event.

RVP Pesek asked for a moment of silence to honor LaRue Boswell, a hybridizer and active member of AIS and Region 14, who passed away this year.

Roll call was taken of the affiliates present, and a Sign-In Sheet was circulated. Thirty-eight members signed in.

RVP Pesek asked for approval of the 2014 Spring Regional minutes as published in the Bulletin. Larry Lockhart made a motion to approve the minutes. Gordon Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Officer reports

Judges Training - Phyliss Wilburn, Judges Training Chair, handed out and went over the current status of judges for Region 14.

Active Students 20, Apprentices 11, Garden/Exhibition 22, Master 13, Emeritus 4, Retired 11. Four students moved to Apprentice. One G/E judged moved to Master Judge. Phyliss will mail, or handed out to those present a record of their hours. A current list of Judges for 2014-15 was made available, or will be mailed to Show Chairs and copies of the record keeping form.

A current list of judges with phone numbers and addresses will also be posted on the Internet. Kitty Loberg raised the concern of privacy issues if the list is published on the Internet. Discussion followed.

Secretary - In the absence of Mary Sindicic, Region 14 secretary, Jo Balch recorded the minutes of the Fall Regional.

Treasurer - Treasurer, Helen Franklin handed out and went over the items listed in the Treasurer's Report from 12/31/13 - 9/30/14. Checking ending balance \$11,900.69, Savings ending balance \$24,045.35, Total Assets \$35,946.04.

Helen noted Terri Hudson has offered to donate additional money for the Scholarship Fund and the Sacramento Iris Society. Helen reminded the clubs to pay their dues.

Editor Bulletin Team - Current Bulletin Editor, Tom Carlin, resigned to take a full-time position, so a team was formed to look into publishing the Bulletin headed up by Shirley Trio. Assistants were: Lorraine Nicholson, Aleah Haley, Evelyn Condo, and Gesine Lohr. Members were encouraged to submit their announcements and articles early, as the Bulletin will be published by December 1.

Central Director - Carol Dahout - not available.

Southern Director - Carolyn Hoover noted the southern area is doing well and had a fundraiser bake sale. The Yosemite Iris Society has offered to host the 2015 Spring Regional "Spring Fling in the Pines" in April 17, 18, 19, to be held at the Pines Resort, Bass Lake. Carolyn also reported 25 new youth members, and had the students' art work available.

Northern Director - Rudy Ciuca reported there were new members and schools that wanted to join the Youth Program.

Rudy chaired the committee to define what constitutes a member of the AIS and possible differences among the affiliates.

Committee Reports

Finance - Carolyn Craft, Finance Chair, went over the fund raising events for the Fall Regional, and encouraged everyone to participate in the silent auction and bidding auction. Baskets were available donated from clubs in the Region, and Joe Ghio donated some of his new iris introductions. The Cadd's also donated iris. If anyone has any fund raising ideas, let Carolyn know. Carolyn mentioned that Santa Cruz is restricted to 50 gallons of water a day and that may have an effect on the number of PCI iris Joe Ghio may have available.

Honory Awards - Darlene Waite was not in attendance. It was announced the Larry Gaulter Award would not be awarded this year there were no nominations submitted by any of the members.

Historian - Jean Richter, Historian Chair, made available the Historic Scrap Book that was on display and encouraged anyone with historic articles to send them to her. The question was asked, when Region 14 was started. The Region14 Bulletins go back to 1957. Riley Probst spoke on his recollection of Region 14 from when he was a member of Region 18, and recalled it was prior to 1947. The AIS was started in 1921.

Electronics - Ann Pike, Editor of the Monterey Bulletin, and who also keeps Region 14's website up to date, was not in attendance. Her message was to convey to Clubs to send her information on events, in a timely manner, so she can include those events in the Region 14 Bulletin. She would like the responsibilities of the club to give to her their sale information or show information so she can put that on the event page but the clubs need to let her know that information.

Membership - Mary Ann Horton, Membership Chair, was not in attendance. Her report indicated Region 14 has:

- 510 members
- 39 e-members
- 135+ youth members.

Compared to other Regions, Region 14 is the leader in membership within AIS. Also reported, there are:

- 4,190 AIS members in United States
- 4,458 World-wide members.

It was also noted, membership allows members to access registration information.

Scholarships - Terri Hudson, Membership Chair, was not in attendance. Her report indicated the 2013-2014 Scholarship was awarded. Terri indicated the \$1,000 budgeted for 2015 would be sufficient.

Lorraine Nicholson, an active member in promoting youth memberships, donated a check for \$1,300 from the San Joaquin Iris Society.

Science - The Science Chair position is open. John Pesek, working with Mary Hess, owner of Blue Bird Haven Iris Garden, is going organic and will report the findings and effects of how going organic will have on an iris garden.

Trophies & Awards - Bill Fink, Awards Chair, made the 2014 Spring Regional Awards presentation. No "Out-of-Region" award was presented.

Hager-DuBose Memorial Cup - won by Riley Probst for "Holiday in Mexico."

Clara B. Rees Cup - won by Leslie Painter for "Under the Boardwalk."

Jim Gibson Cup - won by George Sutton for "Blueberry Trail."

Knopf Cup - (Seedling not yet introduced) won by Fred Kerr "06-084A."

Cotillion Cup - won by Fred Kerr for "Amber Rainbow."

Melrose Award - won by Heather Pryor for "Swirling Waters."

If the hybridizer was not in attendance, the award will be mailed to them.

Youth - Lorraine Nicholson, Youth Chair, reported there were over 130 youth members, and youth members make up over 26% of the membership. Photos from the Heirloom Expo were available for viewing.

Each youth in CIP (Classroom Iris Project) receive a Youth Bulletin rather than the AIS Bulletin. The cost of shipping the Youth Bulletin to students is \$3.98.

Rudy Ciuca, also on the Youth Committee, spoke on the CIP (Classroom Iris Project). Parents of the youth are concerned with privacy. So it was suggested to only use the student's first name, and the last name would be the school name. All the students would receive the same birth date. Discussion followed. A coordinator will report back on the progress.

Shirley Trio reported, that Cheryl Deaton of Fresno said to her that Lorraine Nicholson is doing a great job of building a successful Youth program.

Old Business

Changes in the Standing Rules for Awards at a Spring Regional.

Bill Fink, member of the Ad Hoc Committee looking into this matter, handed out the proposed revisions on paper.

John Pesek called for a motion to accept the Standing Rules as proposed by the Awards Committee. Phylliss Wilburn made the motion. Phillipa Alves seconded the motion. Much discussion followed.

Kitty Loberg called to strike the sentence in the proposed Standing Rules that reads:

"There must be a minimum of two guest iris and two different hybridizers eligible in order for the award to be made." Discussion followed.

Kitty Loberg made a motion to amend the motion to read: For the cup to be awarded there must be a minimum of five members voting in the category to be awarded a trophy. Phyliss Wilburn accepted the motion. Riley Probst seconded the motion. RVP Pesek asked for a show of hands for the vote. Yes votes - 31, Opposed - 7. Amended motion carried. Bill Fink will provide a cleaned-up version of the revisions to the secretary.

Kitty Loberg made a motion to retire the Jim Gibson Cup as an award given at the Spring Regional because of the newer forms and color variations (bi-colors, blends, luminatas, and space age). Jean Plank seconded the motion. Riley Probst suggested rather than eliminate the Jim Gibson Cup, add an award for the newer varieties. Because of time constraints John Pesek asked that the motion be tabled and a committee made up of Bill Fink Chair, David Cadd, Riley Probst, Kitty Loberg, and Larry Lockhart to bring recommendation to the Spring Regional.

2016 Spring Regional Update - April 29, 30, May 1, 2016

RVP Pesek gave an update on the various club's involvement for the 2016 Spring Regional.

Sydney B. Mitchell – Registration & Banking

Mt. Diablo Iris Society - Packets and Pens

Monterey Bay & Clara B – Iris Show

Nola's Iris Garden, San Jose - Looking into hotels, transportation coaches or mini-buses, caterer, letters have gone out to hybridizers.

Guest Speaker - Steve Shriner

There is no Chair for the event, at the moment. John Pesek is coordinating.

2019 AIS Convention

Kitty Loberg chaired the exploratory committee looking into the feasibility of a 2019 AIS Convention by e-mail. Kitty contacted commercial or private gardens in the area. Nine said "yes." Those gardens were: Joe Ghio - Bay View Gardens Santa Cruz, Jim and Irene Cummins next to Santa Cruz, Kanawaski near Yosemite area, Nola's Iris Farm - San Jose, Fleur de Lis - Modesto, Mary Ann Horton - Loomis, Blue Bird Haven Iris Garden - east of Sacramento, Joe & Rudy Ciuca in Sonoma, Shield Garden – Elk Grove, and U.C. Davis might be considered as a guest garden.

Things to consider: Transportation to gardens should be no more than an hour bus ride. A committee is looking into helping the gardens with expenses. A guest iris coordinator is needed and treasurer. Other items to consider: Plant stakes, program booklet, hotel arrangements - book 3 years in advance, bus chair, refreshments, boutique, ordering pins, banquet, port-a-potties. Side gardens, wineries, or a trip to Yosemite can also be considered.

Kitty Loberg made a motion to submit to the AIS an invitation for Region 14 to host the 2019 AIS Convention. Joe Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion put to vote. Yes - 32. Nay - 3. Motion carried.

A motion was made to select the Sacramento area for the 2019 AIS Convention by Phillipa Alves and seconded by Eric Hansen. Yes vote - 24. No vote - 12.

A motion was made by Jeanne Plank and seconded by Riley Probst to rescind the previous motion to select the Sacramento area for the 2019. Yes vote – 21. No vote – 11. Motion carried.

Shirley Trio will chair the committee including Riley Probst, Carolyn Hoover, Eric Hansen, Phillipa Alves and Carolyn Craft to explore the gardens and report at the 2015 Spring Regional.

Kitty Loberg will submit a letter to AIS for Region 14 to Host the 2019 AIS Convention.

New Business

Helen Franklin, Treasurer, stated the 2015 Budget would remain the same as last year's funding, with the exception of the Scholarship Fund. With the San Joaquin Iris Society donating \$300, Lorraine Nicholson made a motion to increase the scholarship budget and preference be given to students of members. Rudy Ciuca made a motion to increase the Youth budget to \$1,500 and Joe Lawrence seconded it.

RVP John Pesek made a motion to increase the budget \$3225.00 over income. Rudy Circa made the motion and Sandy Mann seconded it. Motion Carried

John Pesek reported that Riley Probst submitted a request from the James M. Gibson Iris Society to host the Fall 2015 Region 14 meeting. The dates will be either the weekend of October 24th or October 17th. It will probably be hosted in Visalia. If Visalia does not work out, maybe Tulare which is the city the JMGIS meets in.

New Central Director

Carol Dahout's term as Central Director has expired. This area includes: Clara B. Rees, Monterey Bay, Mt. Diablo, West Bay, and Sydney B. Mitchell. RVP John Pesek has suggested Jim Cummings (Monterey Bay) for Central Director. Jeanne Plank made the motion. Riley Probst seconded the motion. Kitty Loberg also nominated Carolyn Craft for the position. Phillipa Alves seconded the motion. Motion put to vote. Jim Cummings received 23 votes - the majority.

Nomination Committee

Between now and the Spring Regional, a nomination committee is needed for the RVP and the Assistant RVP: There are seven members under the direction of the past RVP Jeanne Plank it is made up of Three Directors, one Affiliate President, one AIS Judge, one Member at Large. The three directors will coordinate with the nominating committee and the nominations will be published in the Bulletin and voted on at the Fall Regional. Lorraine Nicholson volunteered as the AIS Judge.

Announcements

Region 14's 2015 Spring Regional Meeting (Spring Fling in the Pines) will be held April 17, 18, 19, 2015. Carolyn Hoover (Yosemite Iris Society) gave an update and handed out flyers, and Riley Probst provided a CD of the Pines Resort and Conference Center at Bass Lake (elevation 3,500 feet). Room rates - \$109/room. There will be three guest gardens to visit Dan Cereghino's Madera Knolls-Madera garden, Madera, CA, Bill Tyson's Hillside Iris Garden, Coarsegold, CA, and Hoover's Creek Ranch Iris Garden, Coarsegold, CA, a banquet and guest speaker, Judges Training and Garden Training. There will be 180 guest irises on display a total of 500 irises. Buses will be provided to the gardens. The General Meeting will be on Friday evening due to the constraints to get to all of the gardens.

Region 14 2014 Symposium Results

	<u>Votes</u>
That's all Folks -	26
Jessie's Song.	18
Mesmerizer.	18
Queen's Circle.	17
Lady Friend.	17

AIS 2015 Convention will be held in Portland, Oregon, May 18-23.

New Iris Registrations

In 2013, there were 1,218 new iris registrations.

26 % were tall bearded 13% beardless.

They originated from 15 different countries.

RVP John Pesek adjourned the meeting and encouraged everyone to participate in the fundraiser following the meeting.

In addition to the baskets and silent auction, Carolyn Craft had available 2014 TB iris introduction from Joe Ghio and Spurias donated by the Cadd's.