

Spring Regional April 17, 2015

Bass Lake, CA

Mary Sindicic, Secretary

General Meeting Minutes

RVP John Pesek called the General Meeting of Region 14's Spring Regional to Order at 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2015, in the Lakeview Room of the Pines Resort in Bass Lake, CA. RVP Pesek welcomed everyone and thanked the Yosemite Iris Society for hosting the event and the Gibson Iris Society for helping out with the show.

Roll call was taken of the affiliates present, and a Sign-In Sheet was circulated. Thirty-one members signed in. John Pesek welcomed from Region 15 Cheryl Deaton and Jill Bonino RVP.

David and Anna Cadd could not be at the Spring Regional due to David being ill and had been in and out of the hospital a card was circulated and all wished him well.

RVP John Pesek asked for approval of the 2014 Fall Regional minutes as published in the Winter 2014 Bulletin. Jim Cummins made a motion to approve the minutes. Janet Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Officer reports

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

Training:

2 hour garden training tomorrow given by Jim Hedgecock at Carolyn Hoover's Home.

Upcoming trainings that are posted on the web site include:

2 hours of Garden training on May 2 at Horton's Iris Garden in Loomis given on Spurias by John Jones.
2 hours of Garden Training on May 20 in Las Vegas on Tall Bearded, given by Mary Lee Fortner at her home.

If you have any ideas for trainings that you feel would be useful to Region 14 judges, please let Phyllis know. Watch the Region 14 Web Site for future trainings.

Currently we have:

28	Active Students (1 poised to move to Apprentice)
11	Apprentices (3 poised to move to G/E Judge)
22	Garden/Exhibition Judges
13	Master Judges
4	Emeritus Judges
11	Retired Judges

By June 1 of each year all **Master, Garden/Exhibition Judges, and Apprentices** must fill out and return an **Activity Report to the RVP and the Judges Training Chair**. Failure to do so can result in disqualification as a judge. Phyllis handed out or will hand out Activity Reports to those of you who are here today, and the rest will be mailed. Remember that you must return two copies, one to the RVP and one to the JT Chair. The addresses for both are in the enclosed letter. This year she cut down fewer trees by printing the letter and the form back to back, so be sure to look on the back of the letter. Phyllis gives a report to Students, but they are not required to fill it out and return it. It is good for them to see what the questions are so they can ponder their responsibilities if they become a judge.

As you read through the questions on the Activity Report, think about the responsibilities of a judge and how you might make more effort. For instance, Phyllis had a call to judge at Leo T. Clark in Chico. They have five judges to judge their show, because so few judges visit their show that they did not get the desired Exhibition Certificates for their Seedlings. As you probably know, the seedling that wins Best Seedling of the show is automatically awarded an Exhibition Certificate from AIS. However, the other Seedlings might have merit also, but need to have votes from 5 judges in order to be awarded and EC. We know that the EC is not a recommendation for introduction, but it is an encouragement to the hybridizer to keep working on this line. We need to support our hybridizers in the Region, and one way to do this is by visiting shows and considering filling out one of those blue forms for the seedlings that you think have merit.

Phyllis appreciates that everyone has been diligent about getting approvals for JT sessions and 1-on-1 training. She especially commends the judges who have taken their time and expertise to give trainings and tutor apprentices and students. We have lots of shows happening next weekend so most judges will be judging somewhere. There is also lot of one-on-one tutoring scheduled at these shows, and I appreciate the judges who are willing to help these students and apprentices fulfill their requirements.

At the Fall meeting in Reno, she should have presented the Star Award to a Judge who fulfilled the duties of judge in the most exemplary way during the 2013-14 year. Phyllis had too many things on her plate at the time to do the analysis required. She went back to the Activity Reports from the previous year, and indeed it was a close call as we have lots of diligent judges out there who are judging shows, visiting gardens, growing iris, giving trainings and tutoring students and apprentices. However, for the 2013-14 year the award goes to Shirley Trio-Probst.

Secretary - Mary Sindicic emailed the list of Region 14 Presidents, Executive Board, updated Standing Rules, and By-Laws and asked that if an email is incorrect please let her know.

Treasurer - Treasurer, Helen Franklin handed out and went over the items listed in the Treasurer's Report from 01/01/15 – 12/31/15. Checking ending balance \$12,746.69, Savings ending balance \$24,231.72, Total Assets \$36,978.41

Editor Bulletin Team - Current Bulletin Editor, Shirley Trio felt we got off to a really good start and met her deadline and got some great help from people in the region. Members are encouraged to submit their announcements and articles early, and the deadline for the next Bulletin will be May 1st. Phyllis Wilburn asked if Shirley could continue to send an email with the Bulletin as an attachment and Shirley said that she would. Phyllis felt it makes it easier to forward to all the club members. Phyllis reported that when Tom Karwin took over as editor he said that the Bulletin wouldn't be over 25 pages long and it's helpful for the people that have to make copies for members that don't have internet access and Shirley said that they are going to cut off about 5-6 pages. John Pesek thanked Shirley for stepping up into the breach and picking up the reins of the Bulletin getting out the bulletin with some wonderful color photos. Shirley wanted to thank Gesine Lohr, Jean Richter, and Bonnie Petheram for their help with the Bulletin and pictures from Mikey Lango.

Central Director - Open

Southern Director - Carolyn Hoover reported that she has not heard anything from Las Vegas and hope that everything is OK and everyone else was in attendance.

Northern Director - Rudy Ciuca reported that he and Joe Lawrence went to a Girl Scout meeting and have 12 different schools that want to join the Youth Program and they already have 14 schools that they are already working with.

Committee Reports

Finance - Carolyn Craft, Finance Chair, encouraged everyone to participate in the silent auction and bidding auction. Baskets were donated from clubs in the Region, and there is a separate raffle for a very valuable iris watercolor donated by a local artist. Carolyn wanted to thank Helen Franklin for all of her help. They have a couple of new ideas for future raffles that will involve the public.

Honory Awards – Betty Ford was not in attendance. They traditionally give the Larry Gaulter Award in the Fall and there are two new members of the committee Jean Richter and Kathy Bratten who will be working with Betty Ford to see if there is anyone eligible and worthy of the award. John will put in the next bulletin requests for nominations for the Larry Gaulter Award be sent to Betty Ford which will list the requirements for the award.

Historian - Jean Richter, Historian Chair, made available the Historic Scrap Book that will be on display at the banquet and she encouraged anyone with historic articles to send them to her she has plenty of AIS bulletins unless they are older than 1970.

Electronics - Ann Pike, Editor of the Monterey Bulletin, and who also keeps Region 14's website up to date, was not in attendance. Phyllis Wilburn asked if we could have on our website a static page that would be not visible except if you click on it like a word document that would have everyone's name, address, and phone number for the Executive Board. John said he would talk to Ann Pike about this.

Membership - Mary Ann Horton, Membership Chair, was not in attendance. Her report indicated Region 14 is number one in AIS and has:

526 members
39 e-members
144 youth members.

Scholarships - Terri Hudson, Membership Chair, was not in attendance. They are receiving applications as we meet and they will review them and let us know the results and the choice that they make.

Science – open

Trophies & Awards - Bill Fink was not present. John Pesek said that in the program handed out at the Spring Regional you can see what the awards are and vote and the winners will be presented in the Fall.

Youth - Lorraine Nicholson, Youth Chair, reported there are over 153 youth members. She wanted to talk about the kids who are not in a CIP who are being led by their parents, grandparents, a lady down the street those kids don't have the benefit of CIP but she wants to say thank you to all those parents and children who do this on their own. There are also iris societies that have taken these students under their wing mentoring them. Rudy Ciuca would like to build an info structure for students that can

accommodate students not in the CIP program. Lorraine asked if John Pesek could bring this issue up in Portland and John said he would ask Jim Morris to put it on the agenda. John asked that Rudy Ciuca, Lorraine Nicholson and Joe Lawrence to attend the meeting to support this. Rudy Ciuca said that we should be working with teachers and coordinators and give them the money they need.

Old Business

John brought up that in the Fall Regional there was a motion made by Kitty Loberg 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). Riley Probst suggested rather than eliminate the Jim Gibson Cup, add an award for the newer varieties and the motion was tabled until the Spring Regional and Bill Fink was the chair. Nothing had been done with the motion so Riley Probst asked that the motion be tabled again and a committee made up of Bill Fink Chair, David Cadd, Riley Probst, Kitty Loberg, and Rudy Ciuca will bring a recommendation to the Fall Regional.

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

RVP Pesek introduced Nola and Gary Prevost owners of Nola's Iris Garden and asked her to give an update on the 2016 Spring Regional. The hotel for the Spring Regional will be the Beverly Heritage Hotel in Milpitas which is six miles from their garden. Right now they are the only garden that we will be having on the Spring Regional and they will have a full day for everybody. They will be bringing everyone from the hotel to their garden via mini buses because there have been some concerns they live at 1300 ft and it's a two lane county road very similar to the road going out to Superstition Garden. She encourages everyone to take the shuttle from the hotel to their gardens but you are more than welcome to drive it is a very safe drive. They have about 120 guest irises planted and right now are on target blooming. Guest irises are blooming at the same rate as their normal garden and there are about 10 % in bloom now. All the guest irises look healthy and they are looking forward to everyone coming up. She thinks it is going to be fun and full weekend for everyone and will be well worth it. Phyllis Wilburn asked about the food and breakfast will be at the hotel and lunches will be catered at the garden. Banquet will be at the hotel and the guest speaker will be Steve Schreiner.

Sydney B. Mitchell – Registration & Banking

Mt. Diablo Iris Society - Packets and Pens

Monterey Bay & Clara B – Iris Show

2019 AIS Convention

At the Fall 2014 Regional they tabled our request to offer to hold the 2019 AIS Convention that Kitty Loberg submitted. We have a chair Shirley Trio, hotel coordinator is Eric Hansen, guest iris Riley Probst, goody bags Carolyn Hoover, registration Jean Richter. Some of our members have talked to Jim Morris and he is definitely behind us having it. There are other members on the AIS Board who don't want us or have one because they want to concentrate on the 100th Anniversary of AIS in 2020 but the President of AIS right now Jim Morris is in favor of us holding it. John Pesek mentioned that for hybridizers they want us to come and see their irises which are how they get votes for the AIS awards. Phyllis Wilburn shared that in the Winter 2015 AIS Bulletin as part of The American Iris Society celebration in the year 2020, an iris with the name 'Centennial Celebration' will be selected. This iris will be chosen among irises not yet introduced, but present, at the 2019 AIS Convention. Kitty Loberg wanted to know who will be at the Portland Convention and asked that any that can to attend the Board Meeting about 2019 AIS Convention in support of our request.

New Business

John asked for nominations for the position of Central Director Shirley Trio nominated Carolyn Craft and Jean Richter nominated Bonnie Petheram. Both accepted the nominations and were seconded. The nominees were asked to leave the room and a vote was taken Carolyn Craft won the nomination.

John Pesek talked about cancelling reservations for regionals. There was discussion to put something in the Standing Rules to give a week's cut-off where no money is refunded or half the money be refunded. Riley Probst explained that what brought this up this year was the Yosemite Iris Society was within the last couple weeks before the Regional started there had between a half dozen to a dozen canceling for various reasons. If it is one or two cancelling it's not a big deal but it ended up to be about eight canceling. After much discussion John recommended that we form a committee of the three directors that can go out to the clubs in their area and come back in the Fall Regional and give a report as to the feelings, guidelines, and suggestions to put in the Standing Rules. Rudy Ciuca made a motion and Joe Lawrence seconded it. Motion was carried.

John Pesek opened for discussion the advertising rates for the Region 14 Bulletin. After much discussion Kitty Loberg made a motion and Kathy Bratten seconded to change the Standing Rules C 6 to read:

6. The bulletin and the website will have a rate schedule for garden-related display advertising, based on [20% of the AIS rate schedule to be effective in June 1st 2015. \(Added June 1st 2015\)](#)

Motion passed.

Choosing Nominating Committee Members

John Pesek opened up for discussion whether we want to change Article V: Section 1 of the By-Laws and after much discussion it was decided to leave it as is.

Affiliates having a show on same weekend as the Regional

John Pesek opened for discussion whether to rotate dates of Spring Regional and use out of region judges. After much discussion it was decided not to make any changes.

Announcements

Janet Smith showed John Pesek the 2016 AIS calendars and wanted to let everyone know they are available online at AIS storefront.

John Pesek asked Riley Probst to talk about 2015 Fall Regional hosted by the James Gibson Iris Society. It will be held October 16 & 17 2015 in Visalia, CA and they picked the Holiday Inn Hotel which you can actually n from Hwy 99 freeway. He thinks the room rates are \$99.00 per night and will have a Fall reblooming show on Friday night and during the day on Saturday they will have the Region 14 board meeting and judges training by an out of town probably even out of region guest judges trainer that has not been selected yet.

Lorraine Nicholson made the announcement that Phyllis Wiburn has agreed to the position of RVP and Alleah Haley has agreed to be the position of Judges Chair and the committee felt it is a wonderful duo to continue the work that John Pesek has done for the last three years. The nomination will be published in the next bulletin and if no other candidates come forward they will be elected at the Fall Regional.

John Pesek thanked all of the people that brought iris for the show they expected 50 irises and there were 106 irises

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

Meeting adjourned

