

AIS Region 14  
Spring Regional April 30, 2016  
General Meeting  
Milpitas, California

Jane Jordan, Secretary

**General Meeting Minutes**

The General Meeting was called to order by RVP Phyllis Wilburn at 8:30 AM. Phyllis welcomed everyone and thanked Nola Prevost, John Pesek, Syndey B. Mitchell Iris Society, Mt. Diablo Iris Society, and Clara B. Rees Iris Society for their help on this Regional.

A Moment of Silence was observed for Eric Hanson, an AIS judge and member of the Sacramento and Sierra Foothills Iris Society, who died in a farm accident in February, 2016.

Roll Call was taken and the sign-in sheet was circulated. Fifty-seven members signed in. Three clubs had no representatives.

John Pesek moved that the 2015 Fall Regional minutes as published in the Bulletin and on the website be approved. Lynn Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Officer Reports**

**Judges Training.** Alleah Haley reported that there are 9 Judges Training sessions this year. Region 14 has forty-two judges -- 21 G/E judges, 17 Master judges, and 4 Emeritus judges, plus 8 apprentices, 10 Retired judges and 28 students. The Judges's Activity Reports will be handed out today. All judges and apprentices must return copies of their reports by June 1, 2016 to both Alleah and Phyllis.

**Secretary Report.** Jane Jordan reported on the issues that the Board had approved via email since the Fall Regional. On 10/21/15 The Board voted to donate \$100 to the AIS Insurance Defrayment in memory of Betty Coyle. On 10/22/15 The Board voted to donate \$50 to the AIS Online Encyclopedia Fund in memory of David Cadd. On 12/19/15 The Board approved the forming of the Regional Events Coordinator Committee with Kathy Braaten as the Chair. On 02/27/16 Terry Toney made a motion that the board approve Mount Diablo Iris Society as the sponsor of the 2016 Fall Regional. Helen Franklin seconded the motion. The motion was passed on March 1, 2016.

**Treasurer Report.** Helen Franklin handed out the Treasurer's Report for January 1, 2016 to April 15, 2016. Checking account balance is \$9,317.80. Saving account balance is \$24,734.28. Total assets are \$34,052.08.

**Editor.** Bulletin Editor Shirley Trio reported that 2 Bulletins have been published this year with no problems. She thanked the staff for their contributions. The write-ups from the clubs about their activities is gratefully appreciated. There is a new advertisement manager, Patricia Eisenberg, from the High Desert Iris Society.

**Central Director.** Carolyn Craft reported on the membership and attendance of the clubs in her district.

**Fundraising.** Carolyn Craft reported that the region sponsored a booth at the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show in March. Carolyn thanked the volunteers who worked in the booth. She reports that the show was much smaller and attendance was down. It was also difficult to get volunteers to work. The Region had a double booth because the space next door was vacant. The Region was charged \$175 for the booth while other educational booths paid no fee. There was only one new member to a society (CBRIS) that resulted from the Flower Show. Carolyn asked for more help or a replacement to organize the booth. Next year's Show is April 5-9, 2017 and the sign up deadline is July. Riley Probst made a motion that in view of the timing of the show and difficulty in staffing it, the Region will not participate in the 2017 SF Flower and Garden Show. Lynn Williams seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Several suggestions were made for replacing this event – moving the booth to the Sacramento State Fair and societies setting up booths at the local Home and Garden Shows. At the 2016 Fall Regional we have the opportunity to sell potted beardless iris – siberians, louisianas, and

japanese, that the nurseries do not carry. Carolyn asked that some beardless iris be potted now so they are ready to sell in October.

**Southern Director.** Terry Toney reported the results of the Bulletin survey and the activities of the clubs in her district.

**Northern Director.** Rudy Ciuca reported the results of the Bulletin survey. Santa Rosa Iris Society will participate in the National Heirloom Expo in Santa Rosa on September 6-8. They will sell rhizomes and educate the public. All Region 14 Iris Societies are requested to send Joe Lawrence their club's promotional materials for the public for this event. [CLVineyards@aol.com](mailto:CLVineyards@aol.com).

**Regional Events Coordinator.** Kathy Braaten announced the Schedule for the future regionals.

2016 Fall Regional, "Wild Iris Around the World", will be hosted by Mt. Diablo IS on October 14-15 in the Livermore area. The registration fee will be \$70. Jan Blaedal is the Event Chair. The regional will be at the Alden Lane Nursery. The hotel is the Extended Stay Hotel.

2017 Spring Regional, "Iris Express", will be hosted by Sierra Foothills and Sacramento Iris Societies on April 21-23, 2017. Kathy Braaten is the Event Chair. The Hotel is the Crown Plaza. The room rate is \$109 per night. The speaker is Dell Perry from Texas. The Gardens are Mary Ann Horton's and Russ and Fran Shields'. The 150 guest iris are in the ground. There will be NO buses. It is a 45 minute drive between the gardens.

2017 Fall Regional will be hosted by Region 14 and Leo T. Clark IS in the Chico Area.

2018 Spring Regional will be hosted by Region 14 and San Joaquin IS in mid-May. The hotel will be in the Mariposa area. The garden will be Doug Kanarowski's.

2018 Fall Regional is open.

2019 Spring National hosted by Region 14.

**Honorary Awards Chair.** Sandy Mann was not available. John Pesek asked for nominations for the Larry Gaulter Award for exceptional service to the Region. Send your nomination to Sandy Mann, [damannfam@charter.net](mailto:damannfam@charter.net).

**Historian.** Jean Richter is working on an article on hybridizers for the Bulletin.

Alison Willy from the Sacramento IS announced that their club has been contacted by the University requesting help in restoring their Lloyd Austin Memorial Garden. Lloyd Austin introduced the first space age iris. The project will request donations of Lloyd Austin rhizomes for planting in July 2017. Alleah Haley will send out a list his introductions. Ruth Ostroff volunteered to pot the rhizomes and save them for the planting. Rudy Cuica volunteered to donate a complete set of Dykes Medal Winners for the Garden. Shirley Trio volunteered to request rhizomes from the Novelty Iris Society.

**Internet.** Ann Pike sent her report to Phyllis. Ann requests that the Regional Chairs send information about their event well in advance – the registration forms, pictures of speakers and gardens, etc.

Allow one week turn around time. Kitty Loberg suggested the Region 14 have a Facebook Page. Riley Probst will set it up.

**Membership.** Mary Ann Horton sent her report to Phyllis. In the past 12 months there have been 18 new AIS members. There are 605 AIS members in the Region, 39 emembers, 218 youth. Region 14 is the largest region. Non-AIS members in local clubs are not counted. The clubs should send their membership roster listing who is and who is not an AIS member to the RVP. Phyllis has a power point presentation from Jim Morris on the virtues of joining AIS that she would be happy to present at the local club meetings.

**Scholarship.** Peggy Ruud sent her report to Phyllis. The intent of the scholarship is that the recipient be an AIS youth member or a relative of a member who will pursue study in horticulture or a related field. The applicants should be graduating high school seniors or freshman at community colleges or universities. A committee of 5 will review the applications.

The application process is closed for this year. There are 7 applications compared to last year's 27 applications. The current scholarship fund has around \$1100. The Standing Rules states that the Scholarship Fund is \$500. Philippa Alvis made a motion to change the Standing Rules to \$1000 for the

scholarship amount. Lynn Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Suggestions to improve the system were requested. Some suggestions were to include home schooled and charter schools as well as public schools; post at UC Davis for freshmen; contact 4H and Future Farmers of America. A committee will be formed to review the scholarship process. Joe Lawrence and Shirley Trio volunteered to be on the committee.

**Science.** This Chair is open and its responsibilities need to be defined. Phyllis will research what the duties of the Chair are.

**Trophies and Awards.** Anna Cadd reported for Bill Fink. Anna explained the notations for the guest iris in the Regional Booklet. The iris are color coded for which awards they are eligible.

**Youth.** Lorraine Nicholson sent a report to Phyllis. There are 219 youth members in our Region.

The AIS has 352 youth members. Region 14 has 62 % of the Youth Members. The Budget is \$2000. \$500 has been spent. Rudy Ciuca added that the Santa Rosa Youth Program covers grades 3-8. The National Classroom Iris Project (CIP) is still on hold.

**2019 AIS Convention.** Shirley Trio announced that the dates are April 22-17, 2019. The only beardless guest iris that will be accepted for the convention are Spuria and PCN. Louisianas and Siberians require too much water and bloom too late. The beardless guest iris will start arriving in September. Riley Probst is the Guest Iris Chair.

**Old Business.**

**Standing Rule concerning reimbursement for printing R14 Bulletin.**

The Bulletin is posted on the Website and distributed via email. All AIS members in the region are entitled to a copy of the Bulletin. Shirley is trying to determine the cost of printing copies of the bulletin for people without computer access. She has purchased supplies that are used only for this purpose and will assess the cost.

**New Business.**

**Distribution of Guest Iris to Clubs.** If the clubs choose to participate in the distribution, they should contact Phyllis. They must also agree to not sell the iris to the public. If they hold an auction, 50 % of the proceeds must be remitted to Region 14. Alternately, they can sent a flat fee to R14 for the iris. Nola will select a date for digging the iris.

**Announcements.**

**Mt. Diablo Iris Society – Hosting the Fall Regional Meeting, Oct 14-15**

2016 Fall Regional, “Wild Iris Around the World”, is hosted by Mt Diablo IS on October 14-15 in the Livermore area. The registration fee will be \$70. Jan Blaedal is the Event Chair. The Regional will be held at the Alden Lane Nursery. There will be food available at the nursery. The hotel is the Extended Stay Hotel. There will be a Reblooming Iris Show on Friday. Stan Morgan speak on “Wild Iris Around the World” in preparation for the speaker, Dr. Carol Wilson. Dr Wilson received an AIS grant to study wild iris worldwide. She will share her experiences and photos from her travels. On Saturday there will be a continental breakfast followed by the general meeting at 8:30 AM. There will also be meetings for Show Chairs and Program Chairs. Anna Cadd will give a judges training on Artistic Design.

Rudy Ciuca has volunteered to audit the Treasurer's books. Every time there is a new RVP, the books must be audited.

Please send Show reports to the RVP, Phyllis Wilburn, and to AIS.

The Tall Bearded Symposium was distributed in the last issue of the AIS Bulletin. Riley Probst is the chair for the Symposium. Last year there were only 47 responses from Region 14 from a membership of over 300 members. There should be more participation this year. Send a list of the name and/or number of the iris you wish to vote for to RVP Phyllis Wilburn, [abirder@aol.com](mailto:abirder@aol.com). Symposium Ballets are due on September 1, 2016.

Judges Activity Reports are due June 1, 2016. Send your report to both JT Chair, Alleah Haley, and RVP, Phyllis Wilburn.

