

AIS Region 14

Fall Regional October 15, 2016

General Meeting

Livermore, 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 Mount Diablo Iris Society for hosting the regional. Affiliate president, Mary Sindicic, introduced Jan Blaedal, the event chair, and Stan Morgan who gave a presentation on “Wild Iris around the World”. Roll Call was taken and the sign-in sheet was circulated. Sixty members signed in. Two affiliates had no representatives. The minutes from the 2016 Spring Regional were approved with one correction to dates for the 2019 National. The correct dates are April 22-27, 2019.

## **Officers Reports**

**Judges Training.** Alleah Haley reported that 9 Judges Training sessions were held this year. Region 14 has 57 judges – 26 G/E judges, 17 Master judges, 4 Emeritus judges, and 10 retired judges. There are 5 apprentices and 29 students. The Judges Training Reports will be handed out today.

Alleah awarded the Star Award for the Judge attending the most training sessions to Phyllis Wilburn who had 14.5 hours of training in 2016.

**Secretary's Report.** Jane Jordan reported that there was no electronic activity by the board.

**Treasurer's Report.** Helen Franklin handed out copies of the Treasurer's Report for 2016 up to October 8, 2016. The balance in the checking account is \$11,559.53. The Savings Accounts Balances are \$1,862.76 and \$23,081.69. Total assets are \$36,503.98.

**Bulletin Editor.** Shirley Trio announced that the deadline for articles for the Winter Bulletin is November 1, 2016. This bulletin will be shorter. For Affiliate News, please put the club name as the subject of the email. Send articles as plain text or in Word. Send photos as attachments (do not imbed in the text). High Resolution photos are best. The Spring Bulletin will have articles on Stan Morgan's talk and Carol Wilson's talk on species iris and their origins. Patricia Eisenberg has volunteered to be Advertising Chair for the Bulletin.

**Central Director.** Carolyn Craft reported on the activities of the affiliates in the Central Area.

**Southern Director.** Terry Toni reported on the activities of the affiliates in the Southern Area.

**Northern Director.** Rudy Cuica will be retiring from the board this year.

**Immediate Past RVP.** John Pesek thanked Mount Diablo IS for hosting the Regional.

## **Standing Committees**

**Regional Events Coordinator.** Kathy Braaten announced the schedule for future regional meetings.

*2017 Spring Regional*, “Iris Express” will be co-hosted by Sacramento IS and Sierra Foothills IS at the Crown Plaza in Sacramento April 21-23, 2017. Hotel rooms are \$109 plus tax. The registration fee is \$95 and includes lunch in Mary Ann Horton's Garden and dinner. There are 160 guest iris. An optional garden tour is Ruth Ostroff's garden. The guest speaker and judges trainer is Dell Perry from Plano, TX. AIS sanctioned show will be on Friday, accepting irises from 3-5PM, judging at 6PM.

*2017 Fall Regional* hosted by Region 14 in Chico with assistance from Leo T. Clark IS.

*2018 Spring Regional* hosted by Region 14 in Mariposa/Oakhurst area with assistance from San Joaquin IS. Two gardens on the tour – Doug Kanarowski's garden in Mariposa and Gary and Gail Collings in Oakhurst. There are 195 guest iris.

*2018 Fall Regional* We are looking for a hosting society.

**Honorary Awards Chair.** Sandy Mann announced that the winners of the Larry Gaulter, for service to Region 14, goes to Terri and Jay Hudson. They have volunteered in Region 14 and Nationally. They administered the Region 14 Scholarship for over 15 years. Bob Plank accepted the award for them.

The awards committee has 3 members plus a chair. The members rotate up to chair, with a new member each year as the chair leaves. Current members are Chair Sandy Mann, Jean Richter, Kathy Braaten, and Marilyn Kaplan. The new member is Pat Eisenberg. Kathy Braaten moves up to be the incoming chair.

**Fundraising.** Carolyn Craft called our attention to the beardless iris sale open to the public, the silent auction, and the raffle baskets. She thanked Anna Cadd for the small flower arrangements that will be awarded from the green ticket door prize drawing. There will be an auction of Beardless Iris after lunch.

**Historian.** Jean Richter is writing an article on Larry Gaulter for the Bulletin.

**Internet.** Ann Pike did not send a report.

**Membership.** Mary Ann Horton felt ill and left the meeting early. She left a report on membership.

Total AIS members is 4,329. Region 14 has 577 members. There were 10 new members. Region 14 has

the more student members than any other region.

**Scholarship.** The Scholarship Chair Peggy Ruud, is retiring. Lorraine Nicholson is the new chair. Alexiss and Alliyah Franklin, Helen Franklin's grand-daughters, will handle the electronic communications. Joe Lawrence gave a report from the committee to review the Scholarship process. Shirley Trio was also on the committee. Their suggestions were to define guidelines for who may apply and how the applications are judged. A point system may be useful in evaluating the applications. The statement that "preference will be given to students who are family of Region 14 members" should be removed from the application. However, the criterion may be used in the judging. High School Seniors and College students are eligible for the Scholarship. The word "College" should be replaced by School. The applications need to include charter school and home schooled students. It was suggested that the AIS Youth Guidelines for evaluating Scholarship be reviewed and modified to suit our needs. The scholarship is budgeted for \$1,000, but is often supplemented by affiliate clubs to make it \$1,500 each year.

This year's scholarship was awarded to Erin Sheridan. There is an article in the Fall Bulletin about her.

**Science Chair.** Riley Probst volunteered for Science Chair. There was discussion about what the science chair should do and the need as reflected in our bylaws.

**Trophies and Awards.** Bill Fink reported that the trophies have been engraved and are on view in the back of the meeting room. Permanent Plaques were awarded to the hybridizers who won the cups at the Spring Regional. The list of recipients appeared in the 2016 Summer Bulletin. Riley Probst was the only one present to receive his plaque for the Hager-DuBose Memorial Cup for the best median at the Spring Regional.

**Youth.** Lorraine Nicholson reported that there are 58 new students in the Classroom Iris Program. The Region pays their AIS dues of \$8. CIP needs more money. Rudy Ciuca reported that there are 5 new schools in CIP. There has been no response at the National level on the meetings on Youth. Carolyn Hoover will write an article for the Bulletin to complain about the AIS treatment of Youth.

**2019 AIS Convention.** Shirley Trio reported that the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Pleasanton will be the venue for the convention, April 22-27, 2019. The hotel was selected because there are numerous restaurants near by. There are six gardens: 1) Cummings Garden, Scott's Valley, 2) Ciuca-Lawrence Garden, Sonoma, 3) Dry Creek Garden, Union City, 4) Mary Ann Horton's garden, Loomis, 5) Fran & Russ Shields' garden, Elk Grove, 6) Dunsmire Estate, Oakland. There will be optional tours of San Francisco (Easter Sunday, April 20) and of Joe Ghio's Garden (Monday, April 21).

## **Old Business:**

**Standing Rule concerning reimbursement for printing R14 Bulletin.** Bulletin Editor Shirley Trio has been printing and mailing bulletins to AIS members who do not have computer access. She reported that she has not exceeded the \$600 per issue budgeted, although the cost per copy exceeds \$4.

Riley Probst moved that Article 3.C.7 of the Standing Rules be changed to assign the responsibility for printing the bulletin for AIS members lacking computer access to the Bulletin Editor and staff. John

Jones seconded the motion. John Jones amended the motion to specify a maximum cost of \$8 per copy. Bill Fink seconded the amendment. Riley accepted the amendment. The motion was passed.

**Audit of the Region 14 Treasurer's Books.** Rudy Ciuca audited the Treasurer's Book and found no discrepancies. The books are audited every 3 years when the RVP changes.

### **New Business:**

**Budget for 2017.** Helen Franklin presented the budget for 2017. John Pesek moved that the Youth Budget item be increased from \$2000 to \$2500. Joe Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed. John Pesek moved that the 2017 Budget be accepted as amended. Rudy Ciuca seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Donation to AIS to defray losses from the New Jersey Convention.** A deficit of \$14,000 was accrued because of union overtime during the convention. Bill Fink moved that Region 14 donate \$700 to AIS to help defray the loss. Ken Walker seconded the motion. The motion was passed. The monies will come out of the 2016 budget.

**Election of Director for the Northern Area.** Rudy Ciuca leaves this position. Nominations from the floor yielded two Candidates, Anna Cadd and Ruth Ostroff. Anna Cadd was elected.

**Appointment of a new member to the Honorary Awards Committee.** Pat Eisenberg is the new member of the committee.

**Appointment of Scholarship Chair.** Lorraine Nicholson is the new Chair. She will be assisted by Alexiss and Alliyah Franklin.

**Tall Bearded Symposium.** Riley Probst, Chair of AIS Tall Bearded Symposium, reported on the results of the Region 14 Tall Bearded Symposium. There are 577 members in our region and only 27 voted in the symposium. The top vote getters in Region 14 were That's All Folks, Golden Panther, Opposites, Dusky Challenger, Lady Friend, and Queen's Circle. The AIS total voting Dusky Challenger was the top AIS Tall Bearded iris again this year.

### **Announcements:**

Alleah Haley asked that all judges consider giving training. There was a suggestion that AIS should offer training to trainers so that more judges would be comfortable giving training.

### **Addendum:**

The executive committee held a short meeting after the conclusion of the business meeting. Rudy Ciuca moved that the Treasurer open checking and savings accounts for the 2019 AIS Convention with co-signers Shirley Trio, Helen Franklin, and Linda Hood. Carolyn Craft second the motion. The motion was passed.