

AIS Region 14
Spring Regional April 21, 2017
General Meeting
Sacramento, California

Jane Jordan, Secretary

The General Meeting was called to order by RVP Phyllis Wilburn at 8:03 PM.

Ruth Ostroff, President of Sacramento IS, welcomed everyone.

Phyllis Wilburn invited everyone to her hospitality suite after the meeting.

Roll call was taken.

John Jones moved that the minutes from the Fall Regional be accepted. John Pesek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Judges' Training Chair, Alleah Haley, reported that there are 91 people enrolled in Judges' Training: 24 G/E Judges, 15 Master Judges, 4 Emeritus Judges, 12 Retired Judges, 5 Apprentices, and 31 Students. 4 Apprentices are on track to advance to G/E Judges this Fall. There were 9 Training sessions this year. There will be an Open Garden at Doug Kanarowski's Garden in Mariposa on May 20. Judges, Apprentices, and Students are urged to come and participate in 1:1 training. Judges' Activity Reports will be distributed at this meeting and are due June 8. Send a copy to Alleah and to Phyllis.

A card was circulated to wish Helen Bliven well. She is in a rehabilitation facility in Walnut Creek.

Secretary, Jane Jordan reported that there was no electronic activity of the board since the Fall Regional.

Treasurer, Helen Franklin, could not attend. Copies of the treasurer's report were distributed. The Region has \$36,901.33 in the bank.

Director of the Central Region, Carolyn Craft, reported on the show dates for the club in her region.

Director of the Southern Region, Terry Tony, reported that Amberlee Pick of Yosemite IS won the AIS Clarke Cosgrove Youth Award this year. Also, Fresco IS is celebrating its 50 year anniversary this year.

Director of the Northern Region, Anna Cadd, apologized for having no report.

Immediate Past RVP, John Pesek, reported that he is chair of the nominating committee for the next RVP. The committee of 3 directors will be formed at the Fall Regional. Nominations in writing should be submitted to John. Interviews will take place at the 2018 Spring Regional. Results will be in Summer Bulletin.

Regional Events Chair, Kathy Braaten, reported that the Fall Regional will be hosted by Region 14 and Leo T. Clark IS in Chico, CA. The dates are October 27-28, 2017. The Registration fee is \$70 and the Ramada Plaza room rate is \$89 King and \$99 2 Queens. Chad Harris is the Guest Speaker.

The 2018 Spring Regional will be hosted by Region 14 and San Joaquin IS in Mariposa, CA. The dates are May 11-13, 2018. A flyer was included in the registration materials. Guests are encouraged to book hotels early. Rick Tasco will be the guest speaker.

The 2018 Fall Regional is open for hosting society.

Newsletter Editor, Shirley Trio, reported that Gesine Lohr has resigned. Larissa Daniel will help with the layout for the next issue of the bulletin. The deadlines for submitting articles are May 1, September 1, and February 1.

Honorary Awards Chair and Historian, Jean Richter, did not attend due to illness.

Phyllis asked that nominations for the Larry Gaulter Award for service to Region 14 be sent to Jean in writing.

Fundraising Chair, Carolyn Craft, urged everyone to buy raffle tickets and to bid on the silent auction.

Internet Chair, Ann Pike, was not present. Phyllis reminded everyone that Ann needs at least a week

lead time for items to be posted on the Website.

Membership Chair, Mary Ann Horton, reported that Region 14 has 618 AIS members including 266 youth members.

Scholarship Chair, Lorraine Nicholson, was not present. She reports that there are 14 applications for the scholarship and 6 of them meet the qualifications. She is getting together a committee of readers. It was suggested that the thank you letter from last year's winner, Erin Sheridan, appear in the Bulletin. Her permission should be obtained before publishing the letter.

Science Chair, Riley Probst, wrote an article for the Bulletin on fertilizers and will write a couple of articles a year. Let him know if you have a particular issue you want researched.

Trophies and Awards Chair, Bill Fink, reviewed the color codes on the guest iris markers in the garden and on the ballot. He also explained each trophy and who is eligible. Ballots are due Saturday by 4 PM.

Youth Chair, Lorraine Nicholson, was not present. Carolyn Hoover requested donations towards Amberlee Pick's expenses to the AIS National Convention to receive her Clarke Cosgrove Youth Award. John Jones moved that Region 14 donate \$200 to Amberlee. John Pesek seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

2019 Convention Chair, Shirley Trio, reported that she is in contract negotiations with the Hotel, but AIS Legal needs to approve the contract. The Hotel is the Pleasanton Doubletree on Johnson Drive at the intersection of I680 and I580. The bearded guest iris may arrive on August 1st or later.

There is a contest to choose a theme for the convention. The theme should include Las Vegas and Hawaii. The pins must wait until we have a theme. Shirley requested help with arranging the buses, preparing the convention booklet, and arranging the food.

New Business

2018 Fall Regional needs a host club. Kathy Braaten will check with SBMIS and Las Vegas IS.

Distribution of the 145 guest iris from the 2017 Spring Regional. The iris from the Shields garden will be dug on Tuesday, July 18. The iris from the Horton garden will be dug on Wednesday, July 19. Club Presidents should respond by July 1 if they want to receive any guest iris. Send a representative to help dig and pick up the iris or there will be a charge for shipping.

Spring Regional Show. Cindy Eastman announced the results of the show.

Announcements. Phyllis is Membership Chair for the Tall Bearded Iris Society. She handed out copies of the TBIS Magazines.

Phyllis is having an Open Garden on April 30.

Reminder to fill out your Tall Bearded Symposium Ballot and send it to Phyllis.

There is a Facebook page for Region 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM.