

AIS Region 14
Fall Regional October 2, 2021
Online via Zoom

Minutes of the Budget Meetings

Jane Jordan, Secretary

Regional Vice President, Jean Richter called the Budget meeting to order at 9:34 AM.

Treasurer, Bonnie Petheram reviewed the Treasurer's Report that appeared in the Fall Bulletin.

The Region has \$34797.84 in the bank.

The budget for 2022 was presented. The expenses exceed the revenues. Carolyn Hoover asked when is it appropriate for Yosemite Iris Society to ask the Region for funds to support the 2023 Spring Regional. Since the registration fee should cover expenses, YIS should wait until next year to ask for additional support.

Phyllis Wilburn noted that the \$30 allocated for the Membership Chair does not cover the two gift AIS memberships that are to be raffled off. Phyllis also mentioned that the AIS will have a membership drive from March to May, 2022, giving free AIS memberships to new club members.

Lynn Williams asked for clarification of the Judges Training expenses. Carol Cullen explained that her expenses were only stamps and ink. The trainer honorariums are covered elsewhere.

Phyllis added that Sacramento Iris Society will donate to the Scholarship Fund. Bonnie reminded us that the affiliate dues are \$4 per members and are payable now. All members are counted, not just AIS members.

Phyllis Wilburn moved that the 2022 Budget be approved. Lynn Williams seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Minutes of the General Meeting

Jane Jordan, Secretary

RVP, Jean Richter call the meeting to order at 10:35 AM.

Carol Cullen moved that the Minutes from the 2020 Spring Regional be approved. Marilyn Kaplan seconded. The motion passed.

Judges Training Chair, Carol Cullen, reported that the new Judges Handbook is available from the AIS Storefront for \$25 (with cover) or \$20 (no cover). The content is superb, but it is awkward to use, weighing 3 pounds and having 8 1/2" x 11" format. We will need to learn use it differently, such as only taking one section on a clipboard to a garden training. Carol also noted that not all webinars are for Judges Training credit. There must be a test as part of the Webinar. The Region totaled 350 hours of Judges Training in 2021. Carol thanked the judges who gave training and encouraged all judges to provide training. The two judges with the most training hours in 2021 for Star Award were Jane Jordan and Mikey Lango with 16 hours each. Dan Williams advanced to Garden/Exhibition Judge. Elaine Fischer advanced to Apprentice. The Judges Training Reports go out this week. Students who have been inactive for several years are no longer being tracked.

Secretary, Jane Jordan, reported that in July the board approved giving \$1500 in seed money to Mesilla Valley Iris Society for hosting the 2022 National Convention.

An additional nomination for the next RVP was received in August 12, 2021 from Shirley Trio-Probst. An Election between Carolyn Hoover (the Nominating Committee Candidate) and Shirley Trio-Probst was held. Ballot were emailed to AIS members of Region 14. The closing date for submitting ballots was September 22, 2021. The Election Committee of Jane Jordan, Carol Dahout, and Mikey Lango met on September 23, 2021 to count the ballots. Carolyn Hoover won the election.

Treasurer, Bonnie Petheram, had given a full report in the Budget Meeting. The Funds on hand are \$34,797.84. Bonnie asked all the affiliates to send in their dues, \$4 per member. An email reminder went out last week.

Bulletin Editor, Stephanie Jennings asked Patricia Eisenberg to give her report. The Fall Bulletin was published on August 20, 2021 and is on the Region Website. A hardcopy was mailed to AIS. The deadline for the Spring Bulletin is February 1, 2022. Stephanie is willing to continue as editor.

Central Director, Jeff Bennett, reported on the activities of Monterey Bay, Clara B. Rees, Mount Diablo, and Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Societies. There were several virtual shows, lots of zoom programs, and sales of potted iris and rhizomes. Some clubs have started having in person meetings.

Southern Director, Linda Hood, sent a report for James Gibson and Fresno Iris Societies. Clubs are starting in person meetings and having sales.

Northern Director, position is vacant. Other members reported that Sacramento IS is meeting in person and having a sale today. High Desert IS had show in the Spring and a sale. Santa Rosa IS had no show, but held a potted iris sale that sold out in 2 hours. Shasta IS is having in person meetings and had a show in May with the Rose Society and sold potted iris.

Immediate Past RVP, Phyllis Wilburn, acted as chair of the nominating committee for the next RVP and ARVP (Judges Chair). She thanked the nominating committee members and pledged to support Carolyn Hoover during her term. Phyllis thanked Jean Richter for serving as RVP during a very difficult time and announced that Jean will become a Director on the AIS board.

Honorary Awards Chair, Linda Hood, reported that no award is being presented this year because of Covid-19. Linda is stepping down as chair and Terry Toney is the new chair.

Fundraising Chair, Marilyn Kaplan, reported that it is a difficult time to fundraise without in person meetings. The committee has a large collection of items accumulated for future silent auctions. There were 2 silent auctions at the trainings this Spring that raised around \$500. There will be a live auction of iris today after the meeting.

Program Resource Development Chair, Patricia Eisenberg, reported that she has sent 11 letters of intent to various foundations to ask for scholarship funding, Dry Creek Garden needs, youth iris education and historical preservation. She will need a letter of Authorization from the RVP and RVP elect for grant applications. She thanked Marilyn Kaplan and other who assisted in the fundraising this spring and summer. Today HDIS is holding a yard sale of donated Region 14 items for the benefit of the Region. In the Spring Bulletin, Patricia will start a column dedicated funding events and resource requests.

Historian, Jean Richter, reported she will check with Bryce Williamson on his progress of scanning the region scrapbook.

Internet Chair, Ann Pike, is working on setting up a new website with Wordpress. It will be easier to use and allow multiple people to upload to it. Patricia Eisenberg asked that the historical material be uploaded to the new website.

Membership Chair, Shirley Trio-Probst, reported there are 327 AIS members in Region 14. Our region membership is holding steady while other regions are dwindling. Shirley is sending a welcome letter and a reblooming iris to new AIS members. She needs the rosters from all the affiliates to determine how many non-AIS members are in Region and to set up a raffle for the gift AIS memberships. AIS will have a membership drive in March through May, 2022. New affiliate members will get a free AIS membership. Club Presidents are asked to inform AIS and Shirley if an AIS member in your club passes away.

Scholarship Chair, Lee Dickey, reported that Amberlee Pick received the Region Scholarship in May. The deadline for this year application submission is March 30, 2022. The application is on the Region website.

Science Chair, Riley Probst, reported that he has not received any requests for research.

Trophies and Awards Chair, Bill Fink, reported the garden awards from the Spring Regional at Bluebird Haven. There was a tie for the Knopf Cup, Best Seedling by a Region 14 hybridizer: "10-16-2" by Bill Tyson and "Intense Farewell" by Bob Annand. The Clara B. Reese Cup for the best past introduction by a Region 14 hybridizer was won by "Arizona Cave Painting" by Doug Kanarowski. The Jim Gibson Cup for the best plicata, fancy plicata, luminata, broken color iris or visual plicata was won by "Magic Ring" by Keith Keppel. The Hager-DuBose Memorial Cup for the best bearded iris other than tall was won by "Honey Way" by Bob Annand. The Out of Region Award for the best iris from a hybridizer outside of Region 14 was won by "Rise Like a Phoenix" by Paul Black. Neither the Melrose award nor the Cotillion Cup were awarded. The Trophies have been engraved and the keeper awards have been mailed. There was discussion about whether to bring the trophies to the in person regional meetings. Several people said it was exciting for the winners to be photographed with the trophies. Bill said he did not mind transporting the trophies.

Youth Chair, Carolyn Hoover, reported there are 15 youth members. Covid-19 has made it difficult for the Classroom Iris Program (CIP) since schools are closed. Carolyn has lots of information to share about the program and encouraged everyone to get involved.

Old Business

The following changes were proposed to the Standing Rules.

[Section E. revision to be added October 2, 2021\)](#)

E. FUNDING COMMITTEE

1. (12.) There shall be a Funding Committee, consisting of a Fundraising Chair, Program Resource Development Chair, Regional Event Coordinator, and Treasurer.

2. (3.) The Funding Committee shall be responsible for all Regional fundraising, which may include Summer Auction(s), beardless and bearded rhizome sales, raffles, grant writing, etc.

3. (13.) All fund raising projects held at a Regional event shall be under the direction of the Funding Committee and are subject to the approval of the RVP. When a fundraising event at a Regional event is not chaired by the Region's Funding Committee, fifty percent (50%) of all net proceeds shall be remitted to the Region's Treasury.

Phyllis Wilburn moved that the proposed changes be accepted. Dan Williams seconded. The motion was passed.

2022 Spring Regional

Jeff Bennett reported that the pins have been ordered. The committee is working on the hotel, show, banquet, and costs of the registration fee. The dates are April 30 and May 1, 2022. There was discussion about where to hold the meetings and banquet. Distant travelers will need a hotel in any event. Taking the weather into consideration will dictate an indoor venue for meetings.

2022 Fall Regional needs a host.

2024 Spring Regional needs a host.

New Business

Carolyn Hoover nominated Helen Franklin as the new **Southern Director**. Bonnie Petheram seconded the nomination. Bonnie Petheram moved that the nominations be closed. Carol Cullen seconded. The motion passed. Helen Franklin was elected as the new Southern Director.

Bonnie Petheram nominated Dan Williams for the remaining year of the **Northern Director** term. Carol Cullen seconded. Phyllis Wilburn nominated Patricia Eisenberg and Bill Fink seconded. Bonnie moved that the nominations be closed. Bill Fink seconded. The motion passed.

Dan Williams was elected as new Northern Director. Jean noted that after serving only one year that Dan would be eligible to run for the office next year.

Jean Richter shared that it was an honor and privilege to serve as RVP. She wishes Carolyn Hoover an uneventful term as RVP and symbolically handed the gravel to her. Carolyn said she had some good ideas and lots of energy. She looks forward to hearing from everyone. Her cell phone is 559-760-5638.

Announcements

The AIS Board Meeting is in person on November 5 in San Diego, at the Airport Marriott. The RVP elects will be confirmed at this meeting.

Carolyn Hoover announced that the 2023 Spring Regional will be May 12, 13, 14. There will be two gardens, Doug Kanarowski's and Laura Gonzalez's. There will be a show. They are exploring using the Bass Lake Hotel again.

The business meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.