

**AIS Region 14**  
**Fall Regional October 19-20, 2018**  
**Sure-Stay Best Western Hotel**  
**Reno, Nevada**

**Minutes of the Budget Meeting**

Jane Jordan, Secretary

**Regional Vice President** Phyllis Wilburn called the Budget meeting to order at 8:36 AM. She thanked the High Desert Iris Society for hosting the event and Patricia Eisenberg for chairing the event.

**Treasurer**, Helen Franklin, distributed copies of the budget and treasurer's report. The budget shows \$12,420 in expenses and \$5600 in revenues, resulting in a shortfall of \$6820. Clarification of the expenses (\$3500) for youth program, Classroom Iris Project for 400 youth, explained that region pays their \$8 dues. The youth members will not get the AIS bulletin, but they do receive the newsletters, projects, writing contests, iris culture, and mock show. The 2019 National Convention was not included in the budget report and should be a line item. Shirley Trio-Probst took the floor to discuss the budget for the 2019 National. The Budget shows \$96,750 in income and \$98,214 in expenses, making a shortfall of \$1467. The plan assumes attendance of 225. \$1500 seed money has been received from the 2018 National in Louisiana. Several affiliates have already made donations to the National. Monetary donations from affiliates should be sent to Linda Hood. AIS is not doing a Silent Auction, so Region 14 can do the Silent Auction and collect the profits. The final Saturday Awards Banquet will be in the Roundhouse Conference Center across the street. Shirley will provide a list of Committee chairs. Jean Richter is registrar and is making the bags. The pins are done. The region will be using 'Paypal Here' for the registration.

John Pesek moved that the 2019 Budget be accepted with the addition of a line item for the 2019 National. Lynn Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Budget meeting adjourned at 9:21 AM.

**Minutes of the General Meeting**

Jane Jordan, Secretary

**RVP** Phyllis Wilburn called the meeting to order at 9:24 AM. She thanked the High Desert Iris Society and Patricia Eisenberg for hosting the event.

Roll Call was taken.

**Judges' Training Chair**, Alleah Haley reported that Region 14 has the largest Judges' Training Program in the country. The region held 9 Judges' training sessions this year. There are 89 folks in the training program. We had 4 apprentices move up to G/E judges – Cindy Eastman, Mark Greene, Kurt Kilburn, and Amberlee Pick; 3 students move up to apprentice – Carol Cullen, Gary Prevost, and Craig Tarr; 3 new students – Jeff Bennet, Kathy Hutchinson, and Lori Peterson; One retired judge reactivated to active Master Judge – Bryce Williamson. The All Star Judge Award, an engraved acrylic star, for the accredited judge with the most JT hours went the Douglas Kanarowski and Phyllis Wilburn who each had 12 JT hours. The apprentice with the most JT hours was Cindy Eastman with 18.5 hours. Judges' training reports will be sent to all judges and apprentices in the next week.

**Secretary**, Jane Jordan, reported that board approved via email transferring an addition \$3000 to the 2019 National Convention bank account and setting up a new account with the Bank of the Sierra with Linda Hood and Helen Franklin as signers.

John Pesek moved that the minutes from the 2018 Spring Regional General Meeting be accepted. Terri Toney seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**Bulletin Editor**, Shirley Trio-Probst, apologized that the August Bulletin was not as yet published. She

just received the bulletin in final form this morning and will distribute it tonight via email. Shirley announced that she is retiring as Bulletin Editor. Jean Richter will select a volunteer to take over the position. Stephanie Jennings of HDIS also volunteered.

**Treasurer**, Helen Franklin, reported that there is \$37,978.02 cash on hand. Expenses to date are \$9,679. Revenues to date are \$9,555.

**Central Director**, Craig Tarr, thanked Phyllis Wilburn, RVP, for hosting the hospitality suite last evening. Craig reported on the memberships and activities of Clara B. Rees Iris Society, Monterey Bay Iris Society, Mount Diablo Iris Society, and Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society.

**Southern Director**, Terri Toney, reported on the activities of the San Joaquin Iris Society, Yosemite Iris Society, and Fresno Iris Society. James M. Gibson Iris Society did not send a report.

**Northern Director**, Anna Cadd, apologized that she did not have a report. She retired in April and has been on the road most of the time.

**Immediate-past President**, John Pesek, reported that the nominating committee of Anna Cadd, Patricia Eisenberg, Linda Hood, Joe Lawrence, Craig Tarr, Terri Toney, and himself met at the 2018 Spring Regional and interviewed 2 candidates for Regional Vice President – Jean Richter and Riley Probst. The committee voted by secret ballot and nominated Jean Richter for the position of RVP. The committee also nominated Alleah Haley as assistant RVP and Judges' Training Chair.

**Regional Events Coordinator**, Kathy Braaten, announced that she is retiring from the position. She thanked the High Desert Iris Society for hosting this event. The 2019 Spring Regional meeting will take place at the 2019 National Convention. Affiliates are needed to host the 2019 Fall Regional and the 2020 Spring Regional.

**Honorary Awards Chair**, Kathy Braaten, and her committee of Marilyn Kaplan, Patricia Eisenberg, and Linda Hood selected Helen Franklin, current Region 14 Treasurer, to receive the Larry Gaulter Award for exceptional service to Region 14. Helen has been Region 14 Treasurer since 2005. She also was refreshment chair for 8 gardens in the 2004 National Convention hosted by Region 14. She is assisting the treasurer to the 2019 National and has been instrumental in keeping the Porterville Festival alive. Kathy will be retiring as Honorary Awards Chair and Marilyn Kaplan will take over the position.

**Fundraising Chair**, Carolyn Craft, thanked Helen Franklin and Marilyn Kaplan for filling in her at the 2018 Spring Regional. She reported that the baskets and Silent Auction earned \$916 and the iris sale earned \$939. She announced that she, Lynn Williams, and Marilyn Kaplan will organize a silent auction for the 2019 National Convention. Riley Probst thanked Carolyn and Wayne Craft for a job well done in spite of health problems.

**Historian**, Jean Richter, noted that there are some historic items in the silent auction. She did some research on one of our region hybridizers who will be having a significant birthday.

**Internet Chair**, Ann Pike, was not present and sent no report.

**Membership Chair**, Mary Ann Horton, reported that Region 14 has 635 AIS members, 306 of whom are youth. Phyllis asked the affiliates to encourage their members to join AIS by offering AIS membership as a prize.

**Scholarship Chair**, Barbara Kitz, announced the recipients of the Region 14 scholarships for students pursuing a career in horticulture or related fields. Linsey Swall of Tulare received a \$1000 scholarship and Kaitlyn O'Dell of Sierra Foothills received a \$750 scholarship. Both these women were extremely qualified and committed to the field of agriculture. Barbara distributed copies of the scholarship application form and asked the affiliates to forward them to high schools and colleges in their area. She would like each affiliate to designate a scholarship liaison. She also needs 4 individuals to be on the reading/evaluating committee. The deadline for the 2019-20 scholarship is March 29, 2019. Barbara thanked the affiliates that donated to the scholarship fund.

**Science Chair**, Riley Probst, noted that at this meeting there are 40 females and 15 males. He asked the men to encourage their men friends grow iris. Riley announced his resignation, but will continue if

requested. He responded to several questions that had been submitted to him. 1) What causes an iris stalk to grow crooked? The answers are weather, lack of water, or too much water. 2) Are some iris more fertile than others? The answer is yes. In some cases the stigmatic lip is more open. 3) Can an iris be introduced with unknown parentage? The answer is yes.

**Trophies and Awards Chair,** Bill Fink, thanked Anna Cadd and Marilyn Kaplan for filling in for him at the 2018 Spring Regional. He presented the keeper awards for the winners of the voting from the 2018 Spring Regional guest iris gardens. Bill Tyson received the Knopf Cup for best seedling 01-20-1. Paul Black received the Out of Region Award for Luxuriant. Robert Annand received the Cotillion Cup for Sky Beat, the best current introduction by a Region 14 hybridizer. Doug Kanarowski received the Clara B. Rees Cup for Baby Duck, the best introduced iris prior to the current year by a Region 14 hybridizer. Bob Hollingworth received the Melrose cup for Siberian Judy, Judy, Judy, the best beardless. Lynda Miller received the Jim Gibson Cup for Blushing Grapes, the best plicata. She was present to accept her award. Chuck Bunnel received the Hager-Dubose Memorial Cup for Gesundheit, the best bearded iris other than tall.

Youth Chair, Lorraine Nicholson, was not present. She has submitted her resignation.

2019 National Convention Chair, Shirley Trio-Probst,

**Tall Bearded Symposium Chair,** Riley Probst, announced the winners of the Symposium for Region 14, That's all Folks, and for all of AIS, Dusky Challenger.

## **New Business**

**Southern Director.** Terri Toney's term as Southern Director is over. Linda Hood was nominated for the position. Riley Probst moved that Linda Hood's nomination be accepted. Helen Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Regional Vice-president.** Lynn Williams moved that the nomination of Jean Richter as RVP and Alleah Haley as Assistant RVP and Judges' Training Chair be accepted. Helen Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Phyllis Wilburn, outgoing RVP, thanked all the officers and committee chairs and members who have graciously supported her during her tenure. Phyllis welcomed Jean Richter as RVP and passed the gavel on to her. Jean expressed thanks for the opportunity to serve the Region. She expressed her appreciation for the members who are so supportive of Region 14.

Alleah Haley, ARVP, thanked Phyllis for her service and presented her with a thank you gift, a \$100 gift certificate from Aitken's Salmon Creek Gardens and a past RVP pin.

Patricia Eisenberg announced that lunch is a sandwich buffet in the hallway. A meeting room is available for committee meetings. She also thanked people who brought flowers for the show which became a Mock show for training. She thanked the judges and everyone who brought Silent Auction items. She thanked Barbara Jean Mills for making the centerpieces and cards. There will be another trip to the Arboretum and Moana Nursery Sunday morning.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 PM.