

**AIS Region 14**  
**Spring Regional May 11-13, 2018**  
**Bootjack Stomper's Hall**  
**Mariposa, California**

**Minutes of the General Meeting**

Jane Jordan, Secretary

The Business Meeting was called to order by RVP Phyllis Wilburn around 7:15 PM.

Phyllis thanked the San Joaquin, Yosemite, and Fresno Iris Societies and individuals for help preparing for the Regional and welcomed everyone. She shared a few memories of the area so close to Yosemite National Park.

Roll call was taken.

John Pesek moved that the Minutes from the 2017 Fall Regional be accepted with the correction of a misspelled name. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Judges Training Chair**, Alleah Haley, reported that Region 14 has the most judges of any AIS Region. There are 100 individuals in our program – 58 judges, 8 apprentices, and 34 students. The judges include 24 Garden/Exhibition judges, 17 Master judges, 4 Emeritus judges, and 13 Retired judges. Judges Activity Reports are due on June 1, 2018. Send a copy to both Alleah and RVP Phyllis Wilburn. AIS Awards Ballots are due on August 1, 2018. Alleah urged judges to volunteer to help at the upcoming National Convention in April, 2019.

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

**Treasurer**, Helen Franklin, reported that there is \$42,002.44 cash on hand. Expenses to date are \$3,622 and revenues are \$5,959.10. There are still outstanding expenses for this Regional.

**Bulletin Editor**, Shirley Trio-Probst, reported that the next Bulletin will be published on August 1, 2018. The deadline for entries is July 1, 2018. Shirley asked that affiliates share their show information and their other activities.

**Central Director**, Craig Tarr, reported on the membership and activities for Monterey Bay IS, Clara B. Rees IS, Sydney B. Mitchell IS, and Mount Diablo IS.

**Southern Director**, Terry Toney, reported on the activities for Yosemite IS, San Joaquin IS, James M. Gibson IS, and Fresno IS. Fresno IS has 23 youth members, grades 2-5, who decorated the bags for the regional.

**Northern Director**, Anna Cadd, reported on the activities of High Desert IS, Leo T. Clark IS, Shasta IS, Sierra Foothills IS, Sacramento IS, and Santa Rosa IS. Anna thanked the Region for the donations to the members of Santa Rosa IS who lost their homes in the fires last year,

**Immediate Past RVP**, John Pesek, reported that the nominating committee had 2 candidates for RVP, Riley Probst and Jean Richter. After interviewing the candidates, the committee is recommending Jean Richter for RVP and Alleah Haley as Assistant RVP and Judges Training Chair. The formal vote will take place at the Fall Regional in Reno.

**Regional Events Coordinator**, Kathy Braaten, thanked Terri Toney, Carolyn Hoover, Ted and Barbara

Hawkins, Doug and Diane Kanarowski, and Gary and Gail Collings for their help with this regional. The Fall Regional will be hosted by the High Desert IS. Patricia Eisenberg, Past President of the High Desert IS and its Regional Liaison to the Regional Events Coordinator for Region 14, invited everyone to attend the Fall Regional on October 19-20, 2018 in Reno, Nevada. The registration Fee will be \$120. The event will be held at the SureStay Plus Reno Airport Hotel. The room rate is \$75 before 10/10/18 and has been secured for 4 nights. The event also includes a Rebloomer Show, Fall Color Arboretum Tour and a visit to the Moana Nursery. Lynda Miller from Miller's Manor Garden in Canby, Oregon will be the guest speaker.

**Fundraising Chair**, Carolyn Craft, was not present. Marilyn Kaplan is acting in her stead. The silent auction will close after dinner and the basket raffle will take place after the speaker.

**Internet Chair**, Ann Pike, was not present.

**Membership Chair**, Mary Ann Horton, was not present. Phyllis read her report.

Region 14 is the largest region with 609 members including 258 youth members. The region pays the \$8 AIS membership fee for youth members. Phyllis suggested affiliates add an AIS membership to the door prize drawings to encourage more members to join AIS.

**Scholarship Chair**, Barbara Kitz, asked for help to read applications this weekend. Shirley Trio-Probst and Jeff Davis volunteered to help read the applications. There is \$1750 available for the scholarship. Five applicants have applied. Four met the requirements. Barbara requested that a volunteer from each club help with disseminating the information about the scholarship to schools in their area.

**Honorary Awards Chair**, Kathy Braaten, explained that our Region 14 award for exceptional service to Region 14 is the Larry Gaulter Award. She asked that recommendations for award candidates be sent to her. Marilyn Kaplan, Linda Hood, and Patricia Eisenberg are also on the committee. There will be a list of past winners in the August Bulletin.

**Science Chair**, Riley Probst, asked that questions and problems relating to growing iris be sent to him. He will respond with articles in the Bulletin.

**Trophies and Awards Chair**, Bill Fink, was not present. Anna Cadd is acting in his stead. Anna explained the color coding of the iris in the Convention Booklet as it relates to the markings on the tags in the garden and the eligibility of the iris for various awards. The iris ballots from the Garden Tours through the Kanarowski and Collings gardens are due at 4 PM on Saturday.

**Youth Chair**, Lorraine Nicholson, was not present.

**2019 National Convention Chair**, Shirley Trio-Probst, reported the Name of the Convention is "The Sun sets on Rainbows". Shirley thanked Jean Richter, Bonnie Petheram, and Gesine Lohr for preparing a brochure for the National Convention with descriptions of the gardens and the hotel. The brochures were distributed. The event will be held at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel, The room rate is \$189 per night, plus \$7 per day parking. Shirley distributed the budget for the National Convention. Attendance is expected to be 200. Safeway is supplying convention bags at \$0.50 a bag. Region 15 has agreed to hold their Spring Regional at the National Convention. Region 13 has been asked to do the same, but has not responded yet. The porta-potties have been arranged. The pins are being made. There are 1000 cultivars – 800 bearded and 200 beardless. Jean Richter of Sydney B. Mitchell IS is the Registrar. Joe Ghio has opened two gardens for a special tour. Recommendations for a restaurant in Santa Cruz for the special tour lunch are needed. A volunteer is needed to Chair the Iris Show at the convention.

Volunteers are needed to help weed the guest iris at the Dry Creek Garden in Union City.

## **Old Business**

A host Society or Consortium of Societies is needed for the 2020 Spring Regional. The guest iris need to be planted this summer or fall. A host is also needed for the 2019 Fall Regional.

## **New Business**

### **Simplification of the Garden Awards**

Phyllis Wilburn, as Guest Iris Chair for this 2018 Spring Regional, suggested that we change the rules for the Out of Region and the James M. Gibson Awards, by removing the five year limit for eligibility. In the Standing Rules the Out of Region and James Gibson Garden Awards both have restrictions that the cultivar must have been introduced within the last five years. Riley Probst moved that the five year limit be removed. Ruth Ostroff seconded and the motion was passed. Ruth Ostroff moved that this change apply to the guest iris in this Spring 2018 convention. Riley Probst seconded and the motion was passed.

### **Guest Iris Distribution**

If any Society wishes to participate in the distribution of irises from this Spring Regional, notify Phyllis Wilburn by July 15.

### **Announcements**

Please vote in the Tall Bearded Symposium by sending your list (either the numbers or the names) to the RVP, Phyllis Wilburn, or send the completed form via snail mail. Deadline is Sept.1, 2018.

Show Chairs are reminded to send copy of show report to the RVP:

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Carolyn Hoover announced the winners of the AIS sanctioned Iris Show hosted by the Yosemite Iris Society at this Spring Regional, "Butterflies in the Mountains." Riley Probst won Best of Show with a spuria, 'Adriatic Blues'.

The meeting was adjourned around 9:00 PM.