

AIS Region 14

Spring Regional Business Meeting, April 23, 2019

AIS National Convention

San Ramon Marriott

San Ramon, California

Minutes of the General Meeting

Jane Jordan, Secretary

Regional Vice President, Jean Richter, called the meeting to order at 2:40 PM. She welcomed everyone. And thanked everyone for attending.

Roll Call was taken.

John Pesek moved that the Minutes for the Fall Regional Budget and Business meetings be accepted as distributed via email. Riley Probst seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Judges Training Chair, Alleah Haley, was not present, but she sent a report. Region 14 has the most judges of any Region. There are 61 judges, 7 apprentices, and 26 students. There have been 6 judges training sessions this year and two more during this convention. The Judges Activity Reports will be mailed out. They must be completed and returned to Alleah and to RVP Jean Richter by June 1. Judges must complete their AIS Awards Ballot by August 1, 2019. Tall Bearded Symposium votes are due August 1.

Secretary, Jane Jordan reported that the board approved Carolyn Hoover as Youth Chair. Also, Jane sent a letter to the Tri Counties Bank authorizing the Leo. T. Clark Iris Society to use the Region 14 Tax Identification Number and designating Deb Rojas as the person to authorize who will be the signers on their account.

Treasurer, Helen Franklin, distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report. There is currently a balance of \$39,611.14 total from all accounts.

Bulletin Editor, Stephanie Jennings, was not present.

Central Director, Craig Tarr, 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, Linda Hood, reported on the activities of the San Joaquin Iris Society, Yosemite Iris Society, and Fresno Iris Society, Las Vegas Iris Society, and James M. Gibson Iris Society

Northern Director, Anna Cadd, reported on the activities of the High Desert Iris Society, Leo T. Clark iris Society, Shasta Iris Society, Sierra Foothills Iris Society, and Santa Rosa Iris Society.

Past RVP, Phyllis Wilburn reported that her next assignment is to chair of the nominating committee for the next RVP which is three years off.

Honorary Awards Chair, Marilyn Kaplan, asked for nominations for the Larry Gaulter Award for exceptional service to Region 14. The nominations are due by August 1. Anna Cadd suggested that the affiliate presidents should be contacted to encourage nominations.

Historian, Jean Richter, reported that Bryce Williamson is scanning the contents of the Region 14 scrapbooks onto the computer. Also, Bryce is writing an article to update the Region 14 hybridizers for the AIS Centennial Booklet.

Internet Chair, Anne Pike was not present. Jean Richter commented that she has some ideas to improve the website and will consult with Anne.

Membership Chair, Mary Anne Horton, sent a report. Region 14 is the largest region. We have 619 members, 275 of which are youth members.

Scholarship Chair, Barbara Kitz, reported that there is only \$1100 in the scholarship fund. May 10 is the deadline for affiliates to donate to the scholarship fund. She is currently evaluating the applications. There are 7 applicants, 6 are qualified. Barbara has submitted her resignation effective June 15. She is preparing a Policy and Procedures binder containing instructions for how to run the scholarship program. Anna Cadd suggested that 10 % of the profit from the National Convention be allocated for expenses of people recruiting for the scholarship applicants. This issue will be discussed at the budget meeting in the Fall.

Fundraising Chair, Carolyn Craft, announced that the silent auction is set up and ready to take bids. The tickets for the raffle baskets are \$1 each or 25 for \$20.

Trophies and Awards Chair, Bill Fink, was not present. There are no garden awards this year. They are superseded by the National Garden Awards.

Youth Chair, Carolyn Hoover, reported that there are 257 youth members and 8 classroom teachers. All Youth members are paid up for this year. Funds are needed for postage to mail the AIS Bulletins to the youth members. She also asked Region 14 could supply funds for soil and wire. Phyllis Wilburn said it would be a bad precedent for the Region to fund garden supplies. Anna asked Carolyn to write an article for the Bulletin. Jean commented that Youth project is the largest item in the budget, and the region runs with a deficit.

Science Chair, Riley Probst, reported that there have been no requests for him to research. Anna Cadd suggested he look at the bacterial rot issue. Riley said he would pass it on to AIS.

Convention Chair, Shirley Trio-Probst, reported that the convention attendance is over 200. Several folks have cancelled or gone home because of a virus that is circulating. There will be a Judges Training at C & L Gardens on Friday morning. The drawing for the raffle baskets will be Saturday evening at the banquet. Any schedule changes will be posted in the lobby.

Old Business

We still need a host for the 2019 Fall Regional.

Sydney B. Mitchell and Mount Diablo Iris Societies have volunteered to host the 2020 Spring Regional in April with the guest iris at the Dry Creek Garden. Phyllis Wilburn moved that we accept their offer. Helen Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed. The 2020 National Convention will be held in May.

We need a host for the 2021 Spring Regional. A request for guest iris should be sent out now.

New Business

The region will need a lot of help digging and distributing the guest iris from the National Convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 PM.