

AIS Region 14

Fall Regional October 28, 2017

Chico, California

Jane Jordan, Secretary

The Budget Meeting was called to order by RVP Phyllis Wilburn at 8:32 AM.

Phyllis thanked Leo T. Clark Iris Society for co-hosting this Regional.

Helen Franklin presented the budget for 2018 with the expenses and revenues for 2017 to date.

The changes from the 2017 budget expenses include \$50 for Finance, Summer Fundraiser, \$500 down from \$1000 for Judges' Training, \$100 for Scholarship expenses, and \$200 up from \$180 for internet services. The changes from the 2017 revenues include \$2400 up from \$1800 for donations from affiliates, \$1900 up from \$1000 for Spring Fundraiser, and \$1100 up from \$700 for the Fall Fundraiser.

The Youth Chair requested more funding for the program because the number of youths has increased.

Kathy Braaten moved that the Youth Budget be increased to \$3500. The motion was seconded and passed. Lynn Williams moved that the revenue from the Summer Fundraiser be increased to \$1500. Lorraine Nicholson seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

The total expenses in the Budget are \$12,270. The total revenues are \$7,700. The deficit is \$4370.

Previously, the budget contained \$5000 for the 2019 National Convention. John Pesek asked that Shirley Trio Probst present a draft budget for the National to the board by the end of November. The National budget will be discussed at the Spring Regional. The \$5000 will remain in the 2018 budget. Kathy Braaten moved that the 2018 budget be accepted. John Pesek seconded. The motion was passed.

Break at 9:22 AM.

The General Meeting was called to order by RVP Phyllis Wilburn at 10:03 AM.

Roll Call was taken.

Lynn Williams moved that the minutes from the Spring Regional be accepted with the correction of Fresno for Fresco. John Pesek seconded. The motion was passed.

Judges' Training Chair, Alleah Haley reported that 7 students have advanced to apprentice: Gail and Gary Collins, Patricia Eisenberg, Mark Greene, Amberlee Pick, Kurt Kilburn, and Bernie Hendrix.

4 apprentices advanced to Garden/Exhibition Judges: Betty Bridger, Doug Kanarowski, Barbara Hawkins, and Jane Jordan. 2 new Master judges: Bill Fink and John Pesek.

There are 86 people in the Judges' Training Program: 25 G/E, 18 Master Judges, 8 Apprentices, 18 students, 4 emeritus, 13 retired. The Star Award for the judge with the most JT hours was won by

Carolyn Hoover with 15.5 hours. The apprentice with the most JT hours was Jane Jordan with 16.5 and Barbara Hawkins was second with 15.5.

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

Treasurer, Helen Franklin, reported that there is \$38,810 cash on hand, \$8,803 in expenses, \$9,374 in income, and a net profit of \$571.

Bulletin Editor, Shirley Trio Probst, reported that she and Larissa have been having computer problems. Larissa was out of the country attending to family illness. There were no expenses for supplies for this year, as they were purchased previously. The bill for postage for the 22 mailed bulletins will be resubmitted. An Advertising Editor is needed.

Central Director, Carolyn Craft, reported on the activities for Clara B. Rees IS, Mt. Diablo IS, Monterey Bay IS, Sydney B. Mitchell IS, and West Bay IS.

Southern Director, Terry Toney, reported on the activities for Yosemite IS, Fresno IS, James Gibson IS.

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

Immediate Past RVP, John Pesek, as chair for the nominating committee, reported that the nominating committee has proposed that Phyllis Wilburn's term as RVP be extended a year to provide continuity for the 2019 National Convention. John read a letter from AIS president, Gary White, in response to the request that the extension be granted. The AIS board will consider the request in November.

Regional Events Coordinator, Kathy Braaten, reported that the 2018 Spring Regional will be hosted by the Region on May11-13, 2018 with San Joaquin IS assisting with the lunch, Carolyn Hoover of the Yosemite IS will chair the show, Terry Toney of Fresno IS will prepare the bags. The registration will be \$80. The hotel information is on the website. Rick Tasco is the speaker. The gardens are the Kanarowskis' and the Collings'.

The High Desert IS has volunteered to host the 2018 Fall Regional in Reno. Lynn Williams moved that we accept the invitation. The motion was seconded and passed. The dates are October 19-20, 2018.

They are in negotiations with 3 hotels. They are also considering a Fall Color Bus Tour.

There will not be a Spring Regional in 2019 because of the National. The Spring Regional meeting will take place at the convention.

The 2019 Fall Regional needs a host. The 2020 Spring Regional needs a host and a call for guest iris.

Honorary Awards Chair, Jean Richter, presented the 2017 Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement award to Gordon and Lorraine Nicholson for their many contributions to Region 14.

Historian, Jean Richter, asked for donations of any historic items. Ann Pike is putting older iris

catalogs online to preserve them. Please donate any older catalogs that you may have. Phyllis added that if you know of any older iris worth saving that are being discarded, contact Jean.

Fundraising Chair. Carolyn Craft, thanked the clubs who brought baskets for the raffle, irises for the sale, and items for the silent auction. The raffle has already brought in over \$600. There will be a live auction of recent introductions from Chad Harris and Joe Ghio.

Internet/Electronic Services Chair, Ann Pike, was not present. There was a discussion on how to allocate the five available passwords for the website.

Membership Chair, Mary Ann Horton, reported that the region has 605 members of which 266 are youth. Region 14 is the largest region of AIS and has the most youth members. There are 37 emembers. John Jones explained that e-membership allows you to read the AIS Bulletins online as well as the official iris registry which is searchable.

Scholarship Chair, Lorraine Nicholson reported that two scholarships were awarded this year. \$1000 was awarded to Natalie Brown of Red Bluff who will attend Cal Poly. \$800 was awarded to Clare Bardsley. Barbara Kitz has volunteered to be the new scholarship chair. Kathy Braaten moved to approve her appointment. Mary Ann Horton seconded and the motion was passed.

Barbara was a high school counselor and will create a manual for the scholarship process. The deadline for this year's applications in April 5, 2018. A 2-page fillable form will be available online. Lorraine thanked Helen's granddaughters, Alexiss and Alliyah Franklin, for their technical work on the scholarship process.

Science Chair, Riley Probst reported that he wrote an article on fertilizers for the Bulletin. He asked for suggestions for future articles and projects.

Trophies and Awards Chair, Bill Fink, awarded the keeper awards to the winners from the Spring Regional. The Region Trophies had been engraved and were on display. Douglas Kanarowski won the Knopf Cup and the Cotillion Cup. Keith Keppel won the Out of Region Award and the Jim Gibson Cup. Rick Tasco won the Clara B. Rees Cup. Chad Harris won the Hager-Dubose Memorial Cup. Chad was the only recipient present.

Youth Chair, Lorraine Nicholson, reported that she mentors the adults who run the Classroom Iris Project programs. She thanked Carolyn Hoover, Rudy Ciuca, Joe Lawrence, and Terry Toney for working with the youths. Rudy Ciuca proposed that Region 14 send a petition to the National Board to change the requirements for the youth programs because the schools do not want to release the personal information of the students. Rudy will write up a petition for Phyllis to take to the AIS Board in November.

2019 AIS Convention Chair, Shirley Trio Probst, reported that she has a committee including the garden owners that is working with her. Jean Richter and Bonnie Petheram will handle the registration. They are setting up a website to accept Paypal and credit cards. The hospitality bag will cost around \$10 and will include water, a pen, a notebook, an energy bar, and the convention booklet. The expected attendance is 200. The Buses will cost \$1900 and seat 55 people. The banquet cost will be \$55. The

daily lunch will cost \$15. 1800 bottles of water will be needed. There is one optional tour planned to Joe Ghio's gardens. Coffee and drinks will need to be supplied for the AIS Board Meeting. There are around 2000 guest iris. The cost for garden stakes will be \$8000. There a discussion about a second optional tour. The Sunday before is Easter. A tour following the convention was suggested, either to San Francisco or Muir Woods.

Old Business:

The only old business was the 2018 Fall Regional and that was resolved under the Regional Events Coordinator Report above.

New Business:

Fire Fund. The Region is collecting donations from affiliates and individuals for the members of the Santa Rosa IS who lost their homes in the recent fires – Ross and Barbara Bevier, Kitty Loberg, Delores McKey, and Jean Sharp. Donations should be received by November 30. John Pesek moved that Region 14 donate \$1000 to the fire fund. Riley Probst seconded. The motion was passed.

Central Director. Carolyn Crafts term has expired. Riley Probst nominated Craig Tarr for the position. The nomination was second and Craig was elected.

Bulletin Schedule. Editor, Shirley Trio Probst, proposed that one issue of the bulletin be dropped per year. After the matter was discussed, Kathy Braaten moved that the Bulletin be published only twice a year on February 1 and August 1. Joe Lawrence seconded. The motion passed.

AIS Symposium. Phyllis Wilburn reported that there 67 voters from Region 14 this year. 'That's All Folks' was the most popular iris in our region.

Deb Rojas, co-president of the Leo T. Clark IS thanked everyone for coming to the Regional. She said that there were gifts for everyone on the chairs in the luncheon room from Leo T. Clark IS.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 PM.