

**AIS Region 14**  
**Fall Regional October 27, 2019**  
**Shepard Garden & Art Center**  
**Sacramento, California**

**Minutes of the Budget Meeting**

Jane Jordan, Secretary

**Regional Vice President**, Jean Richter, called the Budget Meeting to order at 8:50 AM. The **Treasurer**, Helen Franklin, was not present. Terry Toney from the Fresno Iris Society distributed Helen's Treasurer's report and the budget for 2020. The total expenses for 2019 were \$27,890.78. The total income was \$11,127.90, creating a deficit of \$16,762.88.

Shirley Trio-Probst explained that the deficit was a result of the 2019 National Convention that Region 14 sponsored in April. The region had to pay the hotel for 50 rooms that were below the amount required by the contract. The AIS has recently been the beneficiary of a large estate. It was suggested that some of that money might be available to defray the deficit from the National Convention. Jean Richter will approach the AIS for funds.

The 2020 Budget as presented showed expenses of \$11,820, revenues of \$5600, and a deficit of \$6220. Jean commented that the region can not continue to operate with a deficit and would like to encourage donations to the region. The affiliates are already donating \$4 per member. It was suggested that a donate button be added to the website. There was a discussion on selling the increase from the Dry Creek Garden to the public. Jeff Bennet explained that the Dry Creek Park (part of the East Bay Regional Parks System) cannot sell to the public, but it can sell to the region affiliate members. Jeff suggested creating a one-day membership in an affiliate with dues of \$1 so that the general public could purchase rhizomes. Anna Cadd suggested selling at the Santa Rosa Sale at the Heirloom Plant Festival at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds.

Several line items in the budget were reduced to decrease the expenses. Alleah Haley changed the Judges Training budget from \$500 to \$125. Carolyn Hoover announced she was removing 100 kids from the Youth Program saving \$800 from her budget. Mary Ann Horton announced that she was reducing her membership expenses to \$10. Riley Probst commented that he did not need his \$500 allocation. Jean Richter announced that she will not be using the RVP allowance since she deducts the expenses on her taxes. (The latter two items remain as usual on the budget as the science chair amount is stipulated in the standing rules, and the RVP amount requires an executive vote to change.) The final budget has expenses of \$10,625, revenues of \$5,600, and a deficit of \$5,025.

Laura Gonzales moved that the budget be accepted with the proposed changes. Terry Toney seconded. The motion was passed.

There was a round of applause to thank Jean Richter for donating her RVP allowance. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM.

**Minutes of the General Meeting**

Jane Jordan, Secretary

**RVP**, Jean Richter, called the meeting to order at 9:51 AM.  
Roll Call was taken.

Terry Toney moved that the Minutes for the Spring Regional General Meeting be accepted as presented. Jim Cummins seconded. The motion was passed.

**Judges Training Chair,** Alleah Haley reported that there were nine JT classes this year. She thanked all the trainers. There are 90 folks in the JT program. Four apprentices moved up to G/E judges: Gail and Gary Collings, Carol Cullen, and Patricia Eisenberg. Two students moved up to apprentice: Sandra Saelens and Dan Williams. One G/E judge advanced to Master judge: Jim Begley. There are five new students: Jeff Davis, Lucy Fink, Elaine Fischer, Steven Giguere, and Katie Hendrickson. The All Star Judge Award, an engraved acrylic star, for the accredited judge with the most JT hours went to Master Judge Anna Cadd and Emeritis Judge Riley Probst, each with 11 hours. Runner up was Shirley Trio-Probst with 10 hours. The apprentice who had the most JT hours was Craig Tarr with a whopping 18 hours!

**Secretary,** Jane Jordan, reported that the Executive Committee had confirmed Lee Dickey of the Shasta Iris Society as Region 14 Scholarship Chair by online voting.

**Bulletin Editor,** Stephanie Jennings, reported that her second Bulletin was published in late August. The next issue will come out in mid-February. The Deadline for submissions in February 1, 2020. Affiliates please report your club happenings.

**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, was not present, recovering from knee surgery. Carolyn Hoover reported for her on the San Joaquin Iris Society, Yosemite Iris Society, Fresno Iris Society, James M. Gibson Iris Society, and the Las Vegas Iris Society.

**Northern Director,** Anna Cadd, reported on the activities of the High Desert Iris Society, Sacramento Iris Society, Santa Rosa Iris Society, Shasta Iris Society, and Sierra Foothills Iris Society. There was no report from Leo T. Clark Iris Society.

**Immediate-past RVP,** Phyllis Wilburn announced that the AIS Board is looking for volunteers. Being on the AIS board involves a monthly teleconference and going to the National Conventions a day early for ten hours of meetings.

**Regional Events Chair.** The position is empty.

**Honorary Awards Chair,** Marilyn Kaplan and her committee of Terry Toney, Patricia Eisenberg, and Linda Hood selected Carolyn and Wayne Craft to receive the Larry Gaulter Award for exceptional service to Region 14. Carolyn has been the Region 14 Fundraising Chair for many years and has organized the Silent Auction and Raffle baskets providing income and entertainment for the region. Carolyn is retiring as Fundraising chair. Marilyn Kaplan and Patricia Eisenberg have agreed to be co-chairs. Kathy Braaten moved that we accept the new co-chairs. Rick Tasco seconded. The motion was passed.

**Historian,** Jean Richter reported that Bryce Williamson is digitizing the Region 14 scrapbook. He needs help identifying people and events in some of the images.

**Internet Chair,** Ann Pike was not present. She is having technical difficulties with her computer and her internet connection.

**Membership Chair,** Mary Ann Horton reported that there are 620 AIS members in the region. 275 are youths. We are the largest region, even without the youths. She sends renewal reminders three months after the expiration date.

**Scholarship Chair,** Lee Dickey was not present. A copy of the scholarship application is included in the registration packet. Please circulate to your local schools.

**Science Chair,** Riley Probst, reported that he had not received any requests for science research in the last six months. Please send your question to him. Roger Duncan posed the question "Where does the fragrance come from?"

**Trophies and Awards Chair**, Bill Fink, reported that there were no Region 14 awards because of the AIS National. He asked for volunteers for the Awards committee. The committee cares for the trophies and has them engraved. The keeper awards for the winners are also engraved.

**Youth Chair**, Carolyn Hoover has 15 new members in the Classroom Iris Program. There are 290 youth members, but 100 will be dropped. An Anonymous donor gave \$100 for soil for a new garden. Howard Dash donated over 100 rhizomes. Riley and Shirley contributed 50 rhizomes from the National Convention.

#### **Old Business**

**The 2020 Spring Regional** will be held May 2-3. Sydney B. Mitchell IS and Mount Diablo IS will host the event. The guest iris garden will be the Dry Creek Garden in Union City.

The details for the hotel and the speaker will be announced later.

**The 2021 Spring Regional** will be held at Bluebird Haven Garden. The Region is the sponsor. Affiliate Hosts are needed for the **2020 Fall Regional and the 2022 Spring Regional**. Guest iris for the 2022 Spring Regional need to be planted next year (2020).

**Tall Bearded Symposium Chair**, Riley Probst reported that the results are in, but not tabulated. When the results are ready they will be in the Bulletin.

#### **New Business**

**Northern Director**. Anna Cadd's term as Northern Director is over. Nominations were taken for a New Northern Director. Phyllis Wilburn nominated Cindy Eastman; Shirley Trio-Probst nominated Carol Cullen; Kathy Braaten nominated Dan Williams. The Nominees left the room while the vote was taken. Cindy Eastman was elected Northern Director.

**Current Openings** on the Executive Committee: Regional Events Chair, Treasurer. The JT Chair will be open in nine months.

#### **Announcements**

Ginny Rudkin recently passed away. Her 95 year old husband, Pete Rudkin, will come by at lunch time.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 AM

Prior to the regional meeting, Lynn Williams sent the following communication:

I can't tell you how disappointed I am in the fact that the board has chosen to move the Fall Regional from a Saturday to a Sunday. Because of this, I am not able or willing to attend this year or at any future Fall Regionals on a Sunday. Please read this to the Board at the Fall Board Meeting.

Thanks,

Lynn Williams

The RVP wishes to express her regret that this statement was not read at the regional, and apologizes for the oversight.