

AIS Region 14
Spring Regional Business Meeting
May 2, 2020
Online via Zoom

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Jane Jordan, Secretary

Regional Vice President, Jean Richter, called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM.
Roll Call was omitted. 18 people attended representing 12 Affiliates.

Phyllis Wilburn moved that the Minutes from the 2019 Fall Regional be accepted as presented. Helen Franklin seconded the motion. Jane Jordan reviewed the highlights of the minutes. The motion was passed.

Judges Training Chair, Alleah Haley, reported that there were seven JT classes this year. There are 92 folks in the JT program. Two apprentices are moving up to G/E judges: Craig Tarr and Sandra Saelens. AIS has cancelled the balloting for AIS awards this year because of the pandemic. Judges are given an extra year to complete JT requirements. Judges activity reports are due on June 1, 2020.

Alleah is resigning as JT chair as she will be moving to North Carolina. She expressed her thanks to Phyllis Wilburn, Jean Richter, Judy Keisling, and Bonnie Nichols for their support.

Secretary, Jane Jordan, reported that the board approved a donation \$200 to the Bay Area Cancer Connections in memory of Barbara Pesek.

Treasurer, Helen Franklin, reported that as of 4/15/2020 the cash on hand is \$25,007.43. Expenses for this year were \$392.12 and Revenues were \$999.41. There were additional expenses for the youth program and tax filing of \$154 making the current cash on hand \$24853.43. It was also noted that a \$200 donation was made to the University of Pennsylvania in memory of Roger Duncan.

Bulletin Editor, Stephanie Jennings, reported that Rick Tasco was very appreciative of the article on Roger Duncan in the Spring Bulletin. Since our Spring Regional and the National were cancelled there will not be much content for the Fall Bulletin. Please send articles to Stephanie. The deadline is August 1, 2020.

Central Director, Craig Tarr, reported that the iris shows and meetings for the clubs in his area were cancelled due to the pandemic. Monterey Bay Iris Society is holding Zoom meetings.

Southern Director, Linda Hood, was not present and Jean Richter read her report, which mostly concerned the cancellation of activities in the southern area of the region.

Northern Director, Cindy Eastman, was not present and did not send a report.

Immediate Past RVP, Phyllis Wilburn, reported that she will be forming a nominating committee at the Fall Regional for selecting RVP candidates.

Honorary Awards Chair, Patricia Eisenberg, thanked Marilyn Kaplan for chairing the Awards Committee that awarded the Larry Gaulter Lifetime Achievement Awards last Fall 2019 to Carolyn and Wayne Craft for their fundraising and service to Region 14. Also, she thanked Linda Hood, Terry Toney, and Kathy Oldham who will be serving on the committee this year. Nominations for this year's award are due August 1st. The Larry Gaulter Award is for exceptional service to AIS Region 14 for a time of 8 years or more. Please include with the nomination, a writeup about the person, their service and ideally some recommendations from members of the region, plus contact info for the person submitting the nomination. Send nominations to anyone on the committee.

Fundraising Co-Chairs, Marilyn Kaplan/Patricia Eisenberg, reported that there has been no opportunity for fundraising since the Spring Regional was cancelled. The possibility of a virtual

auction with photos of the items online is being explored. Other possibilities include to applying for grants and asking for cash donations to the region.

Historian Committee Chair, Jean Richter, reported that Bryce Williamson is digitizing the Region 14 Scrapbook.

Internet/Electronic Services Chair, Ann Pike, was not present and did not send a report.

Membership Chair, Mary Ann Horton, was not present. She reported that she would like to resign.

Scholarship Chair, Lee Dickey, reported that only one candidate has applied for the Scholarship so far this year. It has been difficult to get the word out with the schools closed. The candidate is an excellent student from Merced who wants to pursue soil management in college. Sacramento Iris Society has donated an additional \$500 to the scholarship fund. After some discussion it was decided that the additional \$500 should be held over for next year.

Science Chair, Riley Probst, was not present and did not send a report.

Trophies and Awards Chair, Bill Fink, was not present. There are no awards this year since the Spring Regional was cancelled.

Youth Chair, Carolyn Hoover, reported that with the schools closed there are no activities. The number of youth members has gone from 282 to 25. AIS does not have addresses for them, so there is no way to contact them. There are 20 new members. Their dues have been sent to AIS.

Old Business

Clara B. Rees Iris Society is planning to host the 2020 Fall Regional on October 3, 2020 at the Gamble Gardens in Palo Alto. Andi Rivarola will be the guest speaker and judges' trainer.

The region is hosting the 2021 Spring Regional at Bluebird Haven Iris Garden in Placerville on May 8th. Bruce Filardi is the guest speaker and judges' trainer.

A host is needed for the 2021 Fall Regional.

Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society and Mount Diablo Iris Society will host the 2022 Spring Regional at Dry Creek Garden.

New Business

The current guest iris at Dry Creek Garden will be dug in July, so the guest iris for 2022 can be planted. Jeff Bennett will contact the clubs about the schedule for digging. There will be a lot of rhizomes and it is not clear that the clubs can absorb them all. Selling to the public is an option, but only the older iris (at least 5 years old) should be sold to the public so that we don't undercut the hybridizers.

RVP Jean Richter nominated Carol Cullen for the Judges Training Chair. Alleah Haley moved that the nomination be accepted. Marilyn Kaplan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jean also nominated Bonnie Petheram for Region Treasurer. Phyllis Wilburn moved that the nomination be accepted. Helen Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed. The transition will be completed by the Fall Regional.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 PM.