

Spring Regional April 26-28, 2013

Roseville, California

Mary Sindicic, Secretary

General Meeting Minutes

The General Meeting was called to Order by RVP John Pesek at 8:00 a.m. John Pesek asked for a moment of silence in memory of Margaret Sutton. John Pesek asked for any first timers attending a Regional and three from Leo T. Clark, El Eldorado Hills, CA, and Richmond, CA. The minutes of the 2012 Fall Regional as printed in the Bulletin were introduced to ask for any corrections or additions. John Pesek had a change an omission of the Larry Gaulter Award which was awarded to David & Anna Cadd be added to the minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Riley Probst and seconded by Lynn Williams. Motion carried.

Judges Training: Phyllis Wilburn reported that we currently have 29 Active Students, 4 Apprentices, 24 Garden/Exhibition Judges, 12 Master Judges, and 6 Emeritus Judges. We have one Apprentice that is going to move up to Garden Judge at the next training.

By June 1 of each year all Master, Garden/Exhibition Judges, and Apprentices must fill out and return an Activity Report to the RVP and the Judges Training Chair. Failure to do so can result in disqualification as a judge. She handed out or will hand out Activity Reports to those of you who are here today, and the rest will be mailed. Remember that you must return two copies, one to the RVP and one to the JT Chair. The addresses for both are in the enclosed letter.

Remember to watch the website for upcoming training. Phyllis appreciates that everyone has been diligent about getting approvals for JT sessions and 1-on-1 training. She especially commends the judges who have taken their time and expertise to give trainings and tutor apprentices and students.

On Sunday, June 9, 2013 at 10:00 am at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center in Sacramento, she will be doing training on Awards and Ballots. This primarily aimed at Apprentices who need to get this training before being eligible to move to Garden/Exhibition Judge, but anyone can benefit from hearing this information again, or for the first time. There will be a \$5.00 charge at the door to defray the room cost and the morning refreshments. Please call, email or tell Phyllis here if you are planning to come.

Secretary Report: Mary Sindicic introduced herself and asked that you bear with her as she puts names with faces. Late in January 2013, the Clara B. Rees Iris Society offered to host the 2013 Region 14 Fall Regional on October 18 & 19, 2013. The Region's bylaws provide that regional meeting plans shall be approved by the general membership at least one year in advance. There was no time to convene the general membership to respond to CBRIS's timely offer so early in February 2013 that offer was approved through email voting.

Treasurer's Report: Helen Franklin reported that as of 4/20/13 cash on hand 32,494.50. Expenses so far have been \$30.00 for Bulletin Publishing, \$776.13 for Judges Training, \$45.22 for Supplies, \$66.00 for Sales Tax, \$65.00 for Youth, \$400.00 for New Societies-Seed Money, Totaling Expenses are \$1382.35.

Income so far are \$39.00 from Societies, \$25.00 in Donations, \$107.86 Interest, \$650.00 Judges Training, Total Income \$821.86. making our expenses in excess of revenues \$560.49. Phyllis Wilburn brought up that she didn't understand why some of the societies were already billing for Bulletin Printing since she understood that it had not been voted on and was tabled so she didn't understand why they were sending in bills yet. Helen Franklin got the bills and paid it and had forgotten to check to see if had been voted on. Brenda Wood from Monterey Bay asked how much were we saving doing the bulletin electronically and Helen Franklin said a lot it's probably \$5000.00/year at least and Tom Karwin was asked to stand up and take a bow for the savings.

Editor: Tom Karwin thought it was a nice transition to open his report with a savings of \$5000.00/year in bulletin printing cost and also that people are contributing to the bulletin. He sent out an announcement inviting all affiliates to contribute articles and photographs particularly articles and photos of the Spring Regional. The Summer bulletin will feature the Spring Regional Conference he would like to have nice coverage of it. They will not be able to print every picture that is sent not enough room. Ann Pike is in charge of choosing pictures so send them your best shot and they will be happy to feature them. Tom mentioned the motion established at the last meeting about an advertising plan for the bulletin and it has not been put into place but he hopes to have it in place for the coming issue. The plan is offer display ads as well as directory listings at 50% of the price of the National bulletin. He has no idea what the response will be but will open the advertising to any garden related business that would like to advertise. Not just limited to irises but will begin with irises.

Directors: Larry Lockhart from Northern Region was not present; John Pesek didn't receive a report. Carol Dahout from Central Region reported that the Fall Regional will be a one day event on October 19th and they are honored to have as the speaker Riley Probst and the topic is going to be rebloomers and she thinks it will be held at the Campbell Inn. Carolyn Hoover Southern Region reported she didn't get any reports back but she has presidents present from San Joaquin and James Gibson. Sutton Garden will be moving to Idaho maybe in August. Carolyn reported on the funeral services for Margaret Sutton. Yosemite is very busy and Carolyn is president of the club and hosted their first iris show with 95 entries and 3 student youth entries. Terry Toney came up for the show and got 12 blue ribbons and the Silver Medal. Yosemite had a fund raiser sold over \$300.00 of potted iris 50% went back to the iris program at the school and 50% went to Yosemite and the iris were donated by the members of the Yosemite iris society and was very successful and five new members signed up at the show.

Finance/Fundraising chair: Carolyn Craft talked about how the raffle of the baskets and a fairy garden would work at the Regional and the silent auction. She is looking for new and different ideas for raising money so send her any ideas you have for fundraising. Please make sure that presidents pass messages from her out to their members. There were several new members picked up from the San Francisco Garden Show. Phyllis Wilburn shared that the potted iris for sale came from the Sacramento Iris Society and 50% will go to Region 14.

Honory Awards: Dorlene Waite not present, she is in charge of the Larry Gaulter Award which is presented in the Fall and she is working with the people on her committee to investigate that.

Historian: Jean Richter reported that she is going through the materials she received when she took over the position and took an inventory of the regional bulletins as part of the historical materials and she has quite a few multiple copies and one of the recent ones she has 22 copies. She would like to propose that

the historian committee keep two copies of each regional bulletin and find some way of disposing of the rest as a fund raiser or the one she has 22 recycling it. Lynn Williams suggested that she try them at the silent auction and Jean agreed. She was asked if she wanted old copies of past Regional programs and Jean said yes. Jean White asked if she wanted a motion about the set number of copies to keep. Phyllis Wilburn suggested we vote on it so that it would be added to the Standing Rules. John Pesek shared that in passing from one committee chair to another there is a lot of notes verbal and written notes back and forth and he thought that would be one of the things passed. A motion was made for the historian to keep a minimum of two copies of each Regional bulletin on file. Kitty Loberg asked if we had this information in the job description for the Historian. John postponed the motion until he could look at the job description. John Pesek reported that there are comments in the Standing Rules that read there shall be a Historian who shall keep a file of the Region's historical records, including publications; and shall keep a scrapbook about Region activities and members for display at Regional meetings. Jean made a comment to John that she thought that covered everything. John said we have a motion on the floor do we have a second. No second motion so it will not be brought to a vote and we will continue with what we have in the standing rules.

Electronics: Ann Pike was not present, Tom Karwin reported that Ann had a computer crash and hoped that was taken care of.

Membership: Mary Ann Horton reported that there are 442 members and she has sent renewal reminders by 27 emails and 30 letters.

Scholarship: Terri Hudson was not present, Gordon Nicholson reported that there were 10 students that applied for the \$500.00 scholarship, and 5 were outstanding, two exceptional. He thinks the scholarship program started about 1996-1998 and they have not given it only one time over those years and they have given it twice to students of someone in the region and there are always five readers and five voters. John Pesek said that Terri Hudson told him that she sends out 400 notices for the scholarship to the different schools in and around Nevada and Northern California.

Science: John Stremel gave a demonstration of www.lytro.com which is a new camera technology. He thought it would be useful to use in judges training because if you take a picture of a flower you can focus on the beard and then refocus on the clump it is kind of like a judges training tool. Take a look at the site to see how it works. Cost is around \$300.00 and holds about 400 pictures and he doesn't think it does videos. Jeanne Clay-Plank thinks it would be a great program for the different affiliates to get them up to date on modern technology.

Trophies & Awards: Bill Fink reported that David and Anna Cadd transferred six trophies to his room. He explained the ballot and award process for the Spring Regional. John Pesek thanked David and Anna Cadd for many years of toting the trophies around that keeping everything up to date.

Youth: Lorraine Nicholson reported that they are up to 79 youth memberships. The youth don't have to enter shows or have gardens although they do send them plants every year. Her goal is to interest them with letters and boxes of iris so that they will have a good experience with gardening and in their later years when they look back on this they will join AIS. James Fong was the winner this year of the \$500.00 youth scholarship and he is going to go to Davis. Each one of the youth will receive to Historic Iris. John Pesek thanked Lorraine Nicholson for the terrific job she has done and that Region 14 has the highest

number of youth of any Region in AIS.

Old Business: John Pesek brought up the tabled Motion from the Fall meeting to allocate \$600 to pay affiliates for printing of Region 14 Bulletins. At the AIS Convention in Dallas John talked to Jim Morris President of AIS and he didn't know of any Standing Rule or By Laws that said we have to give people that don't receive emails a bulletin but Jim said that it's the right thing to do and John agrees. After much discussion Lynn Williams made a Motion to allocate \$600 per issue to be used to reimburse affiliates for printing the Region 14 Bulletin at the rate of \$4.00 per copy in color for members who lack computer access and advertise in AIS bulletin to reach AIS members who are not affiliated with Region 14 . Seconded by David Cadd. All in favor 43, Opposed 20, Motion Passed. Phyllis Wilburn asked that it be added to the Standing Rules.

New Business: To amend bylaws to read "Meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the RVP at each Fall and Spring Regional" (proposed Helen Bliven, seconded Jeanne Clay Plank) to be published in bulletin and voted upon at fall regional

Accept High Desert Iris Society to host 2014 fall regional (proposed Jeanne Clay Plank, seconded David Cadd, motion passed)

Tom Karwin made a motion to make an annual announcement in AIS bulletin to reach AIS members who are not members of region 14 affiliates (and to buy an advertisement if announcement requires payment) (proposed Tom Karwin, seconded Phyllis Wilburn, motion passed)

John reported that the AIS membership is at 4382 members down 128 from last Fall there are 167 affiliates and there is no change to that they lost five and picked up five thanks to Yosemite. The affiliation date for the affiliates to pay their \$25.00 was not working out in the calendar so it got changed from May 1st to April 30th. Reason is there are many affiliates that go dormant in October, November, and December and they were having a hard time getting the affiliates to retain notification to and from them so the dates have been changed and we are affiliated now until May 1st next year.

AIS are in need of new bulletin editor.

John Pesek reported at the AIS Convention there was an award for MTB called Plum Quirky that won the Williamson White Award hybridized by Riley Probst. Cook Cup which is the out of Region favorite at the convention Region 14 won the Third Place Bohemia After Dark by Fred Kerr and Second Place Bottle Rocket by Michael Sutton, and First Place Double Platinum by Joe Ghio. Hager Cup favorite Third Place was Holiday in Mexico by Riley Probst, Second Place was Birds and Bees by Paul Black in Region 13, and First Place by Genius by Joe Ghio.

Reopened the General Meeting at 8:00 pm

Motion Yosemite Iris Society to host the 2015 Spring Regional (proposed Carolyn Hoover, President of Yosemite Iris Society, seconded Billie Shea, motion passed)

Meeting adjourned