

AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY REGION 2 ANNUAL FALL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HELD IN DELMAR, N.Y. – OCTOBER 20, 2018 AT 9:30 AM

1. **Call to Order**

RVP Dorothy Stiefel presiding. Meeting called to order at 9:55 am. Those in attendance were thanked for coming. Capital-Hudson Iris Society was thanked for hosting the meeting.

2. **Attendees - Roll Call – Officers, Affiliate chairpersons**

Dorothy Stiefel – RVP and President

Kathryn Mohr – Assistant RVP and Vice President

Kate Brewitt - Secretary

Vaughn Sayles - Treasurer

Linda Knipper – Capital-Hudson Iris Society (CHIS) President

Wendy Roller – Greater Rochester Iris Society (GRIS), representative for Cara Hutchings

Terry Laurin – Ontario Iris Society (ONIS) President

Marilee Farry – Western New York Iris Society (WNYIS) President

Other Attendees

EJ Mattson, Joanna Doggett

Absent and Excused

Betty Schnellinger – Newsletter Editor

Southern Ontario Iris Society (SOIS) Representative

RVP Dorothy Stiefel reported of the passing of Ed Jowett, SOIS President, and advised the group would be discussing their future at a meeting on Sunday, October 21. The RVP will be advised of the results.

3. **Additions/corrections to the minutes of the Oct. 21, 2017 meeting.**

Motion by Kathryn Mohr to accept the 2017 Board Meeting minutes as circulated.

Motion passed.

4. **Committee Reports**

Finance Committee – Affiliate chairs and representatives met Friday, October 19 to audit the books of the Treasurer.

Motion by Terry Laurin to accept the Treasurer’s audit. Motion passed.

Bylaws Committee - no changes at this time.

Membership Committee – Vaughn Sayles reported there were four new members during 2018 for a total of 119 members. Since June 2016, when Region 2 had 155 members, membership has declined by 36 members. The new member’s handbook has been revised to incorporate affiliate changes.

Treasurer’s Report and 2019 Budget – Vaughn Sayles reported that the Region is in good shape financially. The contributions from auctions/raffles tremendously augment operating funds.

Region 2 was saddened to lose Hudson Valley Iris and Daylily Society (HVIDS). Upon their dissolution a contribution of \$450 was made to AIS Region 2. Dorothy was thanked for waiving the \$300 allowance for the convention fee.

Looking ahead to 2019, because there will be a decrease in operating funds due to the loss of affiliates, Vaughn recommended the \$300 allowance for the RVP to attend conventions be removed and the allowance for Judges' Training mailing be reduced to \$25 for a total operating budget of \$1,760.00.

Motion by Vaughn Sayles to remove the \$300 allowance for the RVP from the 2019 Budget. Motion passed.

Discussion resulted in further cuts plus an increase of \$50 for the Youth Committee. As a result the proposed 2019 Budget was revised to \$1,690.00.

During discussion Kate Brewitt volunteered to become editor for the AIS Region 2 newsletter.

Motion by Marilee Farry to accept the proposed 2019 Budget with alterations. Motion passed.

A discussion ensued regarding the future format of AIS Region 2 Annual meetings. Issues include declining manpower, increasing expense and time commitment. This discussion was tabled as a more in-depth review is required.

Nominating Committee: Kathryn Mohr, Chair, reported the following slate of Officers has been proposed,

Kathryn Mohr – Regional Vice President (RVP)
Carolyn Schaffner – Assistant RVP
Vaughn Sayles – Treasurer
Kate Brewitt – Secretary

There were no nominations from the floor. Proposed slate of Officers will be presented to the general membership for voting.

5. Affiliate reports

Last year it was agreed that Affiliates would no longer submit reports. Any submitted reports will be filed with the minutes.

6. 2019 Region Meeting

During the discussion of the 2019 Budget it was determined that none of the current affiliates are able to host the 2019 meeting. Further discussion is required.

7. Other business

None

8. Other committee reports as time allows

Time did not allow for additional reports.

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.