

REGION 2 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY ANNUAL FALL MEETING
MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2020 AT 7:30 PM VIA ZOOM

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm with Regional Vice President, Kathryn Mohr, presiding.

2. Roll call: Officers, Affiliate Chairpersons. Committee Chairs

Kathryn Mohr – RVP and President

Vaughn Sayles – Treasurer, Membership Chair

Kate Brewitt – Acting Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster

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

Cara Hutchings – Greater Rochester Iris Society (GRIS) President

Terry Laurin – Ontario Iris Society (ONIS) President

Marilee Farry – Western New York Iris Society (WNYIS) President, Awards & Exhibition Chair

Wendy Roller - Judges Training Chair

Neil Houghton – Technology Consultant

Other Attendees

Joanne Bassett, Carolyn Schaffner

Absent

Dorothy Stiefel - Archives

3. RVP Report

Kathryn has appointed Neil Houghton as Technology Consultant.

4. Additions/corrections to the minutes of October 5, 2019 board meeting

Motion made by Cara Hutchings to accept the 2019 Board Meeting minutes as circulated. Motion carried.

5. Treasurer's Report and 2020 Budget

Vaughn Sayles reported that as of October 1, 2020 the account balances for Region 2 are as follows: Checking: \$2,774.57, Savings: \$3,626.17, and Certificate of Deposit: \$3,619.57.

Since January 1, 2020 we have received \$70.05 in revenue

Savings: \$ 1.35, Certificate of Deposit: \$6.77, Amazon Smile: \$11.93 and Donation: \$50.00 from WNYIS.

We have expended \$351.86

Judges Training Postage: \$15.80, Newsletter Postage: \$13.41, Fall Meeting: Zoom license for 2020 -- \$149.90, and Website Fees for 2020 -- \$168.35.

Motion carried at Board Meeting on September 1, 2020 to present to the General Membership the same budget for 2021 that was proposed in 2020.

6. Audit Committee – Terry Laurin reported that the Treasurer's report was accepted by the Audit Committee.

7. Membership

Vaughn Sayles reported that as of October 1, 2020 in addition to four affiliate memberships and five organizational memberships there are 101 members of the American Iris Society residing in Region 2.

AIS Youth have full voting rights.

ACTION: Need to ask AIS if organizations have same voting rights.

8. Awards & Exhibitions

Marilee Farry reported that due to COVID-19 there were no accredited iris shows in the region in 2020. Motion carried at the Board meeting on September 1, 2020 to keep the 2020 Show rotation and award choices for the 2021 shows.

ONIS – The Ruth V. Blenis Award

CHIS – The Ethel Anson S. Peckham Award for Historic Iris

GRIS –The William McGarvey Beardless Iris Award

WNYIS –The Magdalen Award

9. Secretary Report

On June 13, via email

A motion was made by Kathryn Mohr, after debate, was adopted as follows, that AIS Region 2 spend approximately \$150 to purchase a zoom license.

On August 31, via email

A motion was made by Kathryn Mohr, after debate, was adopted as follows, to adopt the proposed Bylaw amendments as presented by the Bylaw Committee.

September 1, 2020 zoom meeting.

Motion made by Linda Knipper: To send a paper ballot, without a stamped return envelope, to all members who receive paper copies of the newsletter. Motion tabled until the next Board meeting.

Motion made by Linda Knipper: To cancel the 2020 annual meeting via zoom. Motion was not seconded so motion failed.

Motion made by Vaughn Sayles: To present to the General Membership the same budget for 2021 that was proposed in 2020. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marilee Farry: To keep the 2020 Show rotation and award choices for the 2021 shows, should there be one. Motion carried.

September 6, 2020 via email

Motion made by Linda Knipper: To vote on officers, bylaws, and the budget by email/usps mail. Motion failed.

September 8, 2020 via email

Motion made by Kathryn Mohr: To hold the general membership meeting at 10:30 AM on October 24, 2020. Motion carried.

Carolyn Schaffner raised a point of order saying the RVP could not make a motion. The motion from June 13 was restated by Neil Houghton and carried. The motion from August 31 was restated by Cara Hutchings and carried. The motion from September 8 was deemed unnecessary and was rescinded.

10. Technology Consultant

Neil Houghton discussed zoom meeting invitations.

11. Committee Reports:

There were no updates to the committee reports previously published in the Autumn 2020 newsletter.

12. Affiliate Reports

WNYIS – Marilee Farry reported that WNYIS is focusing on recruitment.

13. Nominating Committee

Cara Hutchings presented the Committee's nominations for the 2020/2021 Officers' positions,

Kathryn Mohr – Regional Vice President (RVP)

Neil Houghton– Assistant RVP

Vaughn Sayles – Treasurer

Kate Brewitt - Secretary

Motion made by Terry Laurin to accept the Nominating Committee report. Motion carried

14. Unfinished Business

Tabled motion from Board Meeting of September 1, 2020 made by Linda Knipper: To send a paper ballot, without a stamped return envelope, to all members who receive paper copies of the newsletter. Motion failed.

15. New Business

a. Voting method for Annual General meeting on October 24, 2020

Motion made by Marilee Farry to use roll call voting for motions at October 24th's meeting. Motion carried.

b. Notifying attendees to Annual General meeting of various reports.

Motion made by Cara Hutchings to send meeting registrants a copy of all reports by email before the October 24, 2020 general meeting. Motion carried.

16. Additional business

Details of Judges' Training being offered October 24, 2020 were discussed.

17. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.