

REGION 2 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY ANNUAL FALL MEETING
MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2021 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

Neil Houghton – Assistant RVP, Technology Consultant

Vaughn Sayles – Treasurer, Membership Chair

Kate Brewitt – Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster

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

Other Attendees - Annette Kuhn

Absent

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

Dorothy Stiefel – Archives

3. Additions/corrections to the minutes of Oct. 6, 2020 Board of Directors meeting

Minutes were declared approved as circulated by Kathryn Mohr.

4. Officer Reports

RVP Report

Kathryn Mohr thanked the Board for three wonderful years.

Treasurer Report

Vaughn Sayles reported that as of October 5, 2021, the account at Fulton Savings Bank has been closed. He will provide the new Treasurer with a check of \$9,906.64, representing the total balance from all accounts.

Audit Committee Report

Kathryn Mohr reported that the Treasurer's audit report was accepted by the Audit Committee.

Secretary Report – Previous Motions

Kate Brewitt reported that at the August 3, 2021 zoom meeting a motion was made by Neil Houghton to provide a speaker fee of \$200 to Cathy Egerer for her presentation at the AIS Region 2 Fall meeting. Motion carried.

At the September 7, 2021 zoom meeting a motion made by Vaughn Sayles to facilitate the closure of the AIS Region 2 bank account no new donations and/or expenditures will be accepted by him after October 1, 2021. Motion carried.

5. Committee Reports

Archives – Dorothy Stiefel - no report submitted.

Bylaws – this position is open. If anyone is interested, please contact the RVP.

Judges Training

Wendy Roller reported there was one addition to her report published in the Autumn 2021 newsletter. Effective January 1, 2022, Dorothy Stiefel, Master Judge, will be retiring.

Membership

Vaughn Sayles reported that in addition to four affiliate memberships and four organizational memberships there are 96 members of the American Iris Society who reside in Region 2.

Newsletter

Kate Brewitt reported that a volunteer was needed to mail archival copies of the Spring and Autumn newsletter to the AIS Archives and the Region 2 Archives. Neil volunteered to take on the task.

Technology Consultant

Neil Houghton reported that we have made good use of our Zoom membership. He reminded Affiliate Chairs that this membership can also be used for their club meetings.

Youth – this position is open. If anyone is interested, please contact the RVP.

Webmaster

Kate Brewitt recommended discussion on possible website updates be tabled until after the new RVP was voted in. Agreement by all present.

Awards & Exhibitions

Marilee Farry reported that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Region 2 held no accredited iris shows in 2021.

Motion made by Neil Houghton to accept Marilee's report. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee

Neil Houghton presented the Committee's nominations for the 2021/2022 Officers' positions,
Neil Houghton – Regional Vice President (RVP)

Cara Hutchings – Assistant RVP

Annette Kuhn – Treasurer

Kate Brewitt – Secretary

Motion made by Marilee Farry to accept the Nominating Committee report. Motion carried

6. Unfinished Business - none

7. New Business

2022 Budget

Vaughn Sayles presented a Budget for 2022 of \$1,715,00.

Motion made by Neil Houghton that \$500 be added to the Budget for this fiscal year to help defray the cost of the Regional Vice-President (RVP), or his or her designee, to attend the Annual Meeting of the American Iris Society, and the following Annual Convention.

Furthermore, the intention is to view this as an ongoing expense unless removed by a future R2 Board vote. Motion failed.

Motion made by Marilee Farry to pay the RVP the cost of the early registration fee for the AIS National Convention in year 2022. Motion carried.

After discussion increases were made to RVP Allowance (\$360), Website (\$100) resulting in a Budget for 2022 of \$2,175.00.

Motion made by Cara Hutchings that expenses incurred due to the setting up of a new bank account will be taken from 'Miscellaneous'. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathryn Mohr to accept the Budget amount of \$2,175.00 for 2022. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Interim Treasurer

Kathryn Mohr appointed Annette Kuhn as Interim Treasurer from October 16, 2021 to November 4, 2021.

2022 Region 2 Awards Rotation and Show Dates

Marilee Farry reported that the Awards rotation for 2022 will be the same as in 2021:

ONIS – The Ruth V. Blenis Award (highest-placed Tall Bearded Iris of the Show)

CHIS – The Ethel Anson S. Peckham Award (highest-placed Historic Iris of the Show)

GRIS – The William McGarvey Award (highest-placed Beardless Iris of the Show)

WNYIS – The Magdalen Award (highest-placed Median Iris of the Show)

The Wirz-Rettig Award (highest-placed Japanese Iris of the Show) had not been assigned.

Motion made by Neil Houghton to accept the Awards and Exhibition report. Motion carried.

Notifying attendees to Annual meeting of reports

Neil Houghton will work with Kate Brewitt to ensure that members who register for the Saturday, October 16, 2021 Annual General Meeting receive the necessary reports.

8. Adjourn

Kathryn Mohr adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm.