

REGION 2 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY (AIS) ANNUAL FALL MEETING
October 16, 2021
General Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and welcome

Meeting called to order at 10:39 am by Kathryn Mohr RVP. Everyone was welcomed. Kathryn announced that this was her last meeting as RVP for Region 2. She thanked everyone for their support of her as well as the Region.

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

Kathryn Mohr – RVP and President

Neil Houghton – Assistant RVP, Technology Consultant

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

Joanne Bassett, Chuck Chapman, Annette Kuhn, Benjamin Morris, Dolores Picard.

Absent and Excused

Vaughn Sayles – Treasurer, Membership Chair

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

3. Additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 24, 2020 General Membership Meeting.

Kathryn Mohr declared the minutes approved as circulated.

4. Treasurer's Report

Kathryn Mohr reported for Vaughn Sayles. The bank account for Region 2 has been closed. A check for the account balance of \$9,906.64 will be given to the new Treasurer to open an account in his/her vicinity.

5. Committee Reports

Reports were circulated to the attendees prior to the meeting. Committee Chairs were asked to report any changes. Reports are filed with the Secretary and are available upon request.

a. Archives – no report.

b. Awards & Exhibitions – Marilee Farry reported no additions.

c. Membership - Kathryn Mohr reported for Vaughn Sayles that there were no additions.

d. Judges' Training - Wendy Roller reported that Suzanne Perry has advanced to Garden/Exhibition Judge effective 2022. Terry Laurin and Kate Brewitt have both advanced to Master Judge effective 2022.

Chuck Chapman raised a concern about Canadians not being able to cross the border to receive in-garden training in 2022. Wendy Roller responded that Bonnie Nichols, AIS Judges' Training Chair, was working on the possibility of zoom in-garden training sessions next year.

e. Newsletter – Kate Brewitt reported no additions.

f. Technology Consultant – Neil Houghton reported no additions.

g. Webmaster – Kate Brewitt reported no additions.

h. Youth Committee and Bylaws Committee

Kathryn Mohr reported that the Chair position is vacant for both these committees. If anyone is interested in chairing one of these committees, they should contact the new RVP.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business from the floor.

New Business

1) Budget for 2021

Kathryn Mohr reported for Vaughn Sayles. Two items were added to this year's budget, a stipend to pay for the RVP's \$359 registration fee for the 2022 AIS National Convention and a \$100 increase to the Website Committee to pay for potential website upgrades.

Motion made by Cara Hutchings to accept the proposed budget as presented. Motion carried.

2) Vote on Officers

Neil Houghton reported that Marilee Farry is willing to take over the Membership Chair's position. Neil Houghton, Nominations Committee Chair, also reported the following nominations for the 2021/2022 Officers' positions,

Neil Houghton – Regional Vice President (RVP)

Cara Hutchings – Assistant RVP

Annette Kuhn – Treasurer

Kate Brewitt - Secretary

Since there were no nominations from the floor, Kathryn Mohr declared the nominees elected by acclamation.

3) Interim Treasurer Announcement

Kathryn Mohr reported that prior to the meeting a motion was made via email by Kate Brewitt to appoint Annette Kuhn as Interim Treasurer from October 16, 2021 to November 6, 2021. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Kathryn Mohr adjourned the meeting at 11:03 am.