

REGION 2 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY  
MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
October 28, 2023, at 11:00 am via Zoom

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 11:00 am with Cara Hutchings, RVP, presiding.

2. Attendance

Cara Hutchings - Regional Vice President (RVP), Greater Rochester Society (GRIS) President, and Acting Membership Chair

Kathryn Mohr – Assistant RVP, and Capital Hudson Iris Society (CHIS) Acting President

Ben Morris - Secretary

Terry Laurin - Ontario Iris Society (ONIS) President

Wendy Roller – Judges' Training Chair

Kate Brewitt - Newsletter Editor & Webmaster

Additional Attendee(s): Joanne Bassett (WNYIS), Chuck Chapman - Iris Hybridizer

Absent: Ida Blasak - Western NY Iris Society (WNYIS) President, Annette Kuhn – Treasurer

3. Officer Reports

There were no report updates from the October 11, 2023, Board of Directors meeting.

4. Committee Reports

Finance Committee - Terry Laurin, Finance Committee Chair, reported that the Finance Committee had accepted the Treasurer's audit report.

There were no other Committee Report updates from October 11, 2023, Board of Directors meeting.

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. New Business

2024 Budget

All budget line-item amounts were kept equal to the approved 2023 Budget with the exceptions of Archive and Treasurer allowances; \$900.00 has been added for Archive; \$14.00 has been removed from the Treasurer's budget. The 2024 AIS Spring National Convention registration was verified to be \$350.00. The 2024 budget will be \$3,015.00.

Motion was made by Terry to accept the 2024 Budget as presented. Motion carried.

Election of Officers:

The following slate of officer was presented by Kathryn Mohr, Nominations Committee Chair.

Regional Vice President: Cara Hutchings, Treasurer: Annette Kuhn, Secretary: Ben Morris.

No candidate was found to fill the position of Assistant Regional Vice President so this position will remain open for 2024 unless a candidate can be found.

Motion was made by Kathryn to accept the 2024 slate of officers. Motion carried.

### Additional Discussions

There will be a meeting on November 8, 2023, during which Cara will appoint committee chairs. Cara made the following appointments in advance of this meeting: Technology Consultant - James Morris; Webmaster - Kate Brewitt; Judges' Training Chair - Wendy Roller.

There was discussion about the sharing of a recently scanned glass slide. It was confirmed scanned slides can be shared. General discussion about the slides and possible future needs to digitalize items followed.

Cara shared that a presentation she gave at a local (Rochester, NY area) hosta group was well received and thanked Wendy for attending and for her assistance.

Kathryn shared an informal report on CHIS noting that the group is moving towards a united group (iris, hosta, and daylily) with Kathryn as co-chair and will suggest some of the other officers be named as CHIS officers with CHIS paying their AIS membership.

Chuck Chapman, hybridizer, lead a discussion on his theories on reblooming irises.

### 7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.