

Minutes of the AIS Board of Directors Videoconference, Wednesday, Dec 16, 2020
[With corrections made at the Feb 24, 2021 meeting.](#)

Present:

Jody Nolin (6) - President, Affiliate Chair
Andi Rivarola (15) - 1st VP, Convention Liaison (temporary), Public Relations Social Media,
Strategic Planning
Bonnie Jean Nichols (17) – 2nd VP, Judges, RVP 17
Michelle Snyder (15) – Secretary, Insurance
Jill Bonino (15) – Treasurer, Foundation Liaison
Gary White (21) - Immediate Past President, Honorary Awards, Finance

Pam Messer (21) - Membership
Jane Milliman (2) - Editor of *Iris*, *the AIS Bulletin*

Cheryl Deaton (15) - Director, Youth
Claire Schneider (15) – Director, Recording Secretary
Doug Chyz (5) - Director, Public Relations & Marketing
Howie Dash (23) – Director, RVP Counselor
Janis Shackelford (15) – Director, Policy, RVP 15
Lorene Crone (7) – Director, Electronic Services
Mike Reed (17) - Director, Awards (incoming)
Neil Houghton (2) - Director, Image Coordinator, Iris Program Resources Digital
Phyllis Wilburn (14) – Director, Section & Cooperating Society Liaison
Scarlett Ayres (23) - Director, AIS 2021 Convention Co-Chair
Susan Driver (7) – Director, Calendars
Wayne Messer (21) - Director, Exhibition Show Reports, News & Notes, RVP 21

Anita Moran (4) - Photo Contest
Gerry Snyder (15) - Awards (outgoing)
Jean Richter (14) - RVP 14, RVP Representative
John Ludi (13) – RVP 13, Publication Sales Director
Lois Rose (4) - Exhibition Schedules
Kathryn Mohr (2) - RVP 2
Elladan McLeester (8) - RVP 8
Linda Baumgartner (20) - RVP 20

Christine Dickinson (14)
Carol Cullen (14)
Brock Heilman (6)
Philippa Alvis (14)

Don Jeanne Jackson, is this Jeanie Jackson (7)??

The meeting was called to order on Zoom at 5:02 PM PST.
A quorum was present.

1. Approve the minutes of the Nov 18th meeting – Claire Schneider

Motion 1: To approve the minutes with corrections of the November 18th AIS teleconference. Motion by Janis Shackelford and seconded by Cheryl Deaton. Motion passed.
The amount in the budget for calendars was corrected to \$1865.50 and the new directors were installed by acclamation.

REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Emeritus Judges - Bonnie Nichols

From the executive session, three emeritus judges were named: Cheryl Deaton, Debra Strauss and Bryce Williamson. Congratulations to all three!

3. 2021 Ballot Voting guidelines - Gerry Snyder

Included in Gerry's electronic report is a draft of a letter to be sent to all judges explaining the voting procedures for 2021 AIS Ballot. "... judges will be able to vote for six iris for the Wister Medal, and two for each of the other Iris classes, and there will be double the usual numbers of winners. This will be made clear both on-line and on the paper ballot. This is a one-time-only change to voting. In 2022 it will go back to three Wister Medals and one of each of the other special medals. Because it takes a while for the anomaly to work its way through the voting system, it will not be until 2025 that all of the eligibility years return to normal."

Bonnie Nichols will send Gerry a list of all judges. To clarify, there will be two Dykes winners in 2021. Notice of the ballot guidelines will be posted in News & Notes, iris Facebook sites, and in *Iris*es, the AIS Bulletin.

4. Centennial Supplement - Jim Morris (absent)

The fourth supplement will be completed in time to be sent out with the next issue of *Iris*es. The fifth supplement will be called an Addendum.

5. Photo Contest - Anita Moran

An electronic report is posted that includes a list of all the winners in the six categories. Eleven entrants submitted sixty-three photos. The judges were Howie Dash, Doug Chyz and Glenn Grigg.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Digital Program - Neil Houghton

An electronic report is posted that notes the success of online judges training sessions and informational webinars. Neil suggested organizing and recording interviews with hybridizers. He applauded AIS for making a variety of digital resources available to regions and affiliate clubs. Regarding Zoom, Neil has prepared a training program to assist those who find it difficult to attend Zoom meetings. He discussed various pricing options offered by Zoom.

Discussion: Neil will attempt to obtain a copy of the recording of the Barry Blyth, Joe Ghio and Keith Keppel seminar at the Portland Convention. Perhaps a Zoom interview or a webinar with the three of them could be arranged as a follow up to the seminar in Portland.

Four science topics are being planned for the winter AIS webinars. Tentatively, two presentations in February by Dr. Carol Wilson and two presentations in March. Other topics suggested for future webinars: a panel discussion by iris historians, the use of irises over the last 2000 years and iris in literature and art.

7. Affiliate 2021 fee - Jody Nolin

Many affiliates are struggling financially this year. Because of social restrictions, affiliates have been unable to hold shows and have sales.

Motion 2: to waive the annual \$30 affiliate fee for 2021.

Motion by Neil Houghton and seconded by Michelle Snyder. Motion passed.

8. Spring Reports - Michelle Snyder

Because the spring convention is cancelled, spring reports will be presented at the February, March, April, and May AIS monthly teleconferences. Michelle has sent out a proposed schedule. Anyone not submitting a report, should let Michelle know.

9. Judges Manual - Bonnie Nichols

A digital report has been posted. The *Handbook* Revision Team consists of Jody Nolin, Andi Rivarola, Bonnie Nichols, Gary White, and Claire Schneider. Because the chapters have been reordered, there is a new table of contents. Four chapters have been reviewed by the team and are posted online in a Google Drive. A final decision on format or formats will be made in the future. Andi Rivarola shared the chapter on spuria to show the potential for color and design when a chapter has an electronic format.

Discussion: A suggestion was to create workshops on using an electronic version of the handbook. Once again nothing final has been decided regarding format or formats.

10. Chapter 1 in the Handbook for Judges

“Chapter 1 Accreditation of Judges” was reviewed. Suggestions and changes were made. No motion was made to approve this chapter.

Discussion: A series of special meetings to review and approve chapters in the *Handbook for Judges* will be scheduled. Members could read chapters and send their suggestions for changes and wordsmithing to Bonnie Nichols and Claire Schneider before each special meeting. Chapters will be available for review from the Google Drive at least a week ahead of the special meeting. These special BOD meetings will be scheduled for the first and third Tuesdays of the month. A quorum will be necessary to approve each chapter. January 5th will be the first special meeting.

11. Update on AIS Budget - Jill Bonino

There is a correction to the budget and an updated Budget Report will be posted on AIS Talk. The annual fee for Zoom has been paid, through December of 2021. We pay the webinar fee month to month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. The next regular AIS board meeting will be February 24, 2021. The January 2021 meeting is cancelled.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM PST

Respectively submitted,
Claire Schneider