

Minutes of the AIS Board of Directors Videoconference, Tuesday, March 9, 2021
Special meeting: Judges Handbook Revision
[Amended and approved at AIS Board of Directors meeting, March 24, 2021](#)

Present:

Jody Nolin (6) - President, Affiliate Chair
Bonnie Jean Nichols (17) – 2nd VP, Judges, RVP 17
Jill Bonino (15) - Treasurer, Foundation Liaison
Gary White (21) - Immediate Past President, Honorary Awards, Finance

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
Phyllis Wilburn (14) – Director, Section & Cooperating Society Liaison
Susan Driver (7) - Director, Calendars
Wayne Messer (21) - Director, Exhibition Show Reports, News & Notes, RVP 21
Jean Richter (14) - RVP 14, RVP Representative

John Ludi (13) – RVP 13, Publication Sales Director
Lois Rose (4) - Exhibition Schedules

This special meeting was called to review, edit and approve chapters in the *Handbook for Judges*. The meeting began on Zoom at 5:01 PM PST and Chapters 5, 6, & 13 plus Terminology for AR and AB were on the agenda.

A quorum was present.

Motion 1: to approve Chapter 5 Best Specimen of Show with updates and changes.
Motion by Bonnie Nichols and seconded by Phyllis Wilburn. Motion passed.

Motion 2: to approve Chapter 6 Organizing an Iris Show as amended.
Motion by Janis Shackelford and seconded by Howie Dash.

Motion 3: to approve Terminology for Understanding Aril and Arilbred Iris with changes.
Motion by Howie Dash and seconded by Susan Driver.

Discussion: About the colorful charts for aril and arilbreds, the text is small and difficult to read. Someone volunteered to recreate these charts in EXCEL. Perhaps in a future revision, these charts could be replaced with something more legible. There was a question about the term “complement.” Perhaps in a future revision, complement could be replaced with “aril chromosome content,” “aril genotype,” “karyotype,” or something else that might be more easily understood, yet accurate.

Motion 4: To approve Chapter 13 Judging Aril & Arilbred Irises with changes.
Motion by Bonnie Nichols and seconded by Phyllis Wilburn.

Discussion: A suggestion was to copy and paste the two paragraphs about condition and grooming from Chapter 13 into all varietal chapters from now on. The Board agreed. Another suggestion was to include hotlinks to connect text with illustrations, photographs and definitions in the electronic version of the *Handbook*. A one-page cheat sheet would be helpful for judging the Aril & Arilbred irises. There has been a coordination of the definition of arilbred median between the Aril Society and the Median Society.

Motion 5: To approve Chapter 14 Japanese Iris with changes.
Motion by Janis Shackelford and seconded by Gary White.

Note: The Board set a record tonight: they approved five chapters!! There was whoop-whoop-whoop from someone with a voice that sounded a lot like the president's.

The next AIS Board meeting to review more chapters will be March 30th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM PST.

Respectively submitted,
Claire Schneider