

Historic Iris Preservation Society

Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 23, 2018

I. Call to Order The meeting was called to order by President Cathy Egerer at 9:05pm EDT. Nancy McDonald was designated timekeeper for the teleconference call.

II. Roll call - Present: Janet Smith, Susan Flow, Gary White, Judy Keisling, Judy Eckhoff, Wendy Scott, Shaub Dunkley, David Prichard, Laetitia Munro, Lori Lensch-Marcotte, Delane Langton, Cathy Egerer, Nancy McDonald

Absent: Paul Gossett, Alice Laughlin, Linda Baumgartner, Charlie Carver, Doug Paschall, Madeline West, Judy Schneider, Kate Brewitt

III. Additions/Changes to the Agenda – none.

IV. Approval of the previous meeting minutes – acknowledgement of approval of previous minutes, now posted online.

V. Treasurer's Report – Judy Keisling reported that our 2018 income as of April 30 was \$1508.65, mostly from dues. Our expenses were \$1850.86. Significant expenses were the Display Gardens signs and the website hosting fees for six months. The Spring ROOTS costs were not in the total as they were paid in May. Our assets as of 4-30-2018 were \$45,718.47.

VI. President's Report - the HIPS program (historic Louisiana Irises) at the 2018 AIS Convention was very well received. The room was full. About 50 HIPS members attended the annual meeting, held prior to the presentation. Minutes of the annual meeting have been sent to the HIPS board members who attended and will be posted online after any corrections are made. All HIPS slides from the Archives are now with Dave Silverberg, the AIS Librarian, ready for scanning by Janet Smith.

VII. Old Business / Action Items

- A. Judy Eckhoff, Membership Chair, reported that we currently have 840 HIPS members. Of those, 220 memberships will expire in August. A few people reported they did not receive their Spring ROOTS. Cathy will check with Sundance Press to see if there is a problem with the mailing system.
- B. Cathy Egerer, PR Chair, requested an additional \$300 be added to the HIPS Public Relations budget to cover additional postage costs. Fifty-one packets were mailed to the chairs of iris shows on request, which was a great response but depleted the budget. Shaub Dunkley moved and Dave Prichard seconded a motion to allocate an additional \$300 to the PR budget. Motion carried.

VIII. New Business / Action Items

- A. The Bylaws Committee presented a draft revision of the HIPS Bylaws. Nancy McDonald, Bylaws Committee Chair, gave a summary of the rationale for the proposed Bylaws revisions. The purpose was to make the Bylaws succinct and appropriate while adhering to Oregon and federal laws for nonprofit corporations. Items that did not

belong in the Bylaws were moved to a policy document. Everything contained in the previous Bylaws is still there, but policy can be easily revised as needed. Several changes to the draft were suggested and discussed. The Bylaws Committee will rework the draft and present it to the Board again shortly.

- B. Nancy McDonald, chair of the Bylaws Committee, recommended that HIPS join the Nonprofit Association of Oregon, an advocacy group that will alert us to changes in nonprofit laws in Oregon, where we are incorporated. Annual dues are \$50. Dave Prichard moved and Janet Smith seconded a motion for HIPS to join. Motion carried.

IX. Other – Per Charlie Carver, the Carla Lankow slide collection has been sent to Dave Silverberg, AIS Librarian, for scanning by Janet Smith.

X. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 9:59pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy McDonald, Secretary Pro Tem