

Historic Iris Preservation Society

Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 17, 2019

- I. Call to Order The meeting was called to order by President Cathy Egerer at 9pm EST, 6pm PST (winter) with Nancy McDonald as timekeeper.
- II. Roll Call by Secretary Madeline West

Present: Cathy Egerer, Dave Prichard, Madeline West, Judy Keisling, Gary White, Alice Laughlin, Delane Langton, Janet Smith, Shaub Dunkley, Wendy Scott, Lori Lensch-Marcotte, Kate Brewitt, Judy Eckhoff, Susan Flow, Judy Schneider, Nancy McDonald, Laetitia Munro.

Absent: Linda Baumgartner, Paul Gossett, Doug Paschall. Archives and International Liaison positions remain open.

- II. Additions/Changes to the Agenda – none
- III. Previous Meeting Minutes- Acknowledgement of approval and posting online.
- IV. Treasurer's Report—Judy Keisling

As of December 31, 2018, Assets were \$59,211.37 compared to December 31, 2017 of \$46,060.68 making a net gain of \$13,150.69

- V. President's Report:

- 1) The AIS Convention in San Ramon, California is April 23-27, 2019. The HIPS program is scheduled for April 25, 2019 at 5pm. Cathy suggested we ask Mary Hess of Bluebird Haven Iris Gardens to be our HIPS speaker. She has a large Historic Iris Collection and comes from the North Bay area. Dave Prichard said that Mary was his first choice as well. If anyone else has suggestions, send them to Cathy. She will wait a week or so before approaching Mary.
- 2) Cathy is checking into working with professional scanning companies to scan the HIPS catalog collection. The Archives team of Cathy, Nancy, and Susan will work on formulating a plan for our Archives materials and present it to the board later in the year. Anyone interested in working on this, please let Cathy know.
- 3) Cathy Egerer appointed Gary White to fill the vacated Awards and Honorariums Chair, as Paul Gossett has stepped down. Janet Smith moved to approve the appointment, with Judy Keisling seconding the motion. The motion was accepted by affirmation.
- 4) Distinguished Service Award: Gary White will head the committee. He stated that past recipients make up the Committee. The honoree is a current or past member who has performed duties and service for the betterment of HIPS. Give ideas, nominations to Gary White. There is a list of previous awardees available. Cathy will post online.

- VII. Old Business/Action Items

1) Membership - Judy Eckhoff stated there are 761 members, of which 57 joined in 2018. 56 members' dues will expire February 28, 2019. E-members are 35 but that doesn't include the E-Bulletins to the Botanical Gardens. Judy will send a list of expirees to Cathy and Cathy will send reminders to renew.

2) Guardian Gardens – Doug Paschall sent a letter asking members to update their lists of Iris. The Guardian Gardens list will be updated for 2019 and Doug now has assistance from Jessica Kelley, a HIPS member.

3) Breeder Collections - An introductory article was printed in the Fall 2018 *ROOTS*, a forum has been created on the website, and members have begun to tell us what they collect. Nancy McDonald, who has many breeder collections, will chair the Breeder Collections Program. Janet Smith is also on the program committee, and others are welcome to join if they wish to help. The committee will compile a spreadsheet and work out the logistics of the program.

Any breeder who has even one iris that qualifies as historic (bred 30 years ago or earlier) qualifies as a subject for collection under this program. Any gardener wishing to join the program must: 1) be a HIPS member (an e-membership is only \$10.00); 2) report his/her historic irises to the HIPS Databank; and 3) be willing to make extra irises available to other HIPS members by donation, swap, or sale. Accommodations will be made for overseas members. Aside from those three absolute rules, the committee has a number of suggestions for program members, which will appear in a more detailed article about the program in the Spring 2019 *ROOTS*.

VIII. New Business/Action Items

A. 2019 Budget – Janet Smith moved to approve the 2019 budget; Dave Prichard seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held; 16 yes votes, 0 no votes.

B. Board Elections – 2019 - Gary White will chair the Nominations Committee, with Judy Keisling and Susan Flow assisting in assembling a new slate of candidates. If the Bylaws revisions are approved by the membership, the vote will be held by mail, not at the annual meeting.

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 9:45pm EST

Respectfully submitted,
Madeline West, Secretary