

Historic Iris Preservation Society
Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting

January 23, 2018

Call to Order President Cathy Egerer called the meeting to order at 9pm EST.

Roll Call Members present: Gary White, Delane Langton, Shaub Dunkley, Linda Baumgartner, Dave Prichard, Charlie Carver, Judy Keisling, Wendy Scott, Nancy McDonald, Susan Flow, Judy Schneider, Dorothy Stiefel, Paul Gossett, Judy Eckhoff., Lori Lensch-Marcotte, Laetitia Munro, Madeline West, Janet Smith (joined the meeting late).

Absent Doug Paschall, Kate Brewitt,

Agenda No changes or corrections.

Minutes The minutes of the September meeting were previously approved and posted online.

Treasurer's Report As of Jan. 1- Dec. 31, 2017: Savings \$27,690.00; Expenses \$15,336.00; Net Income \$12,354.00; Assets as of 12/31/17 \$46,061.00.

President's Report Cathy reminded the Board of the AIS Convention – April 8-14, 2018 in New Orleans. Paul Gossett, Convention Chair, stated there is a new format this year on Registration fees: less if purchased BEFORE January 31, 2018 and you can choose the meals you want. Patrick O'Connor will present the HIPS program on Tuesday April 10, 2018 following the Annual Meeting. The topic will be historic Louisiana irises and efforts to preserve them. Paul encouraged all to attend the Louisiana conference.

Cathy stated there are two projects she would like to complete before her term ends in 2019: 1) Have complete job descriptions for the Board. 2) Develop an Archives plan for digitizing and storing our archives materials.

Old Business

Membership: Judy Eckhoff stated there are 835 members at present. We have 65 international members, of which 31 are from Canada. A number of members may be removed for non-payment of dues.

PR Update: Cathy will send HIPS materials to iris show chairs who request them. She is working on packets to send to botanic gardens that have or wish to hold iris collections.

ROOTS: Nancy reported the Spring ROOTS will be sent to the printer before the AIS Convention and she needs all articles by March 1. Any long articles, please CALL Nancy first to discuss space.

New Business

Budget: Judy Keisling presented the proposed 2018 budget. A short discussion followed. A vote on the budget will take place via e-mail so the Board members not present can vote as well. The Board thanked Judy, Shaub, Dave, and Cathy for preparing the budget. Once the budget is approved it will be posted on the HIPS website.

Rhizome Sale: Judy Schneider, Rhizome Sale Chair, discussed the pros and cons of the 2017 sale. The 2018 member sale dates will be July 21-22: The public sale will be July 23-25. There will be a 500 variety limit this year, with about 15 NOIDs. We will have the right to not sell small/dried iris and will put them in a garden to get bigger (foster gardens) and send rare iris to the Guardian Gardens sale after the member sale. Information will be published in the Spring ROOTS. Nancy commented that the donors did a much better job of preparing the rhizomes before shipping them.

Website: Laetitia reported that upgrades to the website are in the works. A budget of \$1000 was allocated to make these upgrades, which include enhancing the speed to the gallery and installing a search function. Laetitia will work with our web host on that. She is also working to get the Store fixed, enhance our site security, and upgrade the Membership program so it functions better.

Commercial Sources: Dave reported he has received information from 26 commercial vendors. He is asking vendors to list all the irises they grow, even if they are not currently for sale. This cuts down on lots of changes and lets us know what people have if we are looking for something. There are 89 new historic listed this year. If a vendor has 15 or more historic irises for sale, we will list them. Right now there are 6177 varieties on the list, and about 1000 are not for sale this year. Several iris gardens are up for sale or changing ownership.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm, EST.

Madeline West, Secretary