

Minutes of the HIPS Annual Meeting
April 10, 2018

2018 HIPS Annual Meeting was held at the New Orleans Airport Hilton on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by HIPS President Cathy Egerer. Approximately 50 HIPS members were in attendance.

President Egerer presented the 2017 financial report for Treasurer Judy Keisling, who was not able to attend. Highlights included a record-breaking rhizome sale, an increase in membership, and a controlled budget that allowed us to build our current programs while still increasing our financial reserves. Our 2017 total income was \$27,690 and our expenses were \$15,336, giving us a net profit for the year of \$12,354.

The slate of nominees for three Board positions was presented to the members in attendance. The nominees were:

Alice Laughlin – Northeast Regional Director
Shaub Dunkley – Southeast Regional Director
Delane Langton – North Central Regional Director.

There were no nominations from the floor. Robert Strohman moved to accept the slate of nominees, and Gary White seconded the motion. Vote was by a show of hands. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. President Egerer thanked outgoing Northeast Regional Director Dorothy Stiefel for her past work on behalf of HIPS, and welcomed the elected nominees to the Board..

Paul Gossett, Honoraries and Awards Chair, presented the 2018 HIPS Distinguished Service Award to Mary Hess, owner of Bluebird Haven Iris Gardens. Mary is a long-time HIPS member and her commercial garden has focused on historic irises for many years. She offers thousands of historic cultivars for sale every year, and this has greatly helped HIPS in our mission to preserve historic irises. Jean Richter, a past recipient of the award, graciously offered to take the award plaque to Mary personally.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy McDonald, Secretary Pro Tem