

**AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY REGION 2 ANNUAL FALL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
HELD IN DELMAR, N.Y. – OCTOBER 20, 2018 AT 10:30 AM**

1. Call to Order/Welcome

RVP Dorothy Stiefel, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 11:15 am. Everyone was welcomed and thanked for attending. Capital-Hudson Iris Society was thanked for hosting the meeting.

2. Roll Call – Officers, Committee chairpersons, Affiliate chairpersons

Dorothy Stiefel – RVP and President, Archives, Bylaws
Kathryn Mohr – Assistant RVP and Vice President, Awards & Exhibitions
Kate Brewitt – Secretary, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor (new)
Vaughn Sayles – Treasurer, Membership Chair
Wendy Roller - Judges Training Chair, Representative for Greater Rochester Iris Society (GRIS)
Linda Knipper – Capital-Hudson Iris Society (CHIS) President
Terry Laurin – Ontario Iris Society (ONIS) President
Marilee Farry – Western New York Iris Society (WNYIS) President

Absent and Excused

Cara Hutchings – GRIS President

Joanne Maier – Youth Chair

Betty Schnellinger – Past Newsletter Editor

Southern Ontario Iris Society (SOIS) Representative

Also in Attendance

Erica Berger, Len Berger, Joanne Bassett, David Blake, Dana Borglum, Sylvia Borglum, Debi Chowdhury, John Colley, Joanna Doggett, Virginia Dorwaldt, Maria Gerbracht, Margo Heck, Donna Lowry, Dan Maier, Reba Martin, Sara Ann Martin, Euthemia Matsoukas, E.J. Mattson, Bonnie Nichols, Barb Owens, Suzanne Perry, Gary Roller, Don Salhoff, Pat Salhoff, Magdalena Slone, Ted Slone, Betsy Thompson, Ann Vandervort,

RVP Dorothy Stiefel reported of the passing of Ed Jowett, SOIS President, and advised the group would be discussing their future at a meeting on Sunday, October 21. The RVP will be advised of the results.

3. Additions/corrections to the minutes of the Oct. 21, 2017 meeting.

Motion by Sylvia Borglum to accept the 2017 minutes as circulated. Motion carried.

4. Committee Reports

Archives Committee – Dorothy Stiefel had nothing to report.

Bylaws Committee – Dorothy Stiefel indicated there were no changes at this time.

Creative Money Committee – This position is open.

Awards & Exhibitions - Kathryn Mohr announced that the new Show Rotation Guidelines have been completed. This year's rotation is WNYIS, ONIS, CHIS, GRIS. She also announced that a new Awards Chair would be appointed for 2019.

AIS Region 2 awards were presented; Magdalen Award to Wendy Roller, Ethel Anson S. Peckham Award to Lyn Hickey and Ruth V. Blenis Award to Dorothy Stiefel. Outgoing RVP, Dorothy Stiefel was also presented with a Past RVP pin and a small gift. Marilee Farry, president of WNYIS, presented their award certificates from their 2018 show.

2019 Show dates and Region 2 awards were selected as follows,

WNYIS – June 1 – The Ruth V. Blenis Award

ONIS – June 9 – The William McGarvey Beardless Iris Award

CHIS – June 1 – The Ethel Anson S. Peckham Award

GRIS – June 2 – The Magdalen Award

Copies of the proposed Region 2 Show Rotations were passed out and discussed.

Motion by Dan Maier to accept the proposed Region 2 Show Rotation Guidelines. Motion passed.

Judges Training – Wendy Roller reported that Region 2 has eleven Master judges, nine Garden/Exhibition judges, one Apprentice judge and one Candidate for Judgeship Thanks to those regional judges who provided training during the year; Chuck Chapman, Sandy Ives, Maureen Mark and MJ Urist. Gloria McMillen, Master Judge, has decided to retire.

Membership – Vaughn Sayles reported there were four new members during 2018 for a total of 119 members. Since June 2016, when Region 2 had 155 members, membership has declined by 36 members.

Newsletter Editor – Kate Brewitt was introduced as the new Region 2 editor. She will advise the Board of deadlines and publication dates. For now the current deadlines for article submission should be followed. Also, members should ensure they have an email address on file; those without one should let Kate know and something will be arranged.

Youth Committee – In Joanne Maier's absence, Kate Brewitt read her report. There are six Youth members in Region 2.

Webmaster – Kate Brewitt reported there are no web stats because the hosting company (iHost) implemented a new reporting system in June. For the last 3 months there have been, on average, 135 visits per month.

5. New Business

Election of officers for 2019

Kathryn Mohr, reporting for the Nominating committee, proposed the following slate of officers,

Kathryn Mohr – Regional Vice President (RVP)

Carolyn Schaffner – Assistant RVP

Vaughn Sayles – Treasurer

Kate Brewitt – Secretary

Since there were no nominations from the floor, it was requested that the Secretary record one vote in acceptance of the presented slate of officers.

6. Budget for 2019

Vaughn Sayles reported that the Region is in good shape financially. Vaughn then provided his recommendations for budget reductions due to the loss of three affiliates. Also presented were the changes discussed at the Board Meeting to further reduce the budget for 2019 to \$1,690.00.

There was a brief discussion about the need to change the meeting format and provide Judges' Training separately.

Motion by Wendy Roller to accept the 2019 Budget as amended. Motion passed.

7. Show dates and regional award selection for 2019

Reported under Awards and Exhibitions above.

8. 2019 Region Meeting

Dorothy thanked the affiliates who hosted meetings for the last 3 years however it is time for Region 2 to take a new direction as none of the current affiliates are able to host an annual meeting in 2019. Kathryn Mohr, incoming RVP, would like to form a committee to review the future of the Region. It is hoped that all current Board members will be part of the committee. Also, general members interested in joining the committee should email Kathryn.

9. Other business

None

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 pm