

Region 2 of the American Iris Society Board Meeting
held via Zoom
October 15, 2025, at 7:30 pm

In Attendance

Cara Hutchings (*RVP and GRIS Affiliate President*)
Debi Chowdhury (*Asst. RVP, Nominating Committee Chair, CHIS*)
Annette Kuhn, (*Treasurer, WNYIS*)
Kate Brewitt (*Bylaw Chair, Secretary and Webmaster, ONIS*)
Kathryn Mohr (*CHIS Affiliate President*)
Terry Laurin (*ONIS Affiliate President, Audit Committee Chair*)
Georgette Martin (*Membership Chair*)
Wendy Roller (*Judges' Training Chair, GRIS*)
Don Salhoff (*CHIS*),

Absent – Ida Blasak (*WNYIS Affiliate President*),

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm. There was a quorum present.

Minute Approval – Minutes from the September 10th board meeting were approved as circulated.

Audit Committee Report – Terry reported that the treasurer's audit report was approved by the Audit Committee.

Financial Statement and Proposed Budget Review – The year-to-date financial statement and proposed budget were reviewed. Assets as of September 30th were \$8,639.53, down approximately \$190 since January 1, 2025. Year-to-date income totals \$521.20 while year-to-date expenses total \$711.68. Cara to contact Amazon regarding erroneous \$10-charge from May. Board members with outstanding expenses should submit them before December 31, 2025.

Motion by Debi Chowdhury to accept the year-to-date financial statement. Motion carried.

Total budget of \$2,944.00 was proposed for 2026. The budget remains unchanged from last year, except for a \$10 increase in the membership budget. This increase is due to a rise in postage costs associated with mailing the welcome letter to new members from the 2025 AIS membership drive. Similar growth is anticipated from the 2026 membership drive.

Motion by Terry Laurin to accept the 2026 proposed budget for presentation at the October 18, 2025 general meeting. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee – Debi Chowdhury presented the committee's nominations for the 2025/2026 officers' positions,

Regional Vice President (RVP) - Debi Chowdhury (CHIS)

Assistant RVP - Position Open

Secretary - Kate Brewitt (ONIS)

Treasurer - Annette Kuhn (WNYIS)

ARVP will remain open for the 2025/2026 session unless a volunteer can be found.

Motion by Kathryn Mohr to accept the Nominating Committee's slate of officers as presented. Motion carried.

Show Dates and Region 2 Award Selection – The show rotation for 2026 is ONIS, CHIS, GRIS and WNYIS. Region 2 award selections were made as follows,

ONIS - The Ruth V. Blenis Award – tentative show date, Sunday, June 7, 2026.

CHIS – Passed on a show award for 2026.

GRIS – The McGarvey Beardless Iris Award – tentative show date, Sunday, June 7, 2026.

WNYIS – The Magdalen Award – tentative show date, Saturday, May 30/26

General meeting – There was a discussion about preparations for the general meeting and dinner arrangements for the Friday evening. Outstanding reports should send to the secretary as soon as possible. As a precaution, copies of all reports will be emailed to Michelle, Cara & Kathryn as backup.

Adjournment at 8:18 pm