

The American Iris Society
MINUTES DIRECTORS' MEETING

Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans, La., November 14-15, 1959

The meeting was called to order November 14 at 9 a.m. by President Marion R. Walker. The following Directors answered the roll call: Ackerman, Carney, Douglas, Durrance, Fischer, Knowlton, Randolph, Rogers & Schirmer. Lauck, Nelson and Riddle were absent.

It was voted that the minutes of the Oklahoma City meeting be approved.

The Elections Committee reported that Dr. John R. Durrance, Mr. Hubert A. Fischer, Mr. Albert G. Lauck and Judge Guy Rogers were re-elected Directors for a term of 3 years. It was voted that the report of this committee be approved and that the election ballots be destroyed by the chairman of the committee.

It was voted that the report of the Treasurer be accepted with thanks and that it be published in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.

It was voted that the Budget as submitted by the Treasurer be approved with the stipulation that the Executive Committee be given the authority to adjust the expenditures as required.

It was voted that all former activities with respect to the fifty cent refund to the Regions be rescinded, and that from and after January 1, 1960, any RVP may requisition the Society for an amount not to exceed 25 cents per member in his Region as of the beginning of the last fiscal year, with which to defray purely Regional expenses such as stationery, postage and kindred items to be determined by the Executive Committee of the Society.

The report of the Committee to Study Regional Organization (Carney) was approved with thanks and the Committee was requested to make a further study and report results at the next Board of Directors Meeting.

It was voted to transfer the State of Arizona from Region #12 to Region #15, effective January 1, 1960.

Upon nomination by President Walker, the following RVPs were appointed:

- Reg. # 2: Dr. Irwin A. Conroe, Star Route, Altamont, New York.
- Reg. # 5: Dr. Harvey Hobson, (Acting RVP), 222 Riggs Dr., Clemson, So. Car.
- Reg. #10: Mrs. Inez Conger, 609 Hazel St., Arcadia, La.
- Reg. #11: Mr. Robert Jensen, 429 South 9th St., Montpelier, Idaho.
- Reg. #12: Mrs. Melba Hamblen, 2778 West 5600 South, Roy, Utah.
- Reg. #15: Mrs. Mildred Lyon, 7041 Woodman Avenue, Van Nuys, Calif.
- Reg. #17: Dr. Jesse W. Collier, 1018 So. 31st St., Temple, Texas.
- Reg. #19: Mr. Joseph Gatty, 5-22 Hazel Place, Fair Lawn, New Jersey.
- Reg. #22: Mr. Richard C. Butler, 1014 Boyle Bldg., Little Rock, Ark.
- Reg. #23: Mrs. Ruth Pressey, 2421 Pueblo Bonito Dr., N.W., Albuquerque, N.M.

Reappointment was confirmed of all Regional Vice-Presidents who have served for less than three years.

A report on the status of future annual meetings was given by President Walker:

- 1960: Portland, Oregon—May 18th through 21st.
- 1961: Region #19—Location & dates undetermined.
- 1962: Kansas City, Missouri—dates undetermined.
- 1963: Denver, Colorado—dates undetermined.

Invitations for annual meetings for the years 1964 and 1965 from Memphis, Tennessee and Sacramento, California, respectively, were accepted with thanks and taken under advisement for consideration.

It was voted that the report as submitted by the Awards Committee (Ackerman) be accepted.

It was voted that a "Knowlton Award" for Border Bearded Iris be established in honor of Mr. Harold W. Knowlton and activated in 1960.

It was voted that the Hans & Jacob Sass Award be activated for Intermediate Bearded Irises effective 1960.

It was voted that the following seven (7) individuals be appointed Honorary Judges effective 1960:

Mr. Geddes Douglas—Tennessee.
Mrs. Douglas Pattison—California.
Mr. G. L. Pilkington—England.
Mrs. J. Willis Slaughter—Texas.
Mr. W. S. Snyder—Iowa.
Mrs. Otto Stuetzel—California.
Mr. Jesse Wills—Tennessee.

The Board unanimously approved a motion, pertaining to the Honorable Mention award, under the Awards Policies & Procedures, changing the portion which reads ". . . not later than July 10th of the voting year . . ." to ". . . not later than January 1st of the voting year."

Mr. Walker read the report of the Registrar, Mrs. Walter Colquitt. This report was approved and accepted.

Mr. Knowlton reported on the publication of the *1959 Check List* which will be a compilation, alphabetically, of all Iris registered from 1950 through 1959, inclusive. Present plans call for a completion of this work the latter part of 1960. Mr. Knowlton's report was accepted and approved.

Mr. Walker read the report of the Exhibitions Committee (Nelson). It was voted that the recommendation of the Exhibition Committee that three judges be required at shows to vote for seedlings for the Exhibition Certificate be approved. It was also voted that the number of entries per class be left up to the jurisdiction of the local show committee.

Mr. Walker read the report of the Round Robin Committee (Bartholomew), which was accepted and approved.

Mr. Walker read the report of the Scientific Committee (Lenz) which was accepted and approved.

The report of the Test Gardens Committee (Durrance) was accepted with thanks with the recommendation that it be published in the next issue of the *Bulletin*; further, that the program be adopted and activated in 1960.

It was voted that the report of the Membership Committee (Carney) be approved with the results of the 1959 contest to appear in the next *Bulletin*.

It was voted to recommend to the membership the following change in the By-Laws:

That Section 1 of Article VI be deleted and in its place, the following be inserted:

"The Board of Directors shall consist of not more than fifteen members of the Society, of whom twelve shall be elected as follows: Present members shall serve during the remainder of the term for which they have been elected. At each election held after the adoption of this amendment to

the By-Laws, four directors shall be elected to succeed those whose terms will next expire and directors thereafter elected shall hold office for three years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The immediate past president of the Society shall be a member of the Board with full voting powers. In addition to the foregoing, the Board shall appoint an editor and a secretary who shall be ex-officio members of the Board for the terms of their offices with full voting powers. The office of editor and secretary may be held by one and the same person."

"A. All past presidents of the Society, other than the immediate past president, unless otherwise a member of the Board, shall be ex-officio members of the Board without voting power."

That Section 1, Article VII be amended by adding the following sentence: "No president shall be eligible to serve for more than three consecutive years."

It was voted that the presidents of the Aril Society International, Dwarf, Median, Louisiana & Spuria Societies, be designated members of the Board of Counselors provided they are members of The American Iris Society.

It was voted that any Special Interest Iris Society may become a SECTION of the AIS under the following conditions:

1. All of the American Members of the Society must be members of the AIS.
2. By-Laws to be approved by AIS.
3. Participation in the Registration and Award System of the AIS required.
4. Provision for publication, exclusive of newsletters, to be arranged with the AIS.
5. President of the Section to be member of the Board of Counselors.
6. Societies having Sectional status to be so listed in the AIS *Bulletin*.

It was voted that any Iris Society may become an AFFILIATE of the AIS under the following conditions:

1. That its Officers and Directors be members of the AIS.
2. Participation in the Registration and Award System of the AIS required.
3. Societies having less than 50% of their membership belonging to the AIS are to pay a fee of \$25.00.
4. Names of Societies given Affiliate status are to be published in the AIS *Bulletin*.

It was voted that the Report of the Committee to Study relationship of the "Special Interest Societies" be adopted with thanks, and that the Committee be continued to study any additional problems concerned with Affiliation and Sectional status.

The Publications Committee (Randolph) reported on:

1. Sales of *Garden Irises*.
2. Preparation of *Judges Handbook* which is to be available to the membership on or about March 1st, 1960.
3. New edition of *Color Classification Booklet*.
4. Booklet concerning duties of Regional Vice-Presidents.
5. New Robin Brochure.

It was voted that the Publications Committee be continued with administrative supervision of all AIS publications.

It was voted that the report of the *Bulletin* Editor (Douglas) be accepted.

It was voted that provisions be made for three (3) Associate Editors whose primary duties shall be:

1. Assisting the Editor with Society publications.

2. Supervision of scientific material published by the Society.
3. Assisting the Editor with financial matters concerning Society publications.

It was voted to accept the report of the Executive-Secretary.

It was voted that the Executive Committee be authorized to make provision for replacement of the worn out addressograph machine and mimeograph equipment in the Central Office.

It was voted that the Distinguished Service Medal for the year 1959 be awarded to Mr. Marion R. Walker and Mr. Carl O. Schirmer.

It was voted that the Hybridizer's Medal for the year 1959 be awarded to Mrs. Franklin P. Lowry.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

L. F. Randolph	President
R. S. Carney	1st Vice-President
H. A. Fischer	2nd Vice-President
J. C. Ackerman	Treasurer

It was voted that the responsibility for the appointment of an Editor and three (3) Associate Editors be referred to the Executive Committee.

It was voted that the Executive-Secretary be reemployed for the next fiscal year.

The appointment of standing committees was announced as follows:

<i>Awards:</i>	Hubert A. Fischer
<i>Exhibitions:</i>	J. Arthur Nelson
<i>Membership:</i>	Robert S. Carney
<i>Photographic:</i>	Albert G. Lauck
<i>Publications:</i>	Dr. G. H. M. Lawrence
<i>Publicity:</i>	(to be announced)
<i>Scientific:</i>	Dr. Lee W. Lenz
<i>Test Gardens:</i>	Dr. John R. Durrance

The fall Board meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M. on Sunday, November 15th.

Respectfully submitted:

CLIFFORD W. BENSON
Executive Secretary

AN APPRECIATION

In turning over my duties in connection with the Bulletin to our new Editor, Mr. Tom Jacoby, I am taking this opportunity to thank my erstwhile assistants, Mrs. R. E. Peterson and Mrs. Robert Grey for their invaluable aid in helping to make our quarterly one of the best of the publications of the special plant societies of America. Also, I wish to thank Miss Kay Heinig and Dr. Lee Lenz, the several representatives from our subsidiary iris groups, and the regional Bulletin representatives from the twenty-four regions. Theirs has been a hard task and oftentimes highly exasperating, and without official recognition, but nevertheless a great service to the Society. Again my heartfelt thanks, and in the parlance of my grandchildren, you folks are simply the most!

—GEDDES DOUGLAS