

## **Historic Iris Preservation Society**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of May 6, 2021

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Wendy Scott at 9:02 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time via Zoom. She called attention to a late addition to the Agenda, Item 5.

### **II. Treasurer's Report**

Interim Financial Report for the year-to-date was presented by Treasurer Judy Kiesling: Year-to-Date Income of \$4,192.99 and Year-to-Date Expenses of \$3,792.66 for a Year-to-Date Profit of \$400.33. Combined with Total Assets at end of 2020, it brings Total Assets as of March 31, 2021 to \$79,808.15.

### **III. Membership Dues Announcement**

An approximate 25% increase in membership dues was announced, effective July 1, 2021. The life membership option will also be terminated after May 31, 2021, but existing life memberships will continue to be honored. Dues were last increased in 2015 and postage rates have increased considerably since then. Triennial dues will feature a 15% savings over three annual memberships for an economical membership choice.

### **IV. Introduction of Nominees for the Upcoming Elections**

The slate of nominees for Board Nominees was presented:

Jessica Kelley -- North Central Director

Randy Smith -- South Central Director

Suzanne Butler -- Vice President

Nina Morris -- Secretary

Wendy Scott -- President

Judy Keisling -- Treasurer

Ballots will be featured in the next issue of ROOTS.

### **V. HIPS Rhizome Sale 2021**

The annual Rhizome Sale will be resurrected this year in another form. The sale model was inspired by that of the Dwarf Iris Society. Donors will make up collections of 6 rhizomes, HIPS will market and sell the collections, and the donors will ship the rhizomes directly to the buyers. Collection themes will be determined by the sellers. More information on the sale will be available in ROOTS and on the website.

### **VI. General Questions from Members in Attendance**

- A. A member brought up a previous request from the AIS to create an annual award for an historic iris that has proved its' worth over time, but may not necessarily have received awards. The board will revisit that request in the future.
- B. Many questions regarding the Rhizome Sale were presented but not able to be answered as final plans concerning the sale have not been made.
- C. Questions regarding ways to increase HIPS membership were also presented. Membership brochures are being reprinted and members are encouraged to reach out to local groups and social media. Regional Directors might also be a source of information for regional contacts.

### **VII. Presentation of Distinguished Service Award**

Gary White presented the Distinguished Service Award determined by a committee of past award

winners. This year's award winner is Judy Keisling, current treasurer for HIPS. She has served HIPS for over a decade in that position, while also serving as AIS president and a judge. She has been instrumental in working out many financial "wrinkles" for HIPS during her term of service and her dedication has been much appreciated. Although she is wanting to step down from the position, she will run again for treasurer and serve until a replacement is found.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Cathy Egerer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Gary White. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm EDT.