

Secretary's Office Expense

Salaries	\$10,283.36
Postage & Shipping	1,631.42
Printing	770.98
Supplies	426.60
Telephone & Telegraph	153.96
Insurance	430.30
Refunds	105.95
Secretary Travel & Expense	197.19
Books, etc. for Resale	1,325.59
Gifts (in lieu of rent)	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	284.68
Garden Irises	24.00
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	159.65
Advertising	733.04
Furniture & Equipment	none
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	\$17,526.72

Other Expenses

Awards Account	\$ 1,180.17
Exhibition Account	2,178.21
Membership Account	1,782.32
Registration Account	1,655.46
Robin Account	130.00
Test Garden Account	38.69
Slides Account	183.58
RVP Account	134.05
Officers Printing Account	58.19
Payroll Taxes	388.12
Judge's School Committee	133.63
BIS for American Memberships—1964	576.00
Scientific & Research Account	none
Dues Returned to Sections of Society	684.92
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	\$ 9,123.34

Total Disbursements \$40,373.44

Transferred to Scientific & Research \$ 1,260.76

Transferred to Cash Reserve 723.63

Total Disbursements and Transfers \$42,357.83

JAY C. ACKERMAN, *Treasurer*

Minutes of Directors' Meeting

Monteleone Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana

November 6-7, 1965

The meeting was called to order November 6 at 9:00 A.M. by President Carney with the following members of the Board in attendance: First Vice President Fischer, Second Vice President Nelson, Past President Rogers, Treasurer Ackerman, Directors Allen, Bledsoe, Buxton, Gaulter, Hamblen, Schreiner, Wood and Executive Secretary Benson. Absent were Bartholomew and Durrance. Mrs. Kay Negus, Assistant BULLETIN Editor and Miss Ruth Rees, Public Relations Consultant, attended the sessions.

The four nominees for the Board of Directors whose names were submitted to the AIS membership by letter dated July 26, 1965, in accordance with the By-laws, were declared elected for three-year terms. They are Mrs. Walter H. Buxton, Missouri; Dr. John R. Durrance, Colorado; Mrs. Hubert A. Fischer, Illinois and Mr. Ira E. Wood, New Jersey. Mr. Wood succeeds Dr. Lee W. Lenz, whose term expires in 1965.

The following official motions were duly made, seconded and passed by the Board.

Approval of the minutes of the Board meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, May 7-8 (July 1965 BULLETIN, pages 96-97).

The reports by chairmen of the following committees were approved with appreciation of the valuable services rendered the Society:

- Awards CommitteeMrs. Walter H. Buxton
- Exhibition CommitteeMr. William T. Bledsoe
- Judges Training CommitteeMr. Larry Gaulter
- Publications CommitteeDr. J. Arthur Nelson
- Membership CommitteeMr. Clifford W. Benson
- Registrations CommitteeMrs. James R. Hamblen
- Robin CommitteeMr. John A. Bartholomew (by Carney)
- Sections and AffiliatesMr. Hubert A. Fischer
- National Test GardensDr. Raymond C. Allen
- Slides CommitteeMr. Robert Schreiner
- Scientific CommitteeDr. Lee W. Lenz (by Schreiner)

Treasurer J. C. Ackerman presented a report on the financial condition of the Society as audited by Harris, Reems and Ambrose, certified public accountants, Lansing, Michigan. The report was accepted with sincere appreciation and publication in the BULLETIN was authorized.

Executive Secretary Benson reported on the present membership of the Society by Regions and States, and reported that the Society had 6,941 paid up members as of November 1. The five Regions with the largest number of members were: Region 18, 540 members; Region 17, 540 members; Region 6, 506 members; Region 24, 468 members and Region 7, 443 members.

The Distinguished Service Medal was awarded to Mr. Robert S. Carney, Memphis, Tennessee, and Mr. Kenneth D. Smith, Staten Island, New York.

The Hybridizer's Medal was awarded to Mr. James M. Gibson, Porterville, California, and Mr. Gordon W. Plough, Wenatchee, Washington.

It was voted to activate the Payne Award for Japanese Irises to be set up on the same basis as the Caparne and other special awards.

It was voted to establish the Nelson Award, in the form of a certificate, to be awarded to the iris selected BEST OF SHOW the greatest number of times during the year.

It was voted to activate an award in the form of a cup to be awarded the best iris seen at a convention produced by a hybridizer within the Region. The Franklin Cook Memorial Cup will be restricted to the best iris seen at a convention produced by a hybridizer outside the host Region.

It was voted to change the title of the Registrations from "Registrations in 19__" to: "Registrations and Introductions for 19__."

In order to provide more time for the Registrar to prepare the annual report of Registrations and Introductions which will be published with the January BULLETIN, the period for filing registrations will terminate on

October 31.

It was emphasized by the Board that proof of introduction of an iris variety MUST be furnished the AIS Registrar.

It was voted to increase the number of votes required for an Intermediate Bearded variety to win an HM award to a minimum of 10 votes.

It was voted to increase the number of votes required for Tall Bearded varieties to receive the HM award from 18 to 20.

It was voted to increase the number of votes required for Tall Bearded varieties to receive the AM award to a minimum of 65 votes.

It was voted that (1) three Awards of Merit be activated for each of the Border Bearded, Intermediate Bearded and Standard Dwarf Bearded classes with the number of AM awards automatically increased, based on the ratio of one AM for six HM's, until each class has twelve AM awards; with the rules which govern AM awards in the Tall Bearded class to apply except in required number of votes: no award will be given to any variety receiving less than 20 votes; *any variety receiving 65 votes will become eligible for the Dykes Medal*; (2) that other classes shall become eligible for this system of awards when the required number of votes for HM is raised to 10; (3) that as AM's are activated for Specialty classes, the Special Award for each class shall be elevated to medal status with the rules which govern the Dykes Medal award applying to Special Medals with exception: for four years following the change, previous Special Award winners will also be eligible for the Special Medal; (4) irises winning Special Medals shall be eligible for the Dykes Medal not less than one and not more than five seasons prior to the voting year.

Contingent on approval of a prospectus to be furnished AIS, it was voted to assist in financing the research program at Mississippi State University by matching funds raised by members in Region #24 (Alabama and Mississippi).

It was voted to authorize Mr. Carl Jorgensen, Horticulture Department, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, the sum of \$250.00 for the purpose of supplementing expenses incurring in experiments involving the inhibitory effects of seed germination.

It was voted to authorize the Scientific committee to assist in planning research programs.

The Board adopted the following six-point public relations program which is to be implemented in stages:

1. Promotion at Iris shows
2. Newspaper publicity
3. Society's own publications—especially institutional ads in BULLETIN
4. Magazine articles
5. Expansion of slide program
6. Speaker's bureau

Mr. Frank L. Crouch was appointed an Honorary Judge.

Mrs. Margaret Y. Albright and Mr. Gordon W. Plough were appointed Senior Judges.

Appointments of new RVPs for 1966 were made as follows:

1. Mr. Samuel Harper, 210 Falmouth Road, Falmouth, Maine 04105.
10. Mrs. Ruth Noel, Route #4—Box #23, Shreveport, Louisiana 71109.
11. Mrs. Ed Conrad, 520—12th Avenue, N., Buhl, Idaho 83316.
15. Mrs. Barbara Serdynski, 3414 Femcroft Road, Los Angeles, California