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### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The iris show and judging season began with the Aril Show held in late March in the Los Angeles Arboretum in Arcadia. If you wish to see arils and their derivatives, this is the place. Included are specimen stalks of early blooming and sometimes neglected iris.

The iris season really began with the Judges Training session conducted by Ron Mullin in March. April was a busy time in Region 15 with six shows held in four weeks, and one of those weeks was given over to the National Convention in San Jose.

Noteworthy to me was the participation in the shows by newer members of the societies. These are the people who will be conducting our societies in the future.

Between shows we took time to visit local hybridizers' gardens. I am disappointed that more awards are not given to our regional hybridizers, specifically the awards of High Commendation and Honorable Mention. Voting awards to seedlings or newly introduced iris is an indication you consider them suitable for introduction and distribution.

We were invited to Phoenix in June to visit the 1987 Convention gardens, even if they were not in bloom. The gardens looked good, minor problems were discussed at the gathering of the gardeners and procedures for correction were discussed. Outstanding among the gardens visited was a large estate landscaped not only with interesting trees and shrubs but flower beds planted with annual and perennial plants in addition to the guest iris. This garden will be a highlight of the Convention. Floyd Wickencamps garden of Spuria and Louisiana iris planted among a collection of cacti will be a drawing card. The Shepard's commercial garden displays an excellent collection of the various types of iris which grow in Arizona, and also the Shepard's seedlings and introductions. Those of us who do not have large iris gardens will be delighted with the smaller gardens on the tour.

According to an early report sent to RVP's, Eleanor McCown has again won the Eric Niess Award. This time for her spuria Betty Cooper. Congratulations, Eleanor!

I am looking forward to a tremendous Fiesta 87 in Phoenix in 1987. Bobbie Shepard's invitation to the Convention is the lead article in this issue.

-- Howard Goodrick

# FIESTA '87



The 1987 annual convention of the American Iris Society, **FIESTA PHOENIX '87** will be held at the Pointe at Tapatio Cliffs Resort in Phoenix, Arizona, April 14-19, 1987. Region 15 and Phoenix's Sun Country Iris Society are hosts and Bobbie Shepard is Show Chairperson.

About 2700-3000 guest irises are growing in 12 gardens, undoubtedly including the up-and-coming irises of the future, since about half are seedlings. Three mornings of the convention will be used for garden tours. Several afternoons will have a variety of meetings for the Sections, Committees, Officers and Judges Training.

The welcome reception will be a Fiesta de Mexico at the Pointe, in surroundings decorated with south of-the-border ambience where a Mexican Fiesta Buffet will be enhanced by the strolling Mariachi Band of the "Ballet Folklorico Santa Maria". Another evening highlight will be the Annual Banquet where the awards presentation will take place in the atmosphere of genial good fellowship and fine food.

A mid-day cookout will be featured at Rawhide, a re-created village of Arizona Territory vintage complete with shops, craftsmen, general store, museum and a hayride into the desert. As you can see this will be one of the American Iris Society's most unusual conventions. You won't want to miss it!

## REGISTRATION

The Registrar is Vicki Day, 5244 W. Sunnyside Drive, Glendale, Arizona 85304. If you have any questions drop her a line as she is often hard to reach by phone.

### FEE

\$142.00 if received before February 15  
\$162.00 if received between February 16th and March 15th  
\$182.00 if received after March 16th  
\$100.00 for youth registration (Under age 18)

Partial registration is available only to those paying in advance; contact the Registrar for information.

### THE FEE INCLUDES:

The "Fiesta Phoenix '87" reception, entertainment and buffet; The A.I.S. Annual Banquet; three lunches; transportation for three mornings of garden tours; the facilities for the various meetings; the sight-seeing trip to Rawhide; eight hours of judge's training; the Robin reception.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "A.I.S. CONVENTION" AND MAIL TO THE REGISTRAR**

### HOTEL INFORMATION

THE POINTE AT TAPATIO CLIFFS RESORT is located at 11111 North 7th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020, (602) 866-7400. It is next to the Phoenix North Mountain Park, about ten miles north of central Phoenix and 15 miles from Sky Harbor Airport. Leave Interstate 17 at Thunderbird Road, go three miles east, then  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south on 7th Street (not 7th Avenue).

They have a special rate for the A.I.S. convention, \$82.00 per suite plus 7.4% tax for one or two persons, add \$10.00, plus tax, for each additional person above two. **Included are:** Breakfast Buffet (a full meal with an extensive menu), cocktails daily 4:30-6:00 PM, Parking, game room, swimming pool, sauna and tennis courts. Horseback riding, golf, hayrides, chuckwagon barbecue, transportation around Phoenix and other services are available at a nominal charge.

A registration request will be included in the "Fiesta Phoenix '87" registration packet. Should you phone for a reservation, be sure to specify both the A.I.S. Convention and the full name of the Pointe at Tapatio Cliffs, as there are two other Pointes in the Phoenix area and all three share a common reservation desk. Reservations should be made before March 15th and a deposit covering the first night's charge will be required.

Transportation to and from Sky Harbor Airport can be arranged with the Pointe or with other services at the airport. Charges should be less than \$25.00 round trip and less if a member of a group. Check cost in advance and compare, Particularly if considering a cab, outrageous rates periodically occur.

# Fiesta '87 Boutique

As you all know we are having an all Iris Boutique at the Phoenix Convention. We are organizing a quality convention and will be selling quality items to our guests.

Those interested in selling should now be making plans for what you will be bringing. Many different items should be appreciated but a limited amount of each. Small ticket price items will be welcome in larger quantities than the large ticket items. Small ticket articles may be such items as: potholders, fingertip towels, key rings, small needlework items etc.

A 20% fee will be added to the price you wish to sell your article for. This fee will be used to help offset convention costs. The anticipation of this income has allowed us to keep the registration fee at an affordable cost to our guests.

The boutique will be located in the vicinity of the meeting rooms during the entire length of the convention. The hotel is furnishing a large room that will be monitored at all times and will be locked when not in use.

For further information contact Boutique Chairperson Charlene Errigo, 17642 N. 23rd Avenue, Phoenix, Az 85023 or feel free to telephone her at 602-993-7498.

BobbyShepard will attend the Regional Fall Meeting if you want to discuss any of your ideas or problems with her then.

# WHO WILL JUDGE?

By Ralph Strane

Some years ago, when I attended my first judges training session, I was interested in the comments of one judge who complained that she was never called upon to judge. Since the guest speaker had just finished a talk which featured comments on the chronic shortage of judges, I was very interested in the reasons why a judge would not be used if there was such a shortage. After the session, I asked several of the experienced judges in attendance why such a situation would exist? I got the same answer from them all; "She has an alcohol problem." It doesn't take much imagination to realize that it would be risky for a show chairman to engage a judge known to have such a problem.

As I have grown more acquainted with the job of show chairman, I realize that there is a lot more involved in choosing judges for a show than simply their knowledge of irises. Every show chairman wants the show to run smoothly. This includes judging done fairly and efficiently, and a judge's luncheon that is pleasant for all who attend. To ensure this judges who get along well and who can work together with others are ideal.

No chairman is apt to choose a judge who gets peeved easily, who pouts or loses his or her temper. The very subjective nature of judging means that a great deal of give and take is necessary to reach a consensus on a given question. Can a judge be a part of this process without taking the discussion and its differences personally?

Unfortunately, very little is said in the judge's training classes about the actual process of working with others to judge a show. It may come as a surprise to some, but during the years it takes to gain the knowledge to become a judge and to fulfill the requirements, one is also gaining a reputation. A reputation built on activities and behavior in the local organizations and other associations with people. This reputation can not be separated from a person once he or she becomes a judge.

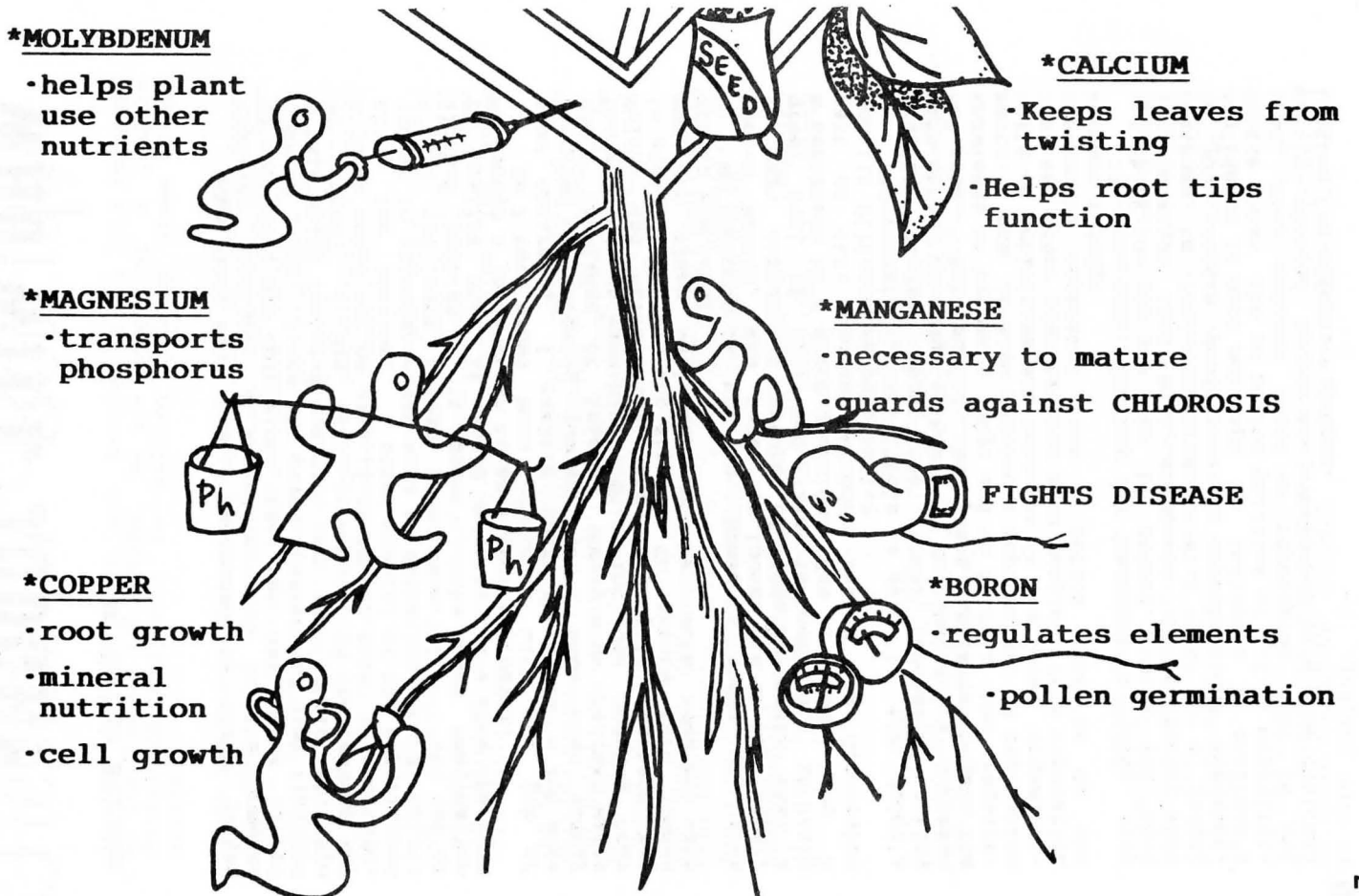
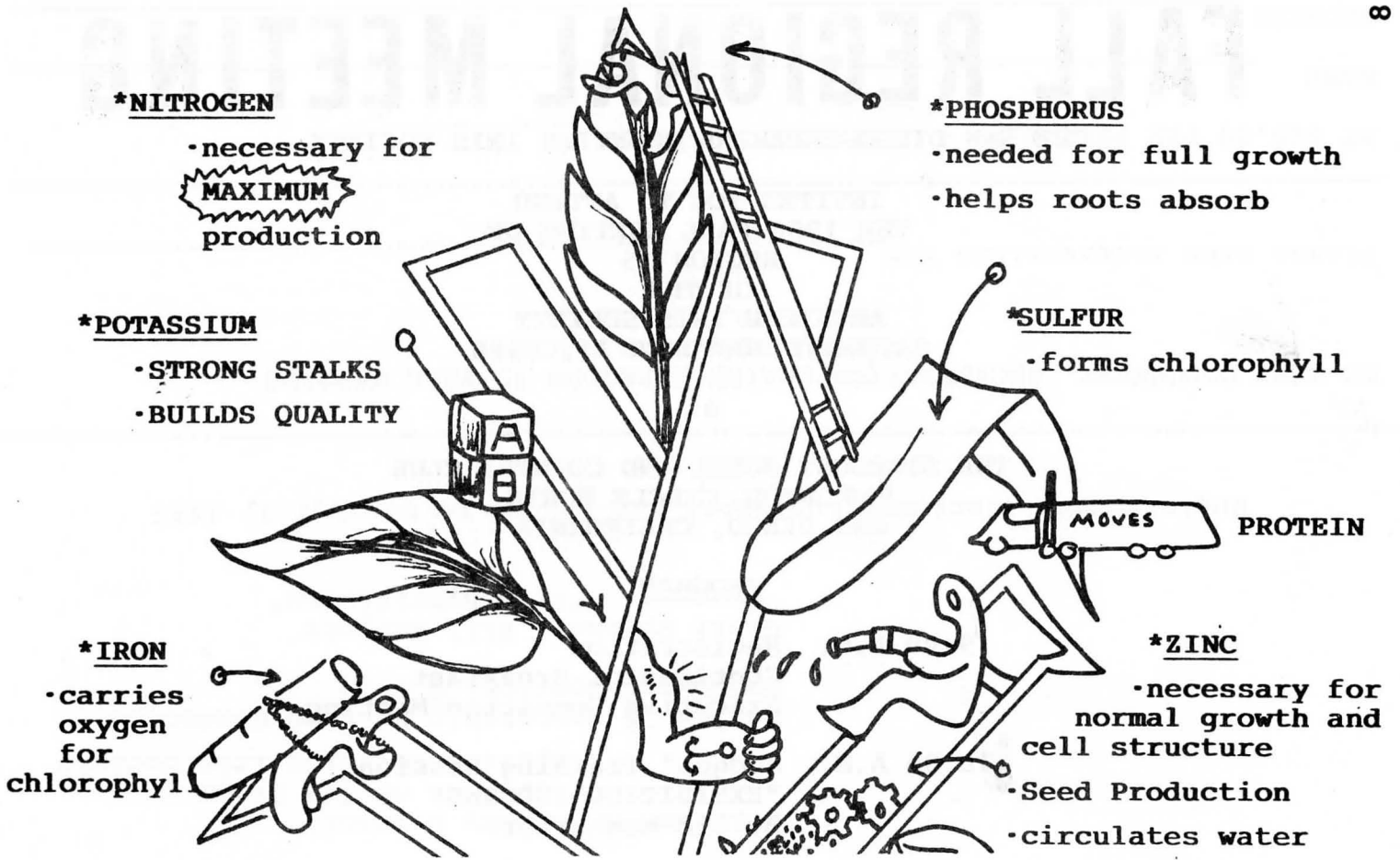
If you are planning on becoming a judge, stop and think how you are seen by others. Will you have a reputation that will encourage the different show chairmen to feel comfortable with you as a judge? Do you inspire confidence or apprehension? Remember, confidence is much more apt to influence a chairman's choice than the so called politics of A.I.S. organizations. Your actions build a reputation that is not easily changed by you nor overlooked by a show chairman looking for effective judges.

## JUDGES TRAINING AT THE FALL REGIONAL MEETING

Jim McWhirter of Region 14 will conduct the Judges Training at the Fall Meeting in San Diego, October 11. Jim is Judge's Training Chairman and Assistant RVP for that Region. His topic will be "Exhibition Judging".

The new Judge's Handbook has some interesting changes with regard to exhibition judging and Jim's discussion of these should be helpful to the exhibitor as well as show judging.

# ROLE OF NUTRIENTS IN PLANT GROWTH



# FALL REGIONAL MEETING

THE SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL COUNTIES IRIS SOCIETY

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND  
THE 1986 FALL MEETING OF  
REGION 15  
OF THE  
AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1986

at

THE STARDUST HOTEL AND COUNTRY CLUB  
950 HOTEL CIRCLE NORTH  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

## PROGRAM

9:00 A.M. Registration  
Continental Breakfast  
Executive Committee Meeting

10:00 A.M. Judges' Training Session  
"EXHIBITION JUDGING"  
By Jim McWhirter

12:00 P.M. Luncheon

Welcome -- Dorothy Driscoll  
President of San Diego -  
Imperial Counties Iris Society

Region 15 Membership Meeting Conducted  
by Howard Goorick, R.V.P.

Guest Speaker- Bill Maryott  
"Iris Hybridizing"

Registration (Includes Luncheon) \$20.00 Due by October 1, 1986

MAIL TO:

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TO DENA DAUGHERTY, REGISTRATION CHAIRMAN REGION 15 FALL MEETING  
3815 GRANDVIEW PLACE  
BONITA, CA 92002

Please make reservations for \_\_\_\_\_

AT \$20.00 PER PERSON - - TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

## San Diego-Imperial Reports

San Diego-Imperial Counties Iris Society presented its 21st Annual Spring Iris Show at Balboa Park on April 19 and 20. The show was enjoyed by all who stopped by. Our first sale of irises in pots was very successful.

Our show winners were:

Silver Medal - Jack Fitzgerald  
 Bronze Medal - Valera Chenoweth  
 Queen of show, Best Tall Bearded and Best Plicata - "Port Royal"- Linda Moore  
 Best Red - "F.A.C. McCulla" - Bill Teague  
 Best Blue - "Pacific Panorama"- Jack Fitzgerald  
 Best Louisiana - "Aalera"- Al Feldman  
 Best Supria - "Premier"- Paul & Dorothy Runde  
 Best Seedling- "Spuria 82-3"-Eleanor McCown  
 Educational Award - Thelma Carrington  
 Sweepstakes in Arrangements- Eleanor McCown

New officers for the year are: Dorothy Driscoll-President  
 Maggie Galdarisi- Vice President, Janice Lynch-Secretary,  
 and Dena Daugherty-Treasurer.

Our annual potluck picnic and regional iris auction was held July 20 at Cordon Bleu Farms in San Marcos. On August 17 we held a very successful Iris rhizome and plant sale in Balboa Park. Many attended and it was a good day for iris and iris lovers.

**This Space Reserved  
 For Other Club News  
 BUT  
 None Came!?**

## Winners Of Spring Shows

<u>PLACE, DATE</u>	<u>QUEEN OF SHOW</u>	<u>SILVER MEDAL</u>	<u>BRONZE MEDAL</u>
Arcadia (Aril) March 29	Simply Wild(PCN) D. Eader	D. Eader	P. DeSantis
Woodland Hills (SFWIS) April 11	Kiss Laura Parker	P. DeSantis	Myrna Hood
Arcadia (SCIS) April 19	Victoria Falls Duncan Eader	D. Eader	G. Sherman
Phoenix (Sun Country) April 18	Royal Kingdom D. Shepard	D. Shepard	J. Riedel
Riverside (IIS) April 19	Holy Night Hammers	Hammers	Cal-Dixie
San Diego (SDIIS) April 19	Port Royal Linda Moore	J. Fitzgerald	V. Chenoweth
Tucson (TIS) April 19	Titan's Glory L. Follett	A. Brittain	L. Follett

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Vicki Day, Treasurer Region 15

## BALANCE SHEET AS OF APRIL 20, 1986

### BEGINNING BALANCE

Checking Account	1321.24	
2 Certificates of Deposit	2000.00	
Accounts Receivable	<u>500.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3821.24</b>

### RECEIPTS

<b>Auction Sales</b>		
Sun Country Iris Society	335.75	
Southern California	290.50	
San Diego	300.00	
Tucson	<u>150.00</u>	
		1076.25
Judge's Training		870.00
Donation - San Fernando		150.00
Subscription		4.50
Interest		<u>66.32</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>2167.07</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS

<b>Newsletter</b>		
Fall '85	625.72	
Mailing Labels	13.92	
Spring '86	<u>292.05</u>	
		931.69
Inland Iris Society-Fall Meeting		150.00
Region 15 Mailing List		13.77
Judge's Training		<u>954.07</u>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>		<b>2069.53</b>

### BALANCE AS OF APRIL 20, 1986

Checking Account	1438.78	
2 Certificates of Deposit	2000.00	
Accounts Receivable	<u>500.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3938.78</b>

## REGION 15 BYLAWS, REVISED 1985

### Article I. Name

This organization shall be designated as Region 15 of the American Iris Society and shall in all instances be governed by the bylaws as established by that society.

### Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage the growing of irises in Region 15 and to foster an appreciation of the better irises. To this end the members shall support the objectives of the American Iris Society.

### Article III. Membership

Any member of the American Iris Society residing within the limits of the region as established by the American Iris Society shall automatically be a member of Region 15.

### Article IV. Officers

**Section 1.** The governing body shall be a Board of Directors, also known as the Executive Committee, comprised of the four elected officers and a representative from each affiliated club in the Region and the four standing committee chairmen. They shall be expected to attend all meetings and exercise voting privileges. (All affiliated clubs must apply for affiliation and be approved annually by the A.I.S. Chairman of Affiliates).

**Section 2.** The Elected Officers of this region shall be a Regional Vice President, an Assistant RVP, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

**Section 3.** The four elected officers shall be elected annually with the Regional Vice President being subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society. No officer or chairman shall be elected or appointed to the same office for more than three consecutive years. Newly elected officers shall assume office as of January 1st. All officers and chairmen shall transfer their material to their successors by December 15th.

**Section 4.** The representative of each affiliated club shall be the club president or his appointee.

### Article V. Duties of Officers

**Section 1.** The Regional Vice President shall preside at all regional meetings and at all meetings of the Executive Committee. He shall exercise general supervision over all standing committees and over all special committees. Within thirty days of taking office,



the Regional Vice President shall appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, the four standing committees: (1) Exhibitions, (2) Judge's Training, (3) Membership and (4) Publications. He may create and appoint special committees as the need arises.

**Section 2.** The Assistant RVP shall perform the duties of Regional Vice President in the event of the latter's absence and assist him in all regional activities. He shall maintain a list of available programs for the use by affiliated clubs.

**Section 3.** The Secretary shall record the minutes of official meetings and of all meetings of the Executive Committee. These minutes shall be kept as a permanent record. He shall send written notices of Executive Committee meetings to all officers, affiliated club representatives, and committee chairmen at least ten days prior to such meetings. He shall conduct official correspondence and mailing under the direction of the Regional Vice President.

**Section 4.** The Treasurer shall be custodian of all moneys belonging to the region or under its control. He shall pay all bills properly incurred by the region and keep accurate records of all financial transactions. At each meeting he shall report all receipts and disbursements since the last meeting. He shall submit the annual report including the itemized budget for the coming year to the Regional Vice President and Editor before February 15th for publication in the Spring Regional Newsletter.

**Section 5.** The four elected officers shall prepare the annual budget before February 15th.

#### **Article VI. Executive Committee**

**Section 1.** A majority of the entire Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 2.** The Executive Committee shall meet at least two times annually at a time and place designated by the Regional Vice President.

**Section 3.** Special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at the call of the Regional Vice President, or upon written request of three members of the Committee. Notice of these meetings shall be mailed or made by personal contact to each member of the Executive Committee.

#### **Article VII. Regular Meetings**

**Section 1.** There shall be two regular meetings each year. Additional meetings shall be held when deemed necessary by the Regional Vice President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, or upon petition by ten percent of the members of the region, not more than six percent being from one affiliated iris society.

Notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting shall be mailed to each member at least thirty days in advance of such meetings.

**Section 2.** The Annual Meeting shall be held prior to the fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Iris Society, but preferably the second Saturday in October, for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before it.

**Section 3.** The Spring Meeting may be held in connection with the Annual Regional Trek.

#### **Article VIII. Nominations and Elections**

**Section 1.** At the Spring Regional Meeting, the Regional Vice President shall appoint a Nominating Committee one of whom shall be a member of the Board, at least one of whom shall be from Arizona and the other three shall be representatives from three other affiliated clubs. They shall elect their own chairman.

**Section 2.** The Nominating Committee shall present a single slate of officers to the Regional Vice President prior to August first for publication in the Fall Regional Newsletter.

**Section 3.** Additional nominations may be made from the floor by any A.I.S. member of the assembly at the Fall Meeting.

**Section 4.** No one shall be nominated who has not signified willingness to serve. All nominees shall be members of the American Iris Society in good standing.

#### **Article IX. Committees**

**Section 1.** The RVP shall appoint an auditor in time to audit the Treasurer's records before January 1st.. The auditor's report shall be approved at the Spring Meeting.

**Section 2.** The Exhibition Chairman shall select his own committee to work with him. They will (1) encourage and assist accredited iris sections within their shows, (2) aid in the preparation and secure A.I.S. approval of show schedules, (3) secure sufficient accredited A.I.S. judges for such show.

**Section 3.** The Judges Training Chairman shall select his own committee. They will (1) supervise judge's training activities throughout Region 15, (2) plan, provide and approve the judges training programs, (3) maintain adequate records of the training of each student, apprentice, accredited and master judge within the region.

**Section 4.** The Membership Chairman shall select his own committee. They will (1) develop interest and

promote membership in the American Iris Society, (2) contact delinquent members.

**Section 5.** The Publications Chairman shall select his own staff. They will (1) edit, publish and distribute the spring and fall issues of the Regional Newsletter, (2) publish any other items authorized by the Executive Committee.

**Section 6.** The Special Committee Chairman shall select their own staff members.

#### Article X. Amendments

The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting, provided all members have been mailed a printed copy of proposed amendments fifteen days prior to voting.

#### Article XI. Rules of Order

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern this organization unless otherwise provided for in these bylaws.

#### Standing Rules

1. The Assistant Regional Vice President shall be responsible for contacting affiliated club presidents regarding their responsibilities on the Region 15 Board.

2. The Newsletter shall have two issues a year with the issues to be published at key times for the spring and fall meetings.

3. The policy for the Publications Editor for the Regional Newsletter shall be to include articles about regional functions, judges, clubs and other appropriate topics.

4. The Regional Vice President shall appoint a Purchasing Committee or chairman to buy irises to be grown in the spring tour gardens. These irises are to be dug and returned to the Regional Vice President to be distributed to the affiliated clubs for sales. The grower may keep one of each cultivar.

5. The Regional Board shall advise local clubs four years in advance of their responsibility to host the Spring or Fall Meetings. The clubs must express either their willingness or inability to accept three years before the scheduled meeting. The schedule is to be printed annually in the Regional Newsletter. The Secretary shall send the invitation to the club at the proper time.

6. Region 15 will contribute \$150 to help defray speaker expenses for each club hosting a Region 15 meeting. Notice of the meeting shall be printed in the Newsletter. Local clubs shall absorb the possible remaining expenses above the Registration Fees.

7. The Region shall provide an amount not to exceed \$25 for each year of service to the Region, to purchase a gift for the outgoing RVP.

8. Clubs in the Region but not affiliated shall be encouraged to send a representative to Board Meetings for information. All members of these clubs are welcome at Regional Meetings.

9. These Standing Rules may be changed at any time by a majority vote of those present at a regular meeting.

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Approved by membership of Region 15,  
American Iris Society at annual meeting  
October 5, 1985.

*Laverne Conrad*

Chairman, Bylaws Committee

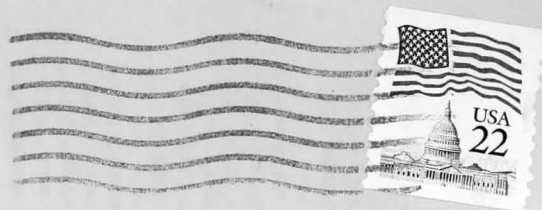
## ANY IDEA?

For some time increased costs of printing and postage for the Regional Newsletter have forced us to curtail the number of pages printed. The Spring 1986 issue was limited to six pages to reduce both printing costs and postage.

The Newsletter has been, and should continue to be, a means of communication between the Regional Vice President, the Executive Board and the members of the Region. It has been a well-written publication of good format and excellent material, and is a valuable asset to the members. It therefore should continue.

Our Region is not alone in having this problem. Some of the other Regions have chosen to solve, or at least lessen the problem, by selling advertising space in their Newsletters. This can be done without detracting from the editorial content. Region 15 Executive Board will be discussing this idea at the Fall Meeting. If you have any ideas that will contribute to the solution of the problem, members of the Board will be happy to hear from you.

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