

STANDING RULES – REGION 21
OF
AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

Standing Rules are considered the general procedures and policies for the efficient operation of an organization.

Standing Rules can be modified or changed as needed at any properly called meeting of the Executive Board.

The following Rules are in effect and attached to the current bylaws of the Region.

Rule 1. The Region shall pay the early registration fees for the RVP to attend the Spring Meeting of AIS, if the RVP attends such meeting. The Region shall also provide the RVP a sum of up to \$400.00 for other expenses incurred with attending the Spring AIS Meeting.

Rule 2. The Region shall pay the early registration fee for the Bulletin Editor for the Spring and Fall Regional Meetings that the Editor attends.

Rule 3. The Bulletin shall be available to non-members of AIS in the Region and to AIS members outside the Region by subscription and at a price determined by the Executive Board.

Rule 4. The newly elected Director for the first year term shall serve as Chairperson of the Iris Purchase Committee. The RVP shall appoint two additional members to serve on the Committee. The Committee may spend a maximum of \$100.00 with each of three (3) hybridizers for the purchase of rhizomes that will be sold at auction at the Regional Fall Meeting to raise funds for the Region.

Rule 5. A copy of each Bulletin shall be sent to the President of AIS, the First Vice President of AIS, the Historian of AIS, and all reciprocating Regional Editors.

Rule 6. There shall be two officers of the Executive Board that are granted check writing and signature authority on the Region's checking accounts. Those officers are the Treasurer and the RVP.

Rule 7. The Treasurer shall be the custodian and guardian of all Certificates of Deposit and other financial documents of the Region.

Rule 8. **Memorials.** Upon notification of the death of a member of the Region, a memorial of \$20.00 can be made to the AIS Foundation, the AIS General Fund or the AIS Library per the wishes of the family of the deceased or the Executive Board.

Rule 9. **Library.** As the ten year Checklists become available from AIS, the Region shall purchase a copy of the same to be placed in the Regional Library. All members should advise the RVP or members of the Executive Board of newly published Iris books that could make a good addition to the Library.

Rule 10. **Standing Committees.** The following list of committees is considered as the Standing Committees of the Region:

1. Awards and Honors.
2. Audit
3. Judges Training
4. Library
5. Membership
6. Publication
7. Historical

Rule 11. **Other Committees.** The following list of committees are to be considered as other possible committees that could be implemented to provide a service to the Region:

- A. Financial. This committee may be established to assist the Treasurer at the fall meeting auction, and to assist the Treasurer in preparing a budget for the ensuing year.
- B. Publicity. This committee may be established to aid the Region in promoting goodwill and understanding between all levels of the local, regional and national societies, other horticultural groups and the public.
- C. Robin. A Robin Committee may be established. The Chairpersons should serve as Regional Robin representatives and should promote Regional Round Robin letters.
- D. Youth. A Youth Committee may be established which would be responsible for creating interest in iris with youth within the Region. The Chairperson shall coordinate the efforts of the Committee with the work of the Membership and Publicity Committees and the National Chairperson.
- E. Education and Slides. It should be the duty of the committee Chairperson to assemble sets of slides of iris specimens, shows, garden tours and seedlings of Regional hybridizers, etc., as they deem necessary. The sets of slides shall be made available to members of the Region for shows and programs. The slides may be made available to other interested groups for the cost of postage and insurance.
- F. Judges. Should an individual be interested in becoming an AIS Judge, the following list of conditions may help in preparing for such adventure.
 1. The candidate must have been a member of AIS for not less than three years.
 2. The candidate must have a record of attendance at Judges' training schools.
 3. The candidate must be approved by at least five judges in various areas of the Region, as well as the RVP. The recommendations and signatures must be appended to the nomination by the RVP and submitted to the Judges and Judges Training Chairperson of AIS.
 4. A Judges Training Handbook must be acquired from AIS, and the additional conditions of judgeship reviewed and complied with, as well as other qualifications of the AIS.

Rule 12. An Honorarium of up to \$100.00 may be made to any out of Region speaker for a Spring or Fall meeting, or for a special meeting if approved by the Society. The amount shall be above the amount of expenses for room and travel.

Rule 13. The Chairperson of each Standing Committee shall prepare and present a written report to the Society at the annual meeting

Rule 14. With the approval of the Executive Board, any society within the Region may arrange for and present a Workshop on a specific subject of Iris culture or topic that would benefit the membership of the Society or the Region. The costs for such workshop should be borne by registration fees or donations.

Rule 15. The Region shall pay the editor of the Region 21 Bulletin \$100.00 per bulletin published.

Rule 16. Any local affiliate club of Region 21 shall not hold a function that will interfere with attendance at any Regional meeting.

Rule 17. The auctioneer is to be paid a gratuity of \$50.00 and receive one paid registration from the Region 21 funds for the fall meeting.

Rule 18. The region is to pay for the banquet meal of the Distinguished Service Award recipient(s) at the time the award is presented.