

**CANADIAN IRIS SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2005**

Present:

Chuck Chapman, Ed Jowett, Harold Crawford, Don Davidson, Elaine Davidson, Ann Granatier, Bob Granatier, Lyn Hickey, Al Hutchins, Terrance Laurin, Verna Laurin, Kate Brewitt.

Regrets:

Chris Hollinshead, Eleanor Hutchison, Sandy Ives, Randy Manning, Gloria McMillen

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. with president Chuck Chapman presiding.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Add to agenda: Relationship with RBG under New Business – New Committees.
Motion by Ed. Seconded by Elaine. Carried.

2. Adoption of Minutes-Nov 13, 2005

Adopted as circulated; Motion by Elaine. Seconded by Terry. Carried.

3. Business arising from the minutes

Al Hutchins called Elizabeth Sattler about the second box of CIS property that she has in her possession. She will look for it when she looks for her Christmas decorations. Al has been asked to follow up with her in three weeks.

4. Treasurers' Report

Report available upon request.

Ed requested it be recorded in the minutes that the new signing authorities are, President Chuck Chapman, Vice-President Terry Laurin, Treasurer Ed Jowett. CIS cheques must be signed by any two of these people.

In the future, the following should be added to the Treasurer's Report;

- show credits.
- income and expenses will be broken down by category/committee.

It was pointed out that there used to be an "Education Fund" as recent as 1996. Kate will investigate the origins of this fund.

Motion to accept by Ed. Seconded by Verna. Carried

5. Awards and Trophies

CIS Junior Trophy is missing. Kate will determine who previous winners were and contact them.

(Post Script: Nov. 14th – Dan McMillen was contacted. He will check his house for any "wayward" CIS trophies.)

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Standing Committee Reports:

A. Acquisitions/Hosting/Silent Auction

Acquisitions: The CIS decided not to order from Barry Blyth in Australia for 2006 due to our limited funds and acclimatization concerns. Instead the committee is looking at purchasing a club order from one of the Western US growers.

Hosting: The final Field Report was received today. Will review all reports to determine how we stand.

Silent Auction: Terry has agreed to resume co-ordination of the Silent Auction for 2006.

A request was made by Chuck to have Terry chair a new Purchase and Sales Committee. The focus of the committee will be to develop ways to promote sales. Don and Ed will also be on the committee.

Motion to accept this report: Elaine; Seconded: Ed. Carried.

B. Membership

1. All renewing or new members' information, received as of November 9, 2005, has been added to the membership database. A copy of the membership file was provided to President Chuck Chapman for backup. A paper copy of the CIS membership is available upon request. This is for reference purposes only and is available only to the CIS Board.

2. All memberships expiring prior to and including July 2005 have been removed from the membership list. All matters surrounding missing memberships have been resolved.

3. Letter informing members of their expiring memberships will now be sent directly from the CIS membership chairman.

4. Current CIS membership numbers (as of Nov 9 2005):

35	Life
22	Guest
<u>78</u>	Regular (Family and Single)
135	Total

Chuck will ask Chris to provide more statistics in the future such as number of new members and number of renewals in the last quarter.

Motion to accept this report by Ed. Seconded by Don. Carried.

C. Property

Kay Suzuki handed in her resignation as a Board member to the CIS Board via email to the secretary. It was with deep regrets that the Board accepted her resignation.

Chuck suggested that Randy be contacted to see if he would take over as Property chair. Terry will contact him and ask.

D. Newsletter

Next deadline for submissions is January 1st.>> (**Changed to JANUARY 15TH by Editor.**) << Guest members were reviewed. Elaine will contact those AIS regions that do not send a reciprocal newsletter to determine if they wish to do an exchange. Chuck will provide addresses of all AIS Region Editors to Elaine.

News Releases will now be issue to media personalities.

Don will look into a postal agreement to reduce costs.

Motion was made to have commercial iris gardens listed under Canadian Sources for Iris pay a fee of \$15.00 per year, unless they are members. Elaine will contact the appropriate gardens. Motion by Ed. Seconded by Terry. Carried.

E. Website

Awaiting for 2006 CIS event dates and associated info to update website.

Protocols for the website were discussed. A meeting will have to be set up with Chris so that these can be set.

The issue of succession was discussed. Chuck asked Elaine to be backup for Chris. Ed will get the logon password(s) and email information to Chuck and Elaine.

E. Publicity

Kate has spent some time getting the CIS web address on various garden websites such as Mark Cullen and Canadian Gardening Infolines. About 12 in all.

Kate proposed the CIS attend the Scugog Annual Garden Show April 22 and 23 – 10 am to 5 pm on both days to promote the CIS and sell potted iris. Cost \$25. The “Iris Road Show” was inaugurated consisting of Elaine, Don, Terry and Kate.

Motion to attend by Don. Seconded by Terry. Carried.

F. Historian

Information from Historical archives were forwarded to Clarence Mahan at his request as information for a book he is writing.

G. Flower Show

No report.

H. BC Region

Ted Baker is setting up a new region in BC. There are currently 51 members. They have a website: www.bc-iris.org

K. London Region

No report.

L. Ottawa Region

No report.

M/N. Toronto Region/T.B.G.

Saturday February 18, 2006 is Get the Jump on Spring at the TBG.

The Toronto Flower Show in June will return to the TBG.

This year a \$50 fee was paid to the TBG to ensure all the Toronto Region venues are publicized in their publications.

O. A.I.S.

There are currently two AIS affiliates for Region 16; the Toronto Region Iris Society (ToRIS) and the Ottawa River Region Iris Society (ORrIS). Reminder to these groups to renew for 2006. A new iris group from British Columbia (BCIS) has expressed interest in perhaps becoming affiliated with AIS.

Motion to accept this report by Don. Seconded by Ann. Carried.

7. Old Business

Constitution

It was agreed that another Special Meeting would have to be called to discuss the remainder of the changes to the Constitution.

Under Standing Rules, Rule 4. Regional Groups an “alternative” was presented.

Chuck suggested the wording of b) Members be changed to:

“Charters will be granted to Regional groups based on payment of \$25. For those groups with membership above 50% CIS membership the membership fee will be waived for each year they are at or above this level.”

Motion by Kate to accept the three year limit in all cases. Seconded by Ed. Carried.

It was agreed the section g) should not appear in the Standing Rules therefore should be removed from reference under c).

Motion to accept the “alternative” by Bob. Seconded by Don. Carried.

Canada Blooms – March 8 – 12, 2006 at Metro Convention Centre

Budget was presented by Kate. To reduce costs the following changes were made: brochure printing was reduced to 2,500, brochure folding will be done by booth attendants and Chuck will approach Chris to see if he has extra copies of old CIS Newsletters.

Motion to accept budget: Ann, Seconded by Elaine. Carried.

Draw for iris cross-stitch will be available to new memberships only as part of Show Specials.

Show Special of a 3-year membership for the price of 2 will be offered. Elaine passed out a draft of the brochure for review. Don & Elaine have appropriate stands.

2006 Iris Seminar – Saturday April 8, 2006 at TBG

Kate advised that confirmation of the room booking at the TBG has not been confirmed despite follow-up. She also presented a budget.

It was agreed we would use the “free” publicity offered by various gardening publications. Deadline for most will be mid-December 2005. Money allocated for publicity will now be allocated for production of a brochure.

Registration fee for the day of seminars was set at \$40. Members will receive a \$5 discount. If new members register at Canada Blooms, another \$5 will be discounted.

Speakers will be asked to present for 45 minutes. A fee of \$50.00 will be offered.

Motion to accept budget: Elaine, Seconded by Terry. Carried.

8. New Business

Dates for 2006

Toronto Region:	Saturday, February 18	Get the Jump on Spring	TBG*
	Saturday, June 3	Flower Show	TBG*
	Saturday, August 12	Iris Auction and Sale	TBG*

* - Toronto Botanical Garden, 777 Lawrence Ave E, Don Mills (Toronto).

Hamilton:	Sunday, June 4	Flower Show	TBA*
	Sunday, August 13	Iris Auction and Sale	TBA*

* - To be announced/pending confirmation of booking.

Board of Director Meetings:	Sunday, January 29	TBA*
	Sunday, March 26	TBA*
	Sunday, July 9	TBA*
	Sunday, November 12	TBA*
Annual General Meeting (AGM)	Saturday, September 16	TBA*

* - Pending confirmation of booking.

Ed agreed to handle the booking of the Hamilton events, the Board of Director meetings and the AGM.

New Committees

Membership Committee: to develop a strategy for increasing membership plus determine what benefits should be offered to our members and our regional groups.

Ann (chair), Chris and Kate

RBG Relationship Committee: to develop a strategy for re-establishing our relationship with the Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG).

Chuck (chair), Ed and Bob.

Standing Rules

See under Old Business – Constitution.

9. Correspondence

None to report.

10. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 pm

Action Pending**Board Member:**

Call Elizabeth Sattler re CIS box	Al Hutchins
Research "Education Fund"	Kate Brewitt
Contact previous Junior Trophy winners	Kate Brewitt
Contact Randy re Property position	Terry Laurin
Contact AIS Regions re Newsletter	Elaine Davidson
AIS contact information to Elaine	Chuck Chapman
Investigate Postal Agreement	Don Davidson
Contact Canadian Sources re \$15.00 fee for non-members	Elaine Davidson
Secure website logon ID re succession	Ed Jowett
Renew AIS memberships	TORIS – Toronto Region
	ORrIS – Ottawa Region
Update Constitution Standing Rules	Kate Brewitt
Ask Chris for old newsletters	Chuck Chapman
Book West Plains United Church for 2006 meetings	Ed Jowett

Minutes prepared by Kate Brewitt