

TAIS BOARD MEETING JUNE 21, 2008 AT THE BESSEY RESIDENCE

Attending: Paul Bessey, Maxine Fifer, Ginnie Hester, Ruth Over, Gary Carruthers, Ben Herman, Marilyn Lesh, Gordon Jensen.

Not attending: Margie Valenzuela, Peggi Ishman.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. Maxine provided a list of 2007 members who had not renewed for 2008. Various board members volunteered to contact each former member to express interest and encourage them to renew.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to send postcards with notice of the Fall Sale, using TAIS database of 405 names.

The 2008 budget was reviewed. For the Fall Sale it was anticipated that members may be able to contribute approximately 300 rhizomes. Purchase of \$600 worth of rhizomes (previously included in the 2008 budget) was reaffirmed. Kathy will be asked to place orders.

The iris bed at Tucson Botanical Garden looks fine but a little crowded. It was left in good shape by Stan Jankowski. TBG is doing the watering. It could be harvested for the sale, perhaps 50 if they are properly identified. Gordon Jensen volunteered to make a monthly visit in Jankowski's absence to check on things and will make an estimate of how many may be harvested. The contact people at TBG are Jamie and Manny.

After discussion a decision was made to have just one sale this fall, based on estimated numbers of rhizomes available. Sale has been confirmed with Harlow Gardens on Saturday, Sept. 20th, 9-5, Sunday, Sept. 21st, 10-2. Maxine and Gordon will co-chair the sale and Ben will help. There was discussion of a possible Spring show at TBG in 2009 during bloom season.

The Fall general meeting was changed from 10/4 to 10/18/08 due to schedule conflicts - place to be determined. Ben will chair the nominating committee for 2009. Board members serve for 2 years. Terms expiring are Ben, Ruth and Margie. According to the Bylaws, Officers serve for 1 year and may not serve more than 3 consecutive terms in the same office.

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to eliminate the new iris program. Instead, for member incentives a master list will be kept of who works each event, or whose name is drawn at a meeting, with a credit to be claimed at the fall sale.

Regarding Stephanie Lee's resignation as President, a motion was made, seconded and carried that a letter of thanks be sent to Stephanie for her organizational efforts this year.

The potluck dinner and auction will take place on 08/23/08 - 6:30 PM. at Paul Bessey's home, - 2602 E. Arroyo Chico, Tucson. Arroyo Chico is easily accessed by turning east off of Country Club a couple of blocks south of Broadway. This is a divided street; the home is on the southern half of the street. Members to bring whatever food they wish. There is an adequate supply of paper plates, napkins, cups and plastic tableware, but members may bring their own service if

desired.

Though Margie Valenzuela was unable to attend the meeting she had E-mailed a valuable list of suggestions for TAIS to consider, which were discussed, and discussion will continue in the future as we work to increase membership and participation.

A suggestion was made that the newsletter could contain an article in each issue on "How I Do It" for various aspects of iris cultivation; Ben to do the first one.

The topic of hosting a Spring Trek in 2010 was revisited since we do have people who are willing to host and it has been very enjoyable to explore other people's gardens. Kathy will be asked to provide a proposed TAIS 2010 mini-Trek (no hotel, no buses) with estimate of any attendant expenditures to be voted on by the Board by E-mail.

A copy of the minutes will be forwarded to Gordon for inclusion in the next newsletter, planned for mid-July.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.