

STANDING RULES

REGION 7 OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

Revised September 2017

Standing Rules are considered the General Procedures and Policies for the efficient operation of an organization. Standing Rules can be revised as needed at any called meeting of the Executive Board. The following rules are in effect and attached to the current Bylaws of Region 7.

1. The Region shall pay the early registration fee for the RVP to attend the national spring meeting of AIS. The Region shall pay \$300 to the RVP for expenses for AIS fall board meeting (if the RVP attends the meeting). Outgoing RVPs may be awarded an RVP pin, and may be awarded a life (or dual-life) membership in AIS by approval of the Executive Board.
2. The Nominating Committee shall attempt to find qualified candidates for RVP from all areas of the Region: in general, selecting candidates in rotation from Western Tennessee, Central/Eastern Tennessee, and Kentucky. Candidates will typically serve one term as Assistant RVP prior to nomination as RVP.
3. The *Irisarian* 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. A copy of each *Irisarian* shall be sent to the President, the First Vice President, and the Historian of AIS, and all reciprocating regional editors.
4. The Treasurer and the RVP shall be exclusively granted signature authority on the Region's checking account. The Board of Directors will approve guidelines in investing in Certificates of Deposit, and the Treasurer shall be the custodian and guardian of all Certificates of Deposits and other financial documents of the Region. The Treasurer shall report a summary of transactions in each issue of the *Irisarian*.
5. At the fall meeting preceding the close of the Treasurer's term of office, an audit of the financial records shall be performed by the Finance Committee (the 3 elected Trustees).
6. Upon notification of the death of a member of the region, a memorial of \$25 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 Board of Directors. A \$100 donation to the AIS Foundation is to be made in memory of former Region 7 RVPs.
7. The following committees are considered as the Standing Committees of the Region: Awards, Publications, Judges Training, Membership, Youth, and Finance. The Board of Directors may establish other committees from time to time. The chairpersons of each active committee shall present a report to the Region at the annual meetings.
8. A Judges Training Speaker will be paid a \$200 Honorarium, plus Room and Food Expenses for the meeting and will be offered a plane ticket or up to \$200 travel expenses.
9. The Region will, at its Board Meetings, consider whether to contribute to the AIS Insurance Fund.

10. The Awards Committee shall solicit nominations for the Regional Hard Worker, Local Unsung Hero, Hybridizer of the Year and Youth Awards (names changed effective Spring Meeting 2008), distribute those nominations to the Board of Directors and collect votes, announcing winners at the Fall Meeting.
11. Spring and fall meetings may have scheduled activities on Friday nights, at the discretion of the hosting clubs (Fall meeting, 2010)