

Awards Report, Fall 2018

The voting system again worked well. The number of people voting online increases from year to year, steadily but slowly. This year 222 voted online and 196 paper ballots were received.

Earlier this year we were informed that the British Irish Society is no longer able to give us the Dykes Medal. During an online board meeting, it was decided that AIS would pay for the medal, which still will be prepared by the BIS. It was also decided to use plated medals rather than solid--we were assured that the difference would not be visible. These decisions can be revisited at any time.

The situation with the Wister medals is still not decided. Capitol Medals does the engraving (and has since the days of Roy Epperson), but does not actually make the blanks. The factory that they use for that says that the mold has deteriorated to the point where it is no longer usable, but they have the artwork necessary to make a new one. I feel sure that long-term we will want to move the process to someplace other than Capitol Medals, but for the short term I have asked for pricing for 10 medals and for 20. I am open to suggestions for other locations that could do the engraving or for any other aspect of the situation.

I am working on next year's ballot and should have a draft copy available for review before the end of the year.

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Awards Chair