

## Affiliates Report

Spring 2018

### **Affiliation Process**

The annual process is in full swing. 101 of 158 have been received as of March 19<sup>th</sup>. 4 have issues of club officers who need to renew their AIS membership.

1 club is not renewing and 1 club is new.

9 Regions are already complete.

Tom Gormley and Howie Dash have been great as always. The RVP email group is a BIG help in keeping this before the RVPs.

One question has arisen for which I have no good answer. Do only 'elected' officers of a club need to be AIS members? The confusion stems from the wording of the form which states "elected officers must be current AIS members for the duration of their term". Some have appointed secretaries or treasurers.

Guidance on this issue would be appreciated.

### **Other Affiliate Issues**

Wayne Messer and I have been kicking around the idea of an Affiliate resource page for the website. Some of the things that we would like already exist, some need to be created. The items fall into three main categories: Starting a club; Growing a club, and Revitalizing your club. If anyone is interested in working with us, please let me know.

There have been no complaints received this year. Several calls have come in asking where to find insurance, judges, exhibition and other information. They were easily handled.

I eagerly await the results of the latest survey done by Wayne. It will be interesting to see if the issues remain the same, and what we as a Board, can do about them.

Respectfully submitted,

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Affiliates Chair