

AIS Awards, Spring 2018

Only one major problem this year (so far). Capitol Medals of High Point NC has been making the Wister Medals since Roy Epperson was Awards Chair. The company recently moved, and managed to lose (or throw away) not only the few remaining blanks, but also the stamp that would be used to make more. The employee we have been working with for a few years, Mystic Kirkman, remembers having seen the stamp, and has assured us (Ruth Barker has been handling things) that it will be replaced at no cost to us. But she is not the owner, and so we cannot be certain. In any case, getting the stamp replaced is looking like a multi-month process. I will have an update for the board meeting.

Other than that things are running late but there are no known significant problems. There is a draft ballot on my website, and I will be sending out requests for review as soon as I finish this report. I am in the process of reconciling my list of judges with the official one from Judy Keisling and Tom Gormley. This is a necessary step for both mailing the printed ballot and setting up on-line voting. I hope to be able to get the stuff to the printer before we leave for New Orleans, so that their work will be available for me to review when we get back home, and get mailed around the end of the third week in April.

By the way, none of the hybridizers of medal-winning bearded iris will be attending, but four of the hybridizers of beardless iris will be.

Gerry Snyder
Awards Chair
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