

AIS Electronic Services Chair report

My term in office so far has been a transition time between old and new tools. I appreciate everyone who has provided feedback during this time, and patience with some processes.

The new website

Our new site is in its final stages of coding as I write this in late March; during April the current content from the old site will be moved over to the new one, and member/user data will be incorporated into the site.

The old site has a ton of information on it, although some can be difficult to find. When we roll out the new site, it will have only current, useful information on it, and over time, useful archival materials will be available. We are working to make the old version of the site available to people with an interest in it during the transition.

The new site will also have a search function that will allow easy access to the Iris Encyclopedia, providing a way for someone to type "Daughter of Stars" (for instance) into the search box and be directed to the most likely pages on the Wiki. I have found this search function to be remarkably reliable in helping me find the page for the iris I'm looking for, and I think our members and friends will find this useful until such time as the search interface on the Wiki can be simplified.

The new site will be publicly available in May; I will have access to show board members a not-quite-complete version during the AIS Convention. We experienced several delays including some transition at our agency and some overwork on my own part. I believe you'll be pleased with the results when the site is finally released.

AISSDiscuss and other lists

The transition to Google Groups seems to have gone pretty smoothly and with a minimum of confusion. I will be transferring other email lists to that platform in time for the website rollout, so that we can have signup forms on the site (for publicly-available lists).

Respectfully submitted,

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