

## **President's Report to the April 2018 AIS Board Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana**

In remembrance of the AIS members who have passed away in the past year or so, I ask for a moment of silence at the beginning of the spring board meeting. Among those members are Catherine Averitt, Patricia Bass, Betty Bowlin, R. Lee Byous, Jacqueline Clark, Fred Clawson, Hilda Crick, Kenneth Fisher, Richard Goula, Linda Gutnik, Eric Hansen, Russ Holecek, Barbara Perry Lawton, Sergey Loktev, Thomas Martin, Robert McFarland, Charles Moser, Micki Nellis, Nancy Pocklington, Shirley Pope, Jean Sawyers, Karen Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. James Shreckengaust, Coralie Staff, Coralee Stevenson, John Teas, Mary Thurman, Valerie Wheeler, Betty Wilkerson, Chuck Winters.

I have been in contact with various board members and committee heads, regarding aspects of their responsibilities for AIS. Rather than comment on these consultations and discussions, I will defer to the reports of individuals and committees, reflecting the work and results on various projects. I prefer to add comments, where appropriate, at the time of the report of the individual or committee.

Electronic board conferences: Since the fall board meeting in Dallas, I will have conducted four electronic board meetings by the time of the AIS Board meeting in New Orleans.

These were in November, January, February, and the last scheduled for March 28, and all were well attended by board members and other attendees. Each meeting was about one hour in length and allowed the board discussion time and actions on a variety of topics. Beginning with the November e-meeting, we are using Zoom, which provides live video conferences and also provides for reviewing reports or other documents online during the meeting. Thanks to David Cupps for arranging the board e-meetings.

### Appointments:

- 1) Exhibitions, Supplies: I have appointed Nick Stewart for this position.
- 2) Photo Contest: At the spring board meeting, I will be appointing Amberlee Pick to manage the AIS Photo contest. There will not be a 2018 photo contest, but it will be revised and resume in 2019.

Open positions remaining: Convention Liaison, Donations Development, Gardens (Display and Test), Silent Auction.

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