

AIS Awards

All is going well with the ballot for this year's Awards. The paper ballot has been printed and should be mailed by April 19th. I intend and expect to have the online voting system up by then also.

The problem with the Wister Medals continues, but seems to be nearing the end. After months of interchanges with Capitol Medals, including a personal visit by Ruth Barker, we finally got them to ask their supplier to send us the artwork for the Wister Medals, since the dies to make new blanks no longer exist. The supplier agreed, but then admitted not having the artwork. They do have one medallion leftover from the last order. It is being obtained, and will be used to make new dies.

A few years ago, the Board voted to drop the award described below, but it is still in the latest published Handbook. I disagreed with the decision then, and still do, and intend to make a motion to reinstate it during one of the Board Zoom meetings over the summer (unless someone does so during the Spring meeting).

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AWARD

This distinctive award is neither a garden award nor an exhibition award. This award is made by The American Iris Society's Board of Directors to honor an iris which has not won a Dykes Medal, but which shows clearly in its progeny that it is among the greats of irisdome. The Board of Directors Award, which is not an annual award, was established in 1972 and first awarded in 1975.

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