

AIS Awards – Fall 2019

Another year with no major catastrophes. In other words, a success.

As the table below indicates, the number of judges using the paper ballot keeps decreasing. (On-line voting was used in 2010, before I became Awards Chair, but those records are no longer available.)

335 paper ballots (out of 461 who voted) in 2011
337 paper ballots (out of 508 who voted) in 2012
283 paper ballots (out of 486 who voted) in 2013
245 paper ballots (out of 480 who voted) in 2014
249 paper ballots (out of 466 who voted) in 2015
209 paper ballots (out of 429 who voted) in 2016
205 paper ballots (out of 428 who voted) in 2017
196 paper ballots (out of 409 who voted) in 2018
173 paper ballots (out of 406 who voted) in 2019

Despite the increased use of on-line voting, this year I did not receive any reports of problems from anyone who got into the system. However, a tiny number of judges (only four that I know of) could not connect at all. This is being looked into.

I have started preparing the data for the 2020 ballot.

The Board of Directors voted to rescind the deletion of the Board of Directors Award it had done several years ago, and my draft of the Awards section of the Judges Handbook has been edited to reflect that.

A new source for Wister Medals has been found and the order for 60 should arrive before the end of this month (August). Winners for 2017 and 2018 will be given the option of having the medal mailed or presented at the 2020 Convention.

I have been asked about acrylic keeper trophies for the 2019 Convention Cups and am trying to find an answer.

I am submitting my resignation, and the 2020 Convention will be my last as Awards Chair. I intend to handle the voting (printed and on-line) for the 2020 awards.

Gerry Snyder
Awards Chair