

## **President's Report Fall 2019 Information only**

What a wild ride these last few months have been. After a very rocky start the website is performing with a few bugs left to chase down. And some editing and additions to do yet.

Many thanks to everyone who worked on getting this done. Special thanks to John Jones for troubleshooting and quick response.

Bryce's team of editors has been established. Thanks to all of them as well.

I'm happy to report that Jean Richter, Region 14 RVP, has stepped into communicate with the hybridizers who sent guests to the 2019 convention. That controversy now seems solved. Thank you, Jean.

This issue has brought up the subject of AIS's responsibility, real or implied, for a convention run by another entity. Conventions represent the AIS to the public in an immediate and dramatic way. Few people understand the difference between the AIS and the sponsoring group. To most, the convention is the AIS, just as the website, encyclopedia and bulletin are the AIS. Other than issuing guidelines, as we do now, what (if any) other steps can the AIS take to ensure a convention's success? Something to think about over the long, dark winter.

I am negotiating with several people to fill some up-coming vacancies. We are in need of people to take over several responsibilities including Awards Committee and Membership Development.

These are vital positions that will be central to moving us forward in the coming years.

If you have an interest, or know of someone who does, please let me or any board member know.

The monthly teleconferences have been working extremely well. We have accomplished a lot of work during them. I thank you all for your willingness and flexibility to make these meetings work. Our process for them is still evolving. This will be the first fall without a face to face meeting. We will undoubtedly be making improvements to the process after this fall.

We will be focusing on the 2020 events over the fall and winter. There are many activities going on behind the scenes to make it a memorable year. Those committee reports will go into more detail than I can present. Please take some time to review the upcoming events and encourage others to attend or support them as much as possible.

Respectfully submitted

Jody Nolin, President