

Membership Secretary Briefing the AIS BOD

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RVP Report Change – Seasonal Addresses Section Added to Upcoming Reports

Annual seasonal addresses will be retained on the home region's RVP/MC report and noted as such. It will also be included on the RVP/MC report of the seasonal residence location. Effective dates will be included as reported each year.

The purpose of this is to retain each member on the records of their home region and provide accurate mailing addresses for national and regional use, while also providing contact information to the seasonal residence Region.

AIS Lookup Update

Revisions are being explored to provide expiration dates per mode of membership (traditional, e-Memb, and the upcoming Full).

Full Membership Readiness Status

- There are 168 AIS members eligible for converting their double membership modes to one Full Membership at the beginning of 2021.
- Notice of the new option will be included in the renewal reminders sent to the 41 with renewal dates of either membership mode falling in 2021.
- 19 of these 41 already have aligned expiration dates for the two modes of membership held and are likely to opt for Full Membership upon renewal. They, along with any other members holding both modes of membership with aligned expiration dates, will be contacted early in 2021 to offer an immediate conversion.
- The remaining 22, not having aligned renewal dates, will be contacted, prior to their renewal date, to provide conversion option details.
- Declining to convert at the time of renewal will not make anyone ineligible for conversion at a later date.
- Any of the 168 can request conversion to Full Membership at any time beginning in 2021.

Post Card Renewal Reminders

- E-Member renewals are coming in prior to expiration at an increased rate. And, frustrated messages (via email and phone) coming from members who find themselves suddenly dropped, has vanished. I count this as a plus.
- Standard membership renewals have maintained at a steady rate, while the expense of renewal notices has decreased.

USPS International Delivery Restrictions Update

- USPS October 16, 2020 revision has removed all of our international members countries from the list.
- Those members who were affected by the restrictions in effect in July will now be able to receive replacement copies.
- FYI: The categories of restriction currently are "Suspension Due to Foreign Postal Operator Service Suspension" and "Suspension Due to Unavailability of Transportation."

As of the latest revision, the first includes: Honduras, Libya, Madagascar, Panama, and Turkmenistan. The second, Angola, Brunei, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, Cuba, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Mauritius, Mongolia, Myanmar, Niger, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Congo, Samoa, Turks & Caicos, Vanuatu, and Yemen.