

President's Report
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This is not so much a report as it is an appreciation of the Board of Directors. Even under normal circumstances, the Board has a big job to do. These were NOT normal circumstances. Over the past three years, this BOD has wrestled with some long-standing difficult issues and the unprecedented COVID issues. While any of us could have been overwhelmed by the situation and withdrawn in isolation, this BOD collectively rolled up its sleeves and went to work. What a lot of things got accomplished!

I started to list all the accomplishments by the various committees, but it got to be such a long list! We all know the tremendous amount of work that went into the new website, the Centennial Supplements, the webinars, and the Judges Training Handbook. What is not so apparent is the ongoing work of all the committees and individual Board members. Investment planning, new keeper trophies, a website team, a privacy policy, starting a library inventory, new membership levels, increased and vibrant social media presence, virtual shows, the list goes on. You all have done a fantastic job.

AIS has progressed in so many ways, some as a direct result of the COVID crisis. It forced us to think in new ways and try new things. We came together as a group to face the challenges, relying on a technological solution to our communications that many found very uncomfortable at the beginning. Now, we are all old hands at teleconferencing. I think that this has helped up be more accepting of new ideas and new ways of doing business. Just look at the new five year incentive plan for membership and the hybridizers interview project. Exciting things are coming.

Respectfully submitted,

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