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AIS STOREFRONT USPS RETURNS

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In March 2021, the Return Address for the Bulletin was moved to the AIS Storefront address in Sandy, OR. Previously Tom Gormley, past MEMSEC, had this function.

Majority of the returns are a result of an address change which the USPS provides a new address if known. USPS does not forward the Bulletin to the new address. Other reasons for returns have included "Address Unknown", "House Vacant", and "Unknown". Up through September only the back cover was returned – postage \$.63 per return. In October, the complete Bulletin was returned – postage \$2.16 per bulletin. (Note: in October, working with the Sandy Postmaster, there was no charge for 10 returns.) In July, only parts of several envelopes were returned – contents missing. This was due in part by using the lightweight paper envelope for mailing the Bulletin with Supplement #5.

The information on the returns is forwarded to the AIS Membership Secretary, Pam Messer, for new address verification or other updates. Pam returns the verified information and the Bulletin is remailed if warranted. The attempt to verify information on some returns has met a "Dead End".

The following is a log of USPS Returns and Remails.

Month	Returns/\$	Remail/\$
March 2021	1 - \$.63	1 - \$3.45
April 2021	1 - .63	2 - 12.00
May 2021	1 - .63	1 – 3.45
June 2021	0	0
July 2021	14 – 8.82	22 – 174.90
August 2021	8 – 5.04	9 – 45.67
September 2021	1 - .63	0
October 2021	31 – 40.89	14 – 38.05

In addition to the USPS Returns, the MEMSEC and the Storefront receive changes of addresses or notice of missing Bulletins from AIS Members. All which are verified and appropriate action taken.

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