

Electronic Services Report for April 2021 (Information Only)

The Electronic Services Team has been working on a couple of big projects one of which has decided not to go forward with. We have decided not to go forward with publishing webinars from the webhost and just go with the YouTube pages. The other project is to rework membership so that all the behinds the scenes work that the membership chair does can be done by the app and the member requesting AIS membership. The member would be able to apply on-line by entering their information and then immediately gain access to our website without having to wait. We are currently looking at MemberPress which is a plugin on to WordPress that can handle the generation of passwords and access to whatever level the member is requesting.

The other big project is automating the iris registration process. Although there has not been a formal RFI yet, we have been in contact with the daylily registrar and asked her a few questions regarding the process. I also sent out information on AIS talk on where to look at the daylily website to look at the online forms there. With the registrar changing staff right now, this is in a slight holding pattern.

Other duties have been just the normal monitoring of the host. The only issue I have seen that was a big deal was back in December, we had an email storm that seemed to have originated in China and keyed in on one of our emails. This was caught by HostPapa and I was notified and between me and the webhost stopped the attack. I have since changed the password for that email address and there have been no other issues like this. It took a day to clean up the mailbox and all was back to normal.

There have been some other miscellaneous link and email issues that seemed to be from changes in email address or links from some of the other affiliates or societies that we find have made changes on their side and we did not get the message regarding the change. These are corrected as we are made aware of the issue.

During my short time as ES Chairman, I have been heavily dependent on Wayne Messer, webmaster, and John Jones as much as he has had time to spend with me. The team consists of the following people:

Scarlett Ayres
Lorene Crone
Howie Dash
Neil Houghton
John Jones
Randall Masteller
Wayne Messer
Jody Nolin
Andi Rivarola
Claire Schneider

Each of these people have contributed to the function of the website/electronic services. A big thank you to each of them for their service to AIS and for helping me to manage everything.

Lorene Crone
Electronic Services Chairman