

President's Report
Spring 2021
Information Only

As we enter our second year without a convention, I am continually amazed at the dedication and hard work of the Board of Directors. In spite of the handicaps of the last year, we have accomplished much.

The wonderful Centennial supplements have been a big hit with the membership. Jim Morris suffered two heart attacks and still produced the supplements. Amazing.

The webinars continue to be popular with upwards of 300 people registered for the last session. Andi Rivarola and Gary White have orchestrated the series with something for everyone; judges training, cultural information, academic research, and varietal presentation. The webinars will be continuing into the summer.

The Handbook committee, under the leadership of Bonnie Nichols, has made great strides. Claire Schneider is doing yeoman work scribing, facilitating and editing the latest revisions. The Board has been diligent in the finalization of chapters, giving up an evening a week to the review process. Thank you all.

The Registrar, John Jones, is turning over his duties to Janis Shackelford, due to health issues. Janis is training on the process now. It may take a few months for her to complete the transition. In the meantime, everything should still go to John as usual.

One on-going issue is the AIS group exemption with the IRS. Many clubs and Sections have not kept their paperwork handy as they have changed treasurers. As Affiliate Chair, I submit the 990n IRS form for all entities under the AIS group exemption. I've had many inquiries for EIN numbers and IRS exemption letters. It's complicated by some Sections and Regions changing states and banks. The newest banking regulations are far more strict than most clubs, Sections or Regions have ever seen. Dale Strauss has more on this issue in his report. We will need to address the group members responsibilities when the IRS issues their new procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

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