

AIS Affiliates Chairman's Report for Spring 2007

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AIS Officers & Directors:

This time of the year is a bit early for a final report, but all but three region 24 clubs have had their applications approved. The steady decline in AIS membership is now showing its impact on the number of AIS Affiliates. Six previous affiliates have dissolved, two in New Mexico have merged and with these loses, along with the addition of one new affiliate in Region 9, we are currently show a total decrease of six affiliates. At present there are still the three affiliates without applications and the Lompoc Iris Society may become a new affiliate.

The following is a breakdown of some of the data for enquiring minds:

1. There are 170 approved Affiliates so far in 2007, with the possibility of adding another four. (The total for last year was 179).
2. Of the 170 clubs, 132 had their fee waived, while 38 paid their R50 fees (\$1900.00).
3. The breakdown of membership within the 170 approved Affiliates is 4,149 AIS members (4,330 and 4,696 reported in 2006 and 2005 respectively), and 3,686 non-AIS members (3,699 and 3,767 reported in 2006 and 2005 respectively). ***Please note that these numbers are overstated because many AIS members belong to more than one society!

The relationship between AIS members and non-members reported by the affiliates is interesting because while the AIS members are falling by around 6-7% yearly, non-members are staying fairly steady. **Curious Note:** According to the RVP's reports, the two affiliates in Wisconsin putting on the 2010 AIS Convention have a total of 168 members of which only 30 are AIS members.

Sincerely,

Brad Kasperek
AIS Affiliates Chairman