

## **AIS SILENT AUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT – Spring 2007**

1. Final result of Silent Auction 2006 was \$13,179.60 received from 565 items, and 97 donors, purchased by 199 bidders. (Largest amount ever due to Portland high registration and generous donations).
2. \$1,674.00 of the above total was specifically for the AIS Library.
3. Total Silent Auction income from 1998 to 2006 is \$63,625.25 (see spreadsheet attached).
4. 2006 Expenses total \$331.41 including a new printer that prints 30 pages a minute. (Paid) Because most of the Committee's work can be handled by e-mail, the postage costs for this committee are minimal.
5. Additional expenses for 2007 are: Credit card imprinter so we can use actual cards at checkout instead of hand-written slips (\$23.00) and updated version of Microsoft Access so the new program enhancements work (\$134.95) – Total of \$157.95 submitted to Secretary Randall 4-6-07.

### **Solicitation for donors for the 2007 Silent Auction is being done by several methods:**

1. Articles in October 2006 and January 2007 AIS Bulletin.
2. Letters and e-mails to all advertisers in 2006 AIS Bulletins plus past donors who do not advertise.
3. Follow-up e-mails/mail April 1, 2007 to persons not yet responding.
4. Carry-over from 2005 and 2006 when there were many "duplicate publication items" as well as items received since the Convention from relatives of deceased members. Shipping costs to OKC will be submitted as they occur.

### **Comments:**

We especially want to thank the donors for also donating the shipping costs for the generous amounts of heavy items that they shipped this year and last. Many of those items came from "Estates of.." and the relatives who donated the items from their loved ones were generous with the shipping.

We also wish to thank the "on-site depositories" (Barbara Aitken for 2006 and Louise Carson for 2007) for receiving and keeping us updated as to what arrived at the Convention site.

There is a central Access database that will produce the bid sheets, final bid tally, winners' certificates and donor list with addresses for 501 c (3) acknowledgment purposes. We are indebted to Kitty Loberg for her continuing time and effort to develop and update the Access database which we will continue to be using. We will again accept cash, check and VISA/MC. We should be able to give the final numbers again by early Saturday morning. Kitty and 'Cashier King' Dennis Hager are refining the collection procedure to be on the computer at checkout, thus speeding up the procedure.

Heartfelt thanks to all the people who help with setting up, running and closing down the Silent Auction and especially to those who have to miss the Geek dinner to cash out.

We want to advise up-front that the proceeds from any Convention, such as this one in OKC, will never reach the level of the Portland Convention due to the huge number of donors and bidders in Portland. However, the results over the past eight years, (\$63,625.25) justifies the great amount of effort put into this project.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## **Schedule for Silent Auction 2007**

### **Monday, April 30, 2007**

8:00am - 10:00pm AIS Silent Auction (Setup)

### **Tuesday, May 1, 2007**

8:00am - 6:00pm AIS Silent Auction (Setup)

6:00pm - 10:00pm AIS Silent Auction (Opens)

### **Wednesday, May 2, 2007**

12:00pm - 5:00pm AIS Silent Auction

9:00pm - 10:00pm AIS Silent Auction

### **Thursday, May 3, 2007**

6:00pm - 10:00pm AIS Silent Auction

(Bids Close 10:00pm)

### **Friday, May 4, 2007**

7:00am AIS Silent Auction Winning Bids Posted

6:30pm - 8:00pm AIS Silent Auction

(All money for winning bids must be turned in)