

AIS Membership Secretary's Office Computer Replacement Proposal

The existing IMac Computer is six years old and has served AIS well in it's time. Its main purpose is to run the Membership Database and keep the Membership Secretary connected to the Membership and AIS Officers through various communications portals i.e. email, PayPal, websites, etc.

Currently it is not capable of doing this. The Filemaker Pro database has exceeded it's abilities to run it without a major upgrade of both operating system and operating memory. The existing 40 GB drive is 75% full and would require \$400.00+ to bring it into conformance.

I am at present running the MemSec Office through a "cobbled together" Windows ME computer that is not only slow but unstable.

Since the Filemaker Pro Database is not platform specific (dos, Mac) I propose that AIS purchase a new computer, either desktop or laptop to replace the existing IMac. The cost for a new desktop would be \$500+ while a laptop would be \$750+. My preference would be the laptop option since it affords the MemSec greater mobility in bringing the current information to meetings and presentations.

It should be noted that all peripheral equipment (printers & scanner) are operating exceptionally well and are not part of this proposal. Software is not an issue either.

The IMac itself can be rehabilitated and used in some less data intensive part of AIS at no additional cost other than the shipping.

I ask the Officers and Board to authorize purchase of a replacement computer at their earliest convenience.