

AIS Affiliations Chairman's Report for Fall 2008 Board Meeting

October 16, 2008

AIS Officers & Directors:

First, I wish to apologize for not attending the Fall Board meeting. In September I receive an invitation to my sister's 50th wedding anniversary which is also at the end of October. At first I intended to go to the Board meeting and skip her 50th, but subsequently I learned that she was losing weight and was down to 91 pounds, and her doctors couldn't find anything wrong, so I changed my plans.

There are a total of 173 approved affiliates for 2008 including the following new ones: Platte Valley Iris Society in Region 21 and Verde Valley Area Iris Society in Region 15. Three clubs disbanded and didn't submit applications. There has been some interest in Region 16 and we may pick up one or two affiliates from there in 2009. I've also been notified that one of the 2008 approved societies will disband at the end of this year.

A total of 133 new or existing affiliates had their affiliation fees waived, but a total of \$2000 in fees was collected from the other 40 affiliates.

One of my functions is to send an annual approval letter to each approved affiliate and again this coming year (if reappointed) I'm offering to include up three pages of information from other AIS functions that wish to communicate directly with the Affiliate Presidents. Please let me know if you are interested in doing this.

Sincerely,
Brad Kasperek
AIS Affiliations Chairman