

AIS Judges Report

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Current Status of Judges

There are 634 fully accredited judges being recommended for re-appointment for 2009, an increase of 3 from the 631 recommended one year ago. A comparison by status 2009 to 2008 is listed below. Note that Retired Judges continue are no longer re-appointed annually and maintain their retired status until they request to return to active status, fail to pay their dues, or die. The 2008 numbers have been adjusted to reflect this change.

Status	2009	2008	Change
Apprentices	67	65	+ 2
Garden/Exhibition	284	291	- 7
Master	230	219	+ 11
Emeritus	34	37	- 3
Overseas	19	19	
Retired	131	142	+ 11

Number of Fully Accredited Judges by region:

Region	#	Region	#	Region	#
1	30	12	13	23	20
2	21	13	55	24	7
3	15	14	51	33	5
4	31	15	32	36	1
5	25	16	15	39	1
6	36	17	29	43	1
7	41	18	48	45	2
8	11	19	5	47	2
9	32	20	16	53	6
10	5	21	22	55	1
11	17	22	38		

I am happy to report that my concern about judges not fulfilling their in-garden training requirements did not turn out to be true – only 5 judges were dropped for this reason. Six judges were dropped for failing to vote the ballot for two consecutive years.

I want to note that 30 new apprentices will be appointed for 2009; the largest number of apprentices appointed in one year in the 5 years that I have held my position as JT Chair.