

## AIS Judges Report April 14, 2008

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As of March 23, 20 judges are being dropped due to not renewing their AIS memberships that expired December 31, 2007. A judge delinquent with their dues may be reinstated by March 31, so perhaps during the last week of the month some of the 20 will pay their dues. Included in the list of 20 are 5 Master Judges, 13 Retired Judges, 1 G/E Judge, and 1 Emeritus Judge.

I'm happy to say that the feedback I've gotten from judges since the Fall Board meeting is that they are very happy that their titles have been changed back to what they prior to last year.

I have some concern about the number of G/E and Master Judges who still need the required number of in-garden hours by July 31. Hopefully, this year's spring weather will be glorious and there will be no excuse for judges not fulfilling their requirements.

Listed below, by region, are the total number of G/E and Master Judges and the number and percent of total judges who as of August 1, 2007 needed in-garden hours by July 31, 2008. I have spoken on numerous occasions with the Region JT chairs and/or RVPs about the importance of their following up with their judges on this issue and making every opportunity available to judges to enable them to fulfill the in-garden requirements. I expect many in my count will meet the requirements, at least I hope so.

Unless the Board decides otherwise, any judges who have not met the requirements for in-garden training will be dropped. I'd like feedback from the Board on this issue.

| Region | Total G/E & Master | #  | %   | Region | Total G/E & Master | #  | %    |
|--------|--------------------|----|-----|--------|--------------------|----|------|
| 1      | 26                 | 7  | 27% | 13     | 38                 | 6  | 16%  |
| 2      | 22                 | 15 | 68% | 14     | 39                 | 1  | 3%   |
| 3      | 12                 | 3  | 25% | 15     | 28                 | 16 | 57%  |
| 4      | 22                 | 6  | 27% | 16     | 5                  | 5  | 100% |
| 5      | 21                 | 3  | 14% | 17     | 27                 | 20 | 74%  |
| 6      | 22                 | 7  | 32% | 18     | 40                 | 19 | 48%  |
| 7      | 34                 | 7  | 21% | 19     | 6                  | 4  | 67%  |
| 8      | 9                  | 2  | 22% | 20     | 14                 | 9  | 64%  |
| 9      | 27                 | 2  | 7%  | 21     | 21                 | 14 | 67%  |
| 10     | 4                  | 1  | 25% | 22     | 38                 | 29 | 76%  |
| 11     | 16                 | 3  | 19% | 23     | 19                 | 16 | 84%  |
| 12     | 12                 | 1  | 8%  | 24     | 7                  | 5  | 74%  |

**Total G/E & Master Judges = 509**

**Number needing in-garden training = 201**

**Percent needing in-garden = 39%**