

AIS SILENT AUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT – Spring 2008

1. Final result of Silent Auction 2007 was \$5,191.50 received from 357 items, and 53 donors, purchased by 112 bidders.
2. \$165.00 of the above total was specifically for the AIS Library
3. Total Silent Auction income from 1998 to 2007 is \$68,816.75 (see spreadsheet attached)
4. 2007 Expenses totaled \$223.23 including a credit card imprinter and update for the Access software. Because most of the Committee's work can be handled by e-mail, the postage costs for this committee are minimal.

Solicitation for donors for the 2008 Silent Auction has been done by several methods:

1. Articles in October 2007 and January 2008 AIS Bulletin
2. Letters and e-mails to all advertisers in 2007 AIS Bulletins plus past donors who do not advertise.
3. Follow-up e-mails/mail April 1, 2008 to persons not yet responding
4. Carry-over from previous years when there were many "duplicate publication items".

Comments:

We are indebted to our friends and co-workers who have volunteered each year to help "pull off" this intensely busy and profitable venture for the benefit of AIS. It takes the whole team to do this.

We also wish to thank the "on-site depositories" (Barbara Aitken for 2006, Louise Carson for 2007 and Marney Abel for 2008) 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) acknowledgement purposes. We are indebted to Kitty Loberg for her 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.

As we notified President Epperson in November, 2007, everything is in gear for the Austin Convention but, after six years, we are going to make this our last one. The program has been highly successful with almost \$70,000 going into the AIS coffers over the past 10 years.

John and Barbara Sautner from MN have worked with us the last couple of years and are Assistant Chairs this year and very familiar with the computer program we use and the many procedures to make the SA run smoothly. They have offered to take over the SA Committee after this Convention if you would like them to. You can reach them at bjstaxservice@aol.com

Respectfully submitted,

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