

AIS SILENT AUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT – Fall 2009

1. Final result of Silent Auction 2009 was \$4,025.00 received from the sale of 292 items from 32 donors and purchased by 66 bidders.
2. \$328.00 of the above total was specifically for the AIS Library
3. 2009 Expenses were minimal to cover cost of paper and ink. Most of the Committee's work can be handled by e-mail, therefore keeping the postage costs low.

Solicitation for donors for the 2010 Silent Auction is being done by several methods:

1. Articles in the January 2010 AIS Bulletin
2. Letters and e-mails to all advertisers in 2009 AIS Bulletins plus past donors who do not advertise.
3. Follow-up e-mails/mail April 1, 2010 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" for the 2009 convention, Carolyn and Bob Ash for receiving and delivering to the convention site items held in storage by them.

A central Access database that produces the bid sheets, final bid tally, winners' certificates and donor list with addresses for 501 c (3) acknowledgement purposes continues to be helpful. The program has minor glitches which may need to be addressed during the 2010 production year. This may generate additional expenses for the Silent Auction production.

We again accepted cash, check and VISA/MC.

Although this was our first 'solo' experience with the Silent Auction, we have worked with the Silent Auction for the last several years and were Assistant Chairs in 2008.

Unfortunately there was a theft of a piece of jewelry off the sale floor this year and we are implementing a procedure of providing a picture of valuable items rather than the item itself to try eliminating future thefts.

Respectfully submitted,

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