

## **SECTION LIAISON REPORT – FALL 2009**

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Among the challenges of this function is that of communicating with and publicizing the activities of the American Iris Society Sections and Cooperating Societies. I strive to provide broad information exchanges as well as publication of specific detailed activities such as mini-conventions, distinguished service awards, iris popularity awards and perceived important printed information on section-specific iris genera.

The presidents of the Sections and Cooperating Societies have the ultimate responsibility for communicating with AIS and its Section Liaison Consultant. Like all human endeavors this sometimes works smoothly with timely exchanges and sometimes not. I recognize that not everybody sits by their computer 24/7 or even 8/5, with some folks only checking their email once a week or even less often. But we should all try to perform our role in a timely and informative manner. Speaking of manner (s), common courtesy of acknowledging letters and emails is greatly lacking throughout AIS. It only takes a minute to send a reply, “Got it, thank you.” We should all try this don’t you think?

All Section/Cooperating Society Presidents are reminded that they should prepare “unreimbursed expense” letters to each Officer and Board member for tax purposes. SUBJECT: Acknowledgement of Unreimbursed Out-of-Pocket Expenses incurred in Order to Perform Volunteer Services for ( Organization Name). Sample letters are available upon request. They should also acknowledge all individuals who donated to their organization.

The October 2009 *Section Happenings* column in the AIS *Bulletin* is number seventeen in my series as this began in October 2005 at the request of then AIS president Jeanne Plank. I will continue to write it as long as the Board and the Managing Editor considers it worthwhile.

In all volunteer organizations there are appointments, elections and resignations. I rely on the various organizations to keep me and AIS current on the changes. Here is the current listing of (line 1) President, (line 2) Membership Contact, and, (line 3) Editor as reported in October 2009:

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