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IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT to May 2009 AIS Board Meeting:

My three areas of responsibility are:

- * Honorary Awards
- * AIS Operations Manual -- continuing Roy's work
- * AIS Policy – assembling AIS policy records into a navigable resource tool.

Honorary Awards – action to date:

- * Committee members have been contacted, and Past-Presidents asked about whether or not they wished to remain active. A brief review of last year's deliberations was provided.
- * As chairman I proposed that names from last years list be retained and considered along with any recommended candidate additions received this year.
- * Recommended names receiving a majority of the committee votes in a category will be presented for consideration to the B of D at the Fall Meeting.

AIS Operations Manual – action to date:

* I am now equipped with the tools to scan job description hard copies in my possession and to edit the scanned material. This has opened a much easier path toward fulfilling my goals for the Operation's Manual. It is my intention to include a section that presents all policies that directly relate only to the accompanying position. Ex: All known policies covering Awards will accompany the Awards Chair's job description, and so forth down the list of other positions.

AIS Policy - action to date:

- * As stated above under AIS Operations Manual, I now have the proper tools to do the work I have in mind.
- * I have made an effort to find the old Policy Reports compiled by Claire Barr while she was Recording Secretary/Policy Chair. Although I am continuing my search, I have only one set. In looking at the Barr set and the reports produced by Mike Lowe while he held the Policy Chair, one gains a growing realization that the speed by which the world has changed in the past decade and a half, has rendered several "operation policies" adopted in the early 90s, either no longer relevant or has put those policies in serious need of rethinking or restatement.
- * I think the Board should address the question of "policy life." How far back should we seek policy positions beyond (for instance) the mid-eighties(?) – the mid-seventies(?) – or further back? Will unearthed old policies need restating, or reconstruction or removal? Will those old policies be relevant and/or if they are, could they possibly act to turn off new thinking and necessary rethinking?

Once again I ask, please bring your policy questions directly to me and I will do my best to find answers for your questions. The AIS **will** have a compiled policy file before I leave this office.

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Jeanne Clay Plank, Immediate Past President