

AIS Affiliations Chairman's Report for Spring 2010

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AIS Officers & Directors:

In general the affiliations process for this year went well although 4 Regions dragged it out to the "bitter end." I want to thank Rita Gormley and Jody Nolin for their help in getting those Regions to finish the process by the end of April.

We have a total of 170 approved 2010 affiliates at this time. I believe this is one less than last year, but since I've lost my electronic files for most of 2009 I can't be completely sure.

What I am sure of is that we have at least 2 new affiliates this year: High Desert Iris Society, Region 14; and the, British Columbia Iris Society, Region 16. At least 2 affiliates from 2009 did not renew their affiliation.

Fees collected increased \$300 to a total of \$2550 and while the extra money is good it is not really good news. The increase is caused by fewer affiliates qualifying for the fee waivers based on having a minimum of 10 AIS members and that AIS members make up at least 50% of the club's total membership. In other words, fees increased because there were less AIS members in our affiliates.

All the best,
Brad Kasperek
AIS Affiliations Chairman