

May 21, 2010

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT to May/June 2010 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 asked whether or not they wished to remain active. A brief review of last year's deliberations was provided.
- * Once again, unselected candidates from last years list be retained and reconsidered along with recommended-candidate additions received this year.
- * All inventory stock of AIS Honorary Awards medals have been taken to the AIS Library in Silverton, for long-term storage. A small number of medals for near-future use are in my possession at my home. Future HA needs shall be satisfied by requesting the AIS Librarian to forward to the HA Chair the kind and number of each medal needed.
- * DSM blanks in stock are down to five. It is time to reorder. I have asked for and received reorder quotes from Medallic Art the company who made the original die and struck the medals we have in our inventory.
- *You may or may not know that the AIS Gold Medal is simply a "gilded" DSM. It is exactly the same in every way except for the gilding it may receive. I find this dismaying. We have given only 14 Gold medals in the 90 years of AIS existence. The AIS Gold Medal is not a commonly occurring "recognition award." Please keep in mind that anyone receiving the AIS Gold Medal would have most likely received the DSM. The Gold Medal should be distinct.

The AIS has the original Wister Gold Medal. If the original die for that medal does not exist, I believe we should have a die made from the Wister Gold Medal to be used as the template for all future AIS Gold Medals. I have a bid from Metallic Art for that action. It is something we -- the AIS Board of Directors -- need to discuss both from the standpoint of dollars and from the standpoint of the philosophy behind awarding this medal.

AIS Operations Manual – Status Unchanged

- * Please contact me with Job Description changes in your position or if you need a "full description" copy for your position.

AIS Policy – Status Unchanged:

* I have the proper tools to do the work I have in mind. What I need is “TIME.”

* I have not been successful in finding any additional old Policy Reports compiled by Claire Barr while she was Recording Secretary/Policy Chair. I have only one set. In looking at the Barr set and the reports produced by Mike Lowe while he held the Policy Chair, it is clear that the speed by which the world has changed in the past decade and a half, has rendered a fair number of “operation policies” adopted in the early 90s, either no longer relevant or in serious need of rethinking or restatement.

* I again ask the question I asked last Spring: Should the Board address the question of “policy life?”

1) How far back should we seek policy positions? Should we set a “cut-off” date?

What date? Does that date differ depending on the subject of the policy?

2) Will many old policies still be relevant? Will they need restating, reconstruction or removal?

AND,

3) Do old policies need to be evaluated for their potential to thwart new thinking. rethinking and or reformulating?

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. (Although I certainly need all the time I can gather for this task, regrettably, that time has turned out to be longer than I originally anticipated.)

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Jeanne Clay Plank, Immediate Past President