

RVP-CounselorReport-Spring2010
Rita Gormley, RVP Counselor

THE RVP COUNSELOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES ARE:

1. To serve as advisor to RVP Board of Counselors as a continuing representative from the AIS Board of Directors. The RVP Counselor provides continuity. While the RVP Counselor may serve in that position for as long as 6 years, the RVP Rep holds a one-year only position.

Spring 2010 Convention-RVP Reception (second time) will be held Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 8:00 am - 9:00 am and the RVP Board of Counselors Meeting - (All RVPs) at 9:00 am - 10:30 am. Minutes of the 2009 Meeting and Agenda for the 2010 Meeting will be provided.

AIS Board members are urged to attend to answer any questions in their area of expertise!! This especially includes (as usual): Treasurer, Legal Counsel, Insurance, Symposium, Affiliation

2. To assist and advise RVPs -- new and old -- who may need guidance on reports and services that are expected as a part of that office.

RVP e-mail list has been established and a RVP Newsletter was sent in November 2008, February, April, August and October 2009, March and May 2010 dealing with current issues and gathering information through questionnaires.

Developed important "RVP Welcome" package to be send to all new RVPs including the current annotated revision of the RVP HANDBOOK plus RVP Group e-mail list instructions and most recent RVP Newsletter.

****AGENDA ITEM – need official new Revised RVP HANDBOOK AS MANY PROCEDURE ITEMS HAVE CHANGED (Membership, Judges Etc.) since October 2002.*

Committee Appointed by Dr. E. Roy Epperson, Fall 2009 AIS Board Meeting

Rita Gormley-RVP Counselor/RVP Handbook Revision Chair
Judy Keisling, Judges Chair
Paul Gossett, Convention Liasion
Jeanne Plank, IPP-AIS Policy Chair
Brad Kasperek, AIS Affiliations Chairman
Jody Nolin, AIS Affiliates Liasion
Debbie Strauss, AIS RVP Rep 2009-2010

Draft has already been completed with input from most but not all Committee Members and is not completed and ready for AIS Board vote prior to the Spring 2010 Board Meeting The Committee will work diligently on this item over the

summer and present a “Final Draft” to the AIS BOD to be voted upon at the Fall 2010 Board Meeting.

3. To offer assistance to RVPs or to refer them to the appropriate AIS committee for assistance in dealing with various problems related to administering their Region.

Worked closely with Affiliation Chair Brad Kasperek and all RVPs to get the Affiliation Reports completed, although not in record time.

Work continues with the Tall Bearded Symposium Chair Gerry Snyder to assist the RVPs in gathering ballots and reporting the results in an effort to greatly increase the participation of the membership.

NEW PROJECT-TO BE READY JULY 2010

NEW AFFILIATE PACKAGE –Working with Bob Plank, AIS Tax Exemption Advisor and Brad Kasperek , Affiliation Chair to produce a simple, easy to follow procedure for new AIS Affiliates. This will include a template “By Laws Draft” that meets IRS 501 (c) (3) requirements so the new Affiliate can be eligible for the AIS Master filing with the IRS. This template will also (by popular request!) assist current Affiliates that need/want to update their current Bylaws.

AIS is encouraging all Affiliates to process the paperwork to Bob Plank to be eligible for this IRS designation.

4. To maintain a list of all incumbent RVPs, the region they serve, their term of service, and all current information for communication purposes -- such as home and email addresses, telephone and any other communication resources. Promptly after the Fall AIS Board Meeting when RVPs are confirmed, send the updated RVP list to the Editor, Website Manager where it is available to all (also to AIS Executive Committee and all RVPs) Update to the Electronic Services Chair, the e-mail addresses for the rups@aisboard.org list.

Verified all RVP contact information and sent updated list for the Bulletin and Website as well as to the Executive Committee and RVPs. Copy of current list is attached.

5. To gather the names annually of all new and returning, RVPs selected by their respective regions to serve for the coming year, and to submit those names to the AIS Board of Directors at their Fall meeting for approval.