

## **SECTION LIAISON REPORT – Spring 2010**

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Communication with the nine iris Sections and two Cooperating Societies continues to be the major challenge of this American Iris Society function. Each Section and Cooperating Society has its own purpose, focus and newsletter/bulletin in which to expound their ideas. Many of their members, just like in most AIS affiliates, are non-AIS members. Many of these folks are content with this arrangement and lack a global view of the *Iris* genus. They really have no idea about the many other exciting things in our iris world that they are missing.

In this function I try to provide information to and publicity for the Sections and Cooperating Societies and their membership. Between my wife Jean and me, we belong to all groups so that we receive their publications, yet we do not know if information we provide is considered by the individual officers and boards, i.e., important things such as sending “un-reimbursed expense” letters acknowledging volunteer services performed, and information on the AIS Treasurer filing of 2010 Forms 990N for all affiliates, Regions and Sections with a separate Federal Tax ID#.

As I stated before, the presidents of the Sections and Cooperating Societies have the ultimate responsibility for communicating with AIS and its Section & Cooperating Society Liaison. This report will be provided to them and be available during our **Section & Cooperating Society Meeting Tuesday, June 1, 2010 from 7:30pm to 8:30pm**. Program topics for this meeting include a presentation on the AIS Encyclopedia Wiki, as well as general topics of increasing Section/Cooperating Society membership, Fund Raising, and furthering Scholarships and/or Iris Research.

There will be elections of new officers in some Sections such as HIPS, DIS and MIS. Changes to any office holders or membership/editorial functions will be assembled for future publication. DIS has a new editor, David Miller of Springfield, Illinois

The April 2010 *Section Happenings* column in the AIS *Bulletin* was number nineteen in my series begun in October 2005 at the request of then AIS president Jeanne Plank. I will be going off the AIS Board of Directors at the Fall 2010 meeting so this is my last year to perform this function. I hope you have enjoyed reading my column as much as I have enjoyed researching and writing it. I have met and communicated with some amazing and talented folks in the past five years.