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Registrar-Recorder — John Jones

Transfer of Duties

The transfer of duties of the Registrar-Recorder from Mike and Anne Lowe to John Jones was effected July 15, 2011. Mike Lowe continues to be of great assistance in dealing with some of the unusual situations that come up.

Foreign Registrations

The country Associate Registrars were notified of the change in registration fees and have, by and large, have accepted them without undue stress. The notable exception was the BIS which either did not get the message sent by Mike Lowe in July, prior to turnover, or misunderstood the situation and thought that the change in fee structure would not be implemented until next year. In my recent communications with the BIS Associate Registrar I believe the situation is resolving itself.

The registration fee has seemed to decrease the number of registrations from certain locations. If I may quote one of the Associate Registrars: “[The number of registrations is] less than last year, but I’m sure that they are better in quality.” I estimate that this year we will have less than 900 registrations as compared to 1342 last year.

PayPal Registration Payments

I have successfully set up a PayPal webpage for the country Associate Registrars to use to pay the \$10.00 fee to the AIS (keeping the additional \$5.00 fee for the country Iris Society. I also have a PayPal webpage set up for foreign registrants in locations where there is no Associate registrar to make the \$15.00 Registration payment through PayPal. These two payment portals seem to be working well. I have received payments from Russia, Middle Europe, France, Australia, New Zealand and China and expect one from Great Britain shortly.

The November first deadline for receiving the annual registrations has been implemented seemingly with out much consternation on the part of most of the registrants.

Thanks

I wish to express my thanks to Mike Lowe for his outstanding design and implementation of a database system for managing the registrations. It is a comprehensive system that provides cross checks and validations that make the recording of the information much easier and accurate.