This has been a quiet winter season.
After the fireworks of last year, I'm not complaining.

Affiliates mailing group –
The group was used this winter to:

- Announce the 2011 TB symposium ballot,
- Announce the MIS Median Heaven,
- Remind folks to vote the by-laws ballot,
- Quash a scam affecting a member,
- Publicize the 2010 R&I, and unfortunately
- Confirm the passing of irisarians.

There has been virtually no controversy in the group. I'm totally surprised.
The mailing list needs to be updated. There is a timing issue, since most clubs have their elections at their fall business meeting, and AIS does not formally hear about it until affiliation time.
The Affiliation chair and I will be working on all the updates for new presidents during the convention.

I am attaching a list of the current mailing group members. There are some past-presidents on the list, which is fine by me. It's another way to reach the members.
The blank spots on the list are clubs that either have bad email addresses, are out of date, or have folks who have asked to be removed from the list. It would be great to find a contact for them, perhaps one of the other officers.
There are some email address with no names attached. Those came from inheriting the RVP list, mostly.

Affiliate forum –
The forum has only 26 members, not what you would call a stunning success. So far there has been some discussion on germinating seed (viewed 83 times), programs for the public (viewed 79 times) and fundraising (viewed 154 times). Good thing it's free!
Debbie Straus and Cheryl Deaton are the top posters. Thanks, ladies.
I've asked the iris editors to include a blurb about it in their newsletters.

Tool kit items –
With the launch of the wonderful new AIS website, the visibility of the tools already available has increased. Instead of promoting a new tool kit, I'd like to really push for people to use what we have now, and perhaps step up to expand it.

What to do in 2011?
Last year we polled the clubs for issues. We can repeat that.
We could also explore the POD issue.
Other ideas would be most welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
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