

# Awards Report, Fall 2013

At our Spring convention some medals were not available for presentation to the winners. I had not properly nagged one of the sections, and I had a misunderstanding on how the Wister Medals were being handled (TBIS has been paying for them, but the Awards chair has been handling their ordering). I am discussing with Hugh Stout (president of TBIS) on how to handle future Wisters, and all sections and cooperating societies will get ample reminders in the future.

This year again, there were more ballots not received than there should be. And again, it seemed to hit wives of other judges more than others. Next year I will have the printer send me a file showing the mailing labels that will be used, to try to figure out what is going on.

In its fourth year of operation the on-line voting system had more use (over 200 judges for the first time) and fewer problems than ever before.

Things are going well for getting the 2014 Ballot ready. The initial preparation work is done, and I just have to go over the various lists (first-year HM's are the laborious part, requiring going through both the 2011 and 2012 R&I's). I expect to have a draft ballot ready for review before the end of the year.

Last year I waited until the end of the grace period (for late membership renewals) before sending the ballot and judges list to the printer, so that I could have a final and complete list of judges. This led to the ballot going out later than is desirable. For next year the plan is to get an earlier (partial, but nearly complete) list of judges before the deadline and send that to the printer, and then mail out ballots for late renewals myself.

I have received a few comments from RVP's that they miss having the on-line tabulation for the Symposium.

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