

# AIS Judges Report November 2, 2013

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## Current Status of Judges

There are 521 fully accredited judges being recommended for re-appointment and 44 apprentice judges being recommended for appointment for 2014. This is compared to 548 fully accredited judges and 41 apprentices for 2013. A comparison by status 2014 to 2013 is listed below.

Status	2014	2013	Change
Apprentices	44	41	+ 3
Garden/Exhibition	241	263	- 22
Master	229	234	- 5
Emeritus	35	35	- 0 -
Overseas	16	16	- 0 -
Retired	107	107	- 0 -

Number of Fully Accredited Judges and Apprentices by region:

Region	# (2014 / 2013)	Region	# (2014 / 2013)	Region	# (2013 / 2012)
1	25 / 26	12	14 / 15	24	3 / 7
2	30 / 32	13	47 / 48	33	4 / 5
3	18 / 19	14	47 / 46	36	1 / 1
4	33 / 31	15	26 / 28	39	1 / 1
5	30 / 31	17	27 / 31	43	1 / 1
6	32 / 36	18	45 / 45	45	2 / 2
7	34 / 39	20	14 / 12	47	2 / 2
8	14 / 14	21	11 / 11	53	4 / 4
9	25 / 28	22	32 / 32		
10	7 / 7	23	18 / 19		
11	17 / 16				

Causes for the decline in G/E judges is due to failure to pay dues, failure to vote the ballot 2 consecutive years and change in status to Master. Causes for the decline in Master judges is due to failure to pay dues, failure to vote the ballot 2 consecutive years, and death.

## Request for Consideration - Master Judges

At the Spring 2003 Board meeting, the Board voted to restrict Master Judges from receiving training credit for tutoring. Thus, the current Handbook reads: *When a Master Judge tutors an apprentice judge, the Apprentice receives training credit, the Master Judge does not.*

I have received several requests from regional JT chairs asking that this rule be rescinded and that Master Judges be allowed to earn credit for tutoring. With the decrease in the number of G/E judges since 2003, Master Judges are being called upon more often for tutoring and are sometimes reluctant to do so since they are not compensated in training hours for this service. Seven regions have more Master than G/E Judges (one region has no G/E judges) as shown on the chart below.

I don't recall the rationale for this restriction for Master Judges. Perhaps it was the concern that Master Judges would earn all of their required hours from tutoring. However, since that time, we now require one-hour of in-garden training for Master Judges every 3 year period.

Let's discuss whether the current rule should be changed.

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**Judges' Status By Region**

Region	A	G/E	M	E	Total
1	2	4	17	2	25
2	0	15	15	0	30
3	2	5	11	0	18
4	4	15	10	4	33
5	7	8	13	2	30
6	1	15	14	2	32
7	0	21	12	1	34
8	6	3	5	0	14
9	0	10	14	1	25
10	1	4	2	0	7
11	1	10	6	0	17
12	1	7	6	0	14
13	2	21	15	9	47
14	7	23	13	4	47
15	1	13	12	0	26
17	3	11	11	2	27
18	0	23	18	4	45
20	2	4	7	1	14
21	0	6	5	0	11
22	3	11	16	2	32
23	1	12	5	0	18
24	0	0	1	2	3