

Awards – Spring 2013

Things are in good shape this year. The files for the ballot were emailed to the printer on 1 April, and judges should have received their ballots a week or so ago (as of meeting time, that is). The on-line voting system may even be up and running.

The draft ballot sent out in late January had a couple errors concerning Barry Blyth irises introduced by Keith Keppel. They have been corrected.

So as far as I can tell, everything is in good shape for the 2013 voting.

I am in the process of tracking down the HC, HM, and AM certificates. They have not been sent out for the last three years, and I intend to catch up.

I would like to make one request: that the membership chair think about how much work it would be to assign a unique ID number to each member. It would save me some number of hours each year in keeping track of judges. The current membership ID number does not suffice because both members of a couple share the same number. And a new number seems to be assigned when someone switches from being a real member to being an e-member. Because of this, I have to do my main checks between my database of judges from last year and the new spreadsheet of judges using names. But names change, too-- Jane <--> Mrs. John, middle initials get dropped or added, So I have to do comparisons on both ID and name, and resolve the differences before I can start to merge the data between the two sources. I am not asking for immediate action, just consideration.

Gerry Snyder
Awards chair