

Report of the Registrar-Recorder and Registrations Committee

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Status

The fillable PDF iris registration form which can be filled out electronically with Adobe Reader is being used on a limited, but successful basis. At some point we should be able to extract the data and add it to the database electronically, but that is a ways away and has several hurdles to overcome.

To date we have received 711 registrations and 261 reserves. The numbers have increased slightly from the 581 Registrations and 168 Reserves reported this time last year. Considering the variability from year to year and the timing within the year I do not find these differences significant. We have a backlog of about 200 registrations.

To date we have received about \$7150 in North American registrations and reserves and about \$3950 in foreign registrations and reserves. (The Registrar's fiscal year differs from the AIS Treasurer's fiscal year.)

I understand that people want the R&I in time for Spring shows. There are a few shows prior to April and I have been making good progress getting the R&I out earlier each year. The major issue seems to be whether or not an iris has been introduced in the prior year and thus qualified to be entered on the show bench as other than a seedling. I am considering whether it would be possible in March to produce a PDF list of the introductions for the prior registration year for use by show personnel to qualify show entries.

We are looking at ways we could have other individuals at remote locations (meaning not at our house) help with this process and there are some possibilities, BUT the integrity of the master database is my responsibility and I need to be sure that whatever I do that database is secure, and that whomever might have access to it understands the very complex set of guidelines, procedures, and procedures that are associated with it. To implement this would require some additional software and hardware. I will investigate the costs and provide further information.

Respectfully submitted,
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