CONSOLIDATED EXHIBITIONS REPORT - SPRING 2015

SCHEDULES - Lois Rose

As of this writing (April 21, 2015), I have approved 120 shows for the 2015 show season, 16 fewer shows than I had approve by this date last year. I anticipate receipt of a few more approval requests for spring shows, in addition to the usual 2-3 fall shows, but it would appear that there will be fewer shows approved over all this year than in the previous four years I have done this job. Four groups that sponsored two shows last year are sponsoring only one this year.

About 80% of the schedules have been sent to me via e-mail this year, which saves everyone a little postage and speeds up the process a bit. Of the 20% I received via US Postal Service, all but seven included an e-mail address to which I could send the electronic Show Supplies Order Form and Show Report Form.

Since the electronic forms seems to be working well, it might be time to consider make them available through the AIS website. The Show Report Form remains the same form from year-to-year, but the Show Supplies Order Form would have to be updated at the website each year as prices and shipping and handling costs change.

SUPPLIES - Susan Boyce

The number of orders that I usually receive are down quite a bit this year. I expect a full 20% decrease in the number of orders received and also the money received will be substantially less than expected for this fiscal year. Ribbon and rosette orders are down, but the number of entry tags ordered is high this year. My supply of entry tags is getting low and I will need to order more before the end of 2015. About half of the ITJs that have been sent out, have been ones that were purchased.

SHOW REPORTS - Karen and Ramon Jones

The 2014 Exhibition Reports have been completed and published in the *IRISES* Winter 2015 issue. Copies of the 2014 Exhibition Reports have been provided to John Jones for addition to the AIS Website in the Membership Services section under Exhibition Reports.

2015 Show reports are starting to come in. The new medals have been received by Capital Medals and are being shipped to us for arrival here within a week.

Looking ahead, if AIS decided to eliminate medals and replace them with a pin

for recognition of the winners of the most Blue Ribbons in a show, a change probably needs to be made to the name of the award. The Show Report form will need to be revised for 2016 and beyond.

Also something will need to be done to replace the Bronze Medal award for Educational and Commercial Exhibits. Most Shows provide a certificate and not a Bronze Medal, but a few purchase Bronze Medals each year for presentation to the person who prepares an outstanding display.