

President's Report to the November 2017 AIS Board Meeting, Dallas, Texas

As President, I have been in contact with various board members and committee heads, regarding aspects of their responsibilities for AIS. Rather than comment on these consultations and discussions, I will defer to the reports of individuals and committees, reflecting the work and results on various projects. I prefer to add comments, where appropriate, at the time of the report of the individual or committee.

Contracts signed and/or extended

Biodiversity Heritage Library (BHL) License Agreement – Allowing the AIS Bulletin to be added to the BHL, while embargoing the most recent ten years of Bulletin issues.

Teleconferences: Since the spring convention, I have conducted three teleconference board meetings. These were in July, August, and September, and all were well attended by board members and other attendees. Each meeting was about one hour in length and allowed the board discussion time and actions on a variety of topics.

I have accepted the resignation of individuals, responsible for various positions in AIS. In addition, a few others have requested that we find personnel replacements for their positions.

Among these resignations or request for personnel replacements are:

Janet Smith has resigned her positions as manager of the AIS Photo Contest.

The Photo Contest is being reviewed by the Strategic Planning Committee.

So this position is on hold until that review and recommendations are completed.

The position of Manager of Iris Resources-Digital Programs/Slides has been open, though Janet Smith has been handling the sales of digital programs until recently.

Bulletin Advertising. Ron Killingsworth has been continuing to manage Bulletin Ads.

But, he has asked that we find a replacement for this position.

Section and Cooperating Society Liaison. Jody Nolin has requested that a replacement be made for this position. This is a BOD position as are those for Affiliates and RVPs.

Silent Auction. Debra Strauss and Nick Stewart have completed six years as managers of the Silent Auction. The Des Moines convention was their last. New managers of the Silent Auction are needed.

Convention Liaison. Paul Gossett has continued in this position, but has informed us that he needs to step down in the near future. Paul is the Co-chair of the New Orleans convention, and is working with the 2019 convention. A Committee/team approach is recommended to replace this position.

Legal Advisor. Veronica Johnson has requested that we replace her position as legal advisor effective July 1 of 2018. As of that date, Veronica will complete six years as the AIS legal advisor.

Replacement appointments for some of these positions will be announced at the Dallas board meeting, or later, when replacements are identified.

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