

Affiliates Report

Spring 2017

Affiliation Process

The 2017 Affiliation process is almost complete. There are 5 clubs outstanding as of May 5.

156 clubs have been processed.

1 New club was added, Heart of Iowa Iris Society

1 lapsed club has returned.

This year there was one region that had a prior RVP step up to do the job. Several RVPs had problems getting responses. Unfortunately, this is nothing new.

One chronic problem is the renewal date for club officers. They must be AIS members for the entire year. I have tried to assure them that early renewal does not 'lose' them any months. That seems to be a hard sell. I even had one RVP complain about it. I'm pretty lenient if the membership expires in the last quarter of the year, but we had some expiring in April and May. Those I held for renewal prior to confirming affiliation. Any suggestions about this would be welcome.

Howie Dash's email group was very helpful in prodding a few folks along. Thanks, Howie.

All letters of confirmation were sent electronically. If any club needed a hard-copy, I was prepared to send it, but none asked. Therefore, there is only a very small budget for this process.

Other Affiliate Issues

I got very few calls this year for assistance. Most of them just needed to be pointed in the right direction to the person who could really help.

There was one club with a parliamentary issue that was referred to our legal counsel. She responded very promptly. Thank you, Veronica.

There may be more issues from the Affiliates meeting at the convention.

Respectfully submitted,

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