Awards Report, Spring 2017

Everything is looking good as of now. Despite some later-than-normal inputs, the printed ballot got mailed only a couple weeks later than desired.

After many years using a printer in High Point NC (dating back to the Roy Epperson era), I switched to a local printer for the ballot. The costs were higher than previously for three reasons: 1) some one-time artwork needed to set up the envelopes, 2) the need to do envelopes in multiples of 500 (this year 1500 were printed, but I have the extras so 1000 per year – 500 outgoing and 500 return – will be sufficient for several years into the future), and 3) the increase in the number of pages. This last item is the only one that will recur. BTW, the additional page has made setting up the ballot much more straightforward, and has allowed an increase in the spacing between lines, making it easier to read. Also, making almost the listings three columns means that almost all names fit on one line, leading to a neater look.

The on-line voting system is up and running. No problems have been reported. One unfortunate aspect of the system is that the login data are independent of Emembership logins. I briefly discussed the matter with Tom Gormley, and I have decided that if an Emember asks, I will change the voting login data to the Emember login. I am still not sure whether any action will be needed if an Emember judge switches to being a real member. I suspect not, as long as membership numbers never get reused.

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