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The July Newsletter will go to the printer and be on the website this week.

The Communications Committee is currently discussing newsletter cost issues and plans a survey of members in the fall. Some statistics relevant to the discussion:

Of the 674 current members, subscribers, and "gratis" newsletter recipients for 2008:

- -193 have designated "online only" for Newsletter
- -57 are Institutional members who pay more for memberships, \$50 \$125
 - -- of these institutional members, 3 designate "online only" for Newsletter
- -19 are paid subscriptions mainly universities in the US, plus one in Germany
- -37 are without e-mail addresses mainly retirees and trustees, but a couple others have asked for e-mail addresses to be removed
 - -39 are "gratis" by board action library education programs in the region receive these

Total cost for printing and mailing Newsletter 2007: \$8125.53

- -\$1563 for bulk mail
- -\$6562 for printing

Estimated cost for printing and mailing 2008: \$7500. (This is lower because more members have requested online only)

- -\$1600 for bulk mail
- -\$5900 for printing

Ad revenue for 2007 was \$675. Projected ad revenue for 2008 is \$770.

Bulk mail permit will be \$180 for 2009 and is due in November. In order to keep a bulk mail permit we have to do at least one mailing a year of at least 200 pieces

My thanks to everyone on the board for your ongoing submissions and photos!

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