

## 2010 Secretary's Report

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### Membership:

The general membership trend for the past several years has remained the same. Renewals are slow until the competition season begins then things tend to improve as members renew to avoid having to pay the non-member penalty fee.

This year's renewals are the lowest they have been for the same date since the data has been collected (2008). If past years are any indication, the numbers will improve in the next few months.

There is a possibility that the current low renewals are a reflection of the relative lack of enthusiasm for this year's annual meeting. There is anecdotal evidence that passionate interest in an issue to be decided at the annual meeting motivates some renewals so the members may vote at the meeting.

I will continue to include this graph in the agenda and minutes of each Board call in 2011 so we are all kept aware of the trend.

### Telephone Numbers:

Effective September 2010, the Congress has a toll-free phone number to service general membership and Registry calls. The phone number is **866-292-0009**. Extension #1 is the general membership line and Extension #2 is the Registry line.

The Board conference calls will continue to be hosted by FreeConferenceCall.com using the same number as last year, **218-339-2500**. This number and the Congress PIN are available to any Regional Club or committee that would like to use the service. However, as the company's name implies, the conference line is free so anyone may simply subscribe to a new line instead of sharing the Congress line.

