

American Philatelic Society  
Board of Director's Meeting  
September 29, 2008

Board members present - Michael Dixon, Janet Klug, Joann Lenz, Nick Lombardi, Robert Odenweller, Steven Rod, Wade Saadi, Denise Stotts, David Straight, Danforth Walker, Wayne Youngblood.

Invited Guests - Dealer Representative Jim Dempsey, Legal Counsel Virginia Eisenstein.  
Staff Present: Executive Director Peter Mastrangelo, Deputy Executive Director Ken Martin, Controller/Director of Internal Operations Rick Banks, *American Philatelist* Editor Barb Boal, Director of Expertizing Mercer Bristow, Director of Sales Tom Horn

Others Present: John Cropper, Dennis Gilson, Kurt Lenz, Foster Miller, Rick Miller, Steve Schumann, Herb Trenchard

**Call to Order** - Wade Saadi called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

**Appointment to Fill Vice President Vacancy** - Wade noted that the vice president must work as a team with the other two vice presidents and is not an independent position in the sense of a Director-at-Large or even the Secretary. Thus he solicited input from vice presidents Steve Rod and David Straight. Based on their feedback Wade has asked Nicholas A. Lombardi to fill the vacant position as one of the three vice presidents of the APS. Before a motion or discussion Wade asked Steve Rod to provide background info on Nick.

Steve indicated that although he hopes we never have to go through this process again, it was very encouraging to see all the interest in the position as many people suggested others and expressed interest themselves. Steve said that he and David literally reviewed hundreds of names.

Nick has been a member of the APS since 1992 and has been actively involved in organized philately at the local, regional, and national levels for quite some time. He has been the President of the Westfield (NJ) Stamp Club – an APS chapter – for the past eight years and, prior to that, had served as its Treasurer. At the regional level, he has been a member of the Board of Directors of NOJEX, a WSP show, since 2001. At the national level, Nick has been the President of the United States Stamp Society – an APS affiliate – for five years, having served on the Board of Governors prior to that. He is also the Chairman of the Second Bureau Issue Committee within the USSS. For the past two years, Nick has also been a Board member of the Collectors Club.

Nick collects and exhibits United States stamps, with an emphasis on the Second Bureau Issue (Series 1902) and registered mail. He has written numerous articles on various topics within these areas and received the USSS Hopkinson Literature Award in 2005. His articles have appeared in *The United States Specialist*, *The Philatelic Exhibitor*, and *The Collectors Club Philatelist*.

Nick is a retired special agent for the Internal Revenue Service and currently works for the Postal Inspection Service.

Steve Rod moved and Wayne Youngblood seconded a motion to approve President Saadi's

appointment of Nicholas Lombardi to fill the vacancy as one of the three members of the APS Board of Vice Presidents. There being no discussion Wade asked Wayne to conduct a roll call vote. The vote was unanimous, 9-0.

Virginia Eisenstein indicated that since the three vice presidents do not all reside within 200 miles of each other that per the bylaws Nick needs to send a written letter to the APS president indicating that he agrees to meet in person with the other two vice presidents at least once every 60 days. Nick was aware of the requirement and intends to quickly provide the written letter.

Wade asked if Nick had to be sworn in. Virginia indicated that this is not a requirement.

**Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition Awards** - At last week's Board meeting it was suggested that the Volunteer Recognition Awards, which Nick pushed so hard to have implemented, be named in his honor. David Straight moved and Janet Klug seconded that the awards be named the Dr. Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition Awards. Peter Mastrangelo said he spoke with Betsey Carter earlier today and she felt it more appropriate if the naming did not include "Dr." In light of this information David and Janet amended their motion to omit "Dr" from the name..

Steve Rod said that when awards are given out far too often no background information is provided about the individual for whom awards have been named and hopes we will pay careful attention to share with future collectors about Nick. Michael Dixon cited the Luff Awards as a perfect example.

Hearing no discussion Wade asked Wayne to do a roll call vote. The motion was unanimously approved 10-0. (On this motion Nick Lombardi was eligible to vote and the President only votes in the case of a tie.)

Wade asked the staff to provide a link to the nomination forms along with the announcement of the naming of the awards on the APS website. Peter Mastrangelo indicated that this would be done and that news of the naming and the upcoming deadline for nominations would be included in the October e-newsletter.

Steve Rod expressed concern that in recent years the pool of Kehr Future of Philately nominees has shrunk considerably and asked if Joann Lenz would be available for a conference call with him and MaryAnn Bowman. Joann said she would be happy to participate in such a call and asked that Ken Martin be kept advised.

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Bob Odenweller, seconded by Denise Stotts and unanimously approved by a voice vote at 3:21 pm.