

APS General Membership meeting

Arlington Convention Center

Arlington, Texas

Saturday, February 21, 2009

Meeting called to order by President Wade Saadi at 9 a.m.

Directors present: David Straight, Nick Lombardi, Wayne Youngblood, Dan Walker, Joann Lenz, Michael Dixon, Denise Stotts, Janet Klug

I. President's Welcome and Introductions (Saadi)

II. Introductions of staff (Mastrangelo)

III. Introductions of show officers (Saadi)

IV. Membership awards (Saadi & Mastrangelo)

a. 25-year members present

134111 Mr. Joseph D. Bennett

131554 Mr. John S. Broberg

131191 Mr. Jon M. Cagley

134154 Mr. James M. Camak, Jr.

132217 Ms. Virginia B. Eisenstein

132718 Mr. John C. Foster

132201 Mr. Michael J. Ley

130938 Mr. Ronald E. Maifeld

133420 Mr. James E. McDevitt

134926 Mr. Mark A. Strain

133880 Mr. Peter N. Waitt

134076 Mr. Robert J. Zamen

b. 50-year member present

0309028 Mr. Alvin G. Hyman

038011 Mr. John A. Lutz

V. Reports

President

Highlights of board meeting and actions, including...

Protection of judges clause...

end of March launch for all about stamps.com

joint APS/APRL meeting

Board of vice Presidents

28 cases past 1 ½ years

1. Some cases are simple misunderstandings/ commit things to paper
2. Circuit sales complaints
3. Tried to review procedures to reduce problems

Secretary

Brief report, keeps minutes and signs official documents

Treasurer

Quick review of 2008 performance

Shortfall due heavily to greater-than-normal membership loss

Society Attorney

Lawrence case update

Layoff case updates

Contracts with realtor

Executive Director

- Membership report and efforts to promote membership
- Website update
- *AP* advertising was at record last year
- Education department, sold-out Summer Seminar, seminars on the road.
- Expertizing numbers are down slightly, but Quick ID service is up.
- ISU sales are down slightly, but still second-best year.
- Shows are up
- Upcoming events at APC, WE group, Summer Seminar, Postal History symposium, Classics Society show

VI. New business

Saadi began exploration of membership recruitment. Strong suggestion that members work hard at recruiting new members. Spoke of diversification as sources of new members. Open to suggestions from the floor. Several members shared experiences, including signing family up, promotion at shows (some dealer bourses are now offering free table space if someone will represent), take non-collecting friends to nearby shows, connect with other specialty organizations, greeting new people at local shows (an unusual thing), giving new attendees at shows local club information, working with local historical societies,...

VII. Questions from the floor

VIII. Adjournment by lowest membership number

Motion to adjourn by member #29827 Bill McDaniel