

APS and APRL Board Meeting Summaries

The APS Board of Directors met on Wednesday, August 13 for seven and a half hours. Actions taken:

- Approved Minutes from May 9th Bellefonte meeting, E-mail acceptance of the Internet Stamp Dealers Association as a new affiliate, May 28 Executive session and June 25 and June 30 approving Link Website contract.
- Heard reports from our Society Attorney, Executive Director, and Treasurer..
- APS Dealer Representative, Jim Dempsey, shared his concerns of philatelic preservation. The Committee for Preservation and Care of Philatelic Materials will be asked to review the concerns and suggestions.
- The Board received recommendations from dealer representative Jim Dempsey and approved staff implementation of changes for dealer recognition. Changes include a small annual fee and issuance of a dealer member card.
- Based on Jim Dempsey's indication that dealers are strongly against early show entry for APS members, this suggestion was not passed.
- Approved the Appointments of:
 - Terry S. Watson as FIP Rep for Maximaphily Commission
 - Larry Fillion as Chairman of the Technology Committee and accepted their Mission statement.
 - Bobby Liao approved as Chairman for the Translation Committee
 - Carol Edholm approved as Chairman of the Entry Level Collecting Committee which we also received their charge for action.
- Approved two new Affiliates
 - Methodist Philatelic Society
 - Mourning Stamps & Covers Club
- Approved Sacramento, California as the location for Stampshow 2012.
- Steve Reinhard reported on the Exhibiting Task Force and WSP Show Proposals.
 - The Board approved a new uniform exhibiting evaluation form for all categories of exhibits at national shows other than youth. The new form will be implemented following the release of new edition of the judging manual next year.
 - The Board approved changes in guidelines for WSP shows including allowing the option for two day shows with a smaller number of judges.
- Alex Haimann and Gretchen Moody presented a proposal for a Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship Program. The program will provide opportunities for collectors aged 13-24 to develop into tomorrow's leaders and serve as mentors for other young collectors. \$25,000 will be needed to fund the program for the first year and the Board has allocated \$5,000 with the remainder to be raised.
- Discussed current policy for Board meetings to be open with a few stated exceptions including contract discussions and affirmed that notice should be provided of all Board meetings including the nature of the agenda for meetings held in Executive Session.
- Encouraged Board members to spend time at APS show booths to meet and greet members and to visit with dealers and thank them for their participation.

The APRL Board of Trustees met on Friday, August 15 for two hours. Actions taken:

- Approved January 11, 2008 and May 28, 2008 minutes.
- Heard reports from the Library Administrator, Society Attorney, Librarian, Treasurer, and *Philatelic Literature Review Editor*.
- Approved the concept of a “union” catalog to include the holdings of the APRL and other philatelic libraries likely including the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library, the Postal History Foundation, the Collectors Club of New York, and hopefully others.
- Approved a concept paper on increasing use of volunteers with particular focus on cataloging. Key to the success will be an updated table of authorities.
- Approved the naming of the Michael Rogers Asian Reference Collection and the Hugh (Mel) Goldberg Album Reference Collection.
- Reviewed the status of the Library Life Member Fund and approved guidelines for transfer of funds to the Operating Budget to pay for the benefits received by life members.
- Established new Library life member rates and voted to not accept any further life membership from organizations.
- Revised the honoraria policy for *Philatelic Literature Review* authors to be consistent with the Library’s Ethics Policy.
- Discussed ways to encourage increased use of the Library