

**Minutes of the APRL Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, August 10, 2007
Stampshow 2007, Portland, Oregon**

Meeting was called to order by President Ken Grant at 2:06 p.m. PDT.

Trustees present: President Ken Grant, Roger Brody, Ken Lawrence, Peter Martin, David Straight, Roger Schnell, Herb Trenchard and Dan Walker. **Absent:** Charles Peterson. **Others present:** APRL Administrator Peter Mastrangelo, APRL Attorney Virginia Eisenstein, Librarian Gini Horn, Jack Flannery, Rob Haeseler, Rich Drews, Janet Klug

1. Approval of Minutes:

Dan Walker moved approval of the minutes of the Riverside Board meeting and the e-mail vote, seconded by Ken Lawrence. Motion passed unanimously

2. Reports

a. Administrator

Mr. Mastrangelo reported that the renovations to the American Philatelic Center are progressing on schedule. He announced that there will be a dedication of the Gordon and Mary Morison Pavilion during Aerophilately 2007 on October 20. He reported that the exterior shell of the Headsville Post Office would be installed and the St. Louis Patio completed. He indicated that he had also met with the architects to update renderings to the APS/APRL portion of the complex.

He reported that we have just come off a successful first six months of fund raising, with the best July ever, with over \$98,000 in contributions. For the year thus far we have received \$308,000 from over 1500 contributors.

Mr. Mastrangelo shared the recap of strategic plan discussions from the meeting in Riverside.

b. APRL Attorney

Virginia Eisenstein reported that there was no litigation or material claims pending against the APRL.

c. Librarian

Gini Horn reported that library circulation has increased substantially over 2006, but has not rebounded to the level before we raised the fees in November 2005. We are watching paper prices which have risen considerably between December (\$19.99 per carton) to July (\$29.90 per carton). This may mean another fee increase in the not too distant future.

Our staff started working with Inmagic staff on conversion of our data from Inmagic DB/Textworkds to Inmagic Genie in April. The staff started to test and tweak the system in early May. By July 20 we re-sent our data for the final conversion; we expect to go live before August 31.

In July the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission notified us that we would receive \$5,000 to process the Daniel Hines Air Mail Archive which was donated to us in 2004. There would be an interim report due October 1, and a final report due June 30, 2008.

Subscriptions for the *Philatelic Literature Review* are down slightly from 2006.

3. Old Business

a. Document Retention Policy: Mr. Mastrangelo reviewed the proposed document retention policy. He indicated that the APS Board had approved the same policy with two additions: 1) under the "Litigation Hold" section, it will read, "The APS and APRL must retain all relevant documents when they believe or should have reason to believe that a claim may be filed by or against the company, or a governmental investigation may occur, or that the documents will become material at some point in the future." (underline indicates addition); 2) that the minimum time period for retaining complaint files be changed from 10 years to permanent.

The policy as amended was approved unanimously on a motion by Roger Schnell, seconded by Ken Lawrence.

b. Postal History Symposium. David Straight invited all to attend the Second Annual Postal History Symposium being held at the American Philatelic Center October 21-22, 2007. Plenary speakers for the Sunday evening session are Frank Scheer from the Railway Mail Service Museum, David Henkin from University of California at Berkeley, and Robert van der Linden from the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum.

c. Philatelic Literature Review Promotion. David Straight provided input from Barbara Boal, editor of the *Philatelic Literature Review*, on ideas to increase users and subscribers, ways to modernize the look of the PLR, and concerns and ideas on production and distribution. Included in the discussion was the idea of providing a small honorarium of \$75 for authors in the *PLR*, similar to the honorarium provided for articles in *The American Philatelist*. David Straight made the motion to authorize such an honorarium and Dan Walker seconded.. It passed unanimously.

Rich Drews, who was attending the meeting, suggested that we contact dealers to promote the *PLR* when they send e-mails to customers.

New Business

a. Daniel W. Vooy's Fellowship. It was moved by Roger Schnell that the APRL establish a fund in the name of Daniel W. Vooy's, and that contributors that met the qualifications would be designated Daniel W. Vooy's Fellows. The fund would be an endowment in which only the interest from the principal would be used for APRL expenses.

Qualifications for Fellows:

- 1). For current Patrons or Founders of the APRL: a \$4,000 one-time donation,

which could be paid over a 5 year period.

2). For non-Patrons or Founders: A \$5,000 one-time donation, which could be paid over a 5-year period..

Benefits of Daniel W. Vooy's Fellowship:

1). Automatically qualification as a Patron of the Library with all privileges of a Patron, to include vote for representatives on the APRL board of Trustees and eligibility to run for the Founder/Patron representative on the APRL board of Trustees.

2). Name on a Daniel W. Vooy's Plaque prominently displayed in the APS center.

3). Lifetime subscription to the *Philatelic Literature Review*.

4). A mounted picture frame, with picture of Daniel W. Vooy's, and the Fellow's name at the bottom, for the individual's personal use.

Motion seconded. by Dan Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

.b. Other:

Treasurer Dan Walker explained the financial documents distributed with the budget. Herb Trenchard expressed some concern that the *Philatelic Literature Review* was not mentioned as the library's publication in the Audit package. He was assured that this could be requested for the next audit..

It was suggested by David Straight that we should have at least an annual meeting of the philatelic libraries in the United States. That this meeting should not be in conjunction with a show, but rather at the various libraries around the country.

Establishment of a volunteer program and the topic of digital projects were discussed together, with the suggestion that digital projects could be provided by volunteers around the country, not just by volunteers at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte. Volunteers working at Bellefonte are, of course, encouraged to work with all the departments of the APS/APRL.

An informational discussion was held concerning the APRL serving as a repository for the papers of noted researchers. Information on this topic was in draft format. The board agreed in concept, but agreed that further discussions should take place with more specificity. It was requested that this topic be placed on the agenda for the winter meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina in January.

Appreciation of service for departing Trustees Ken Lawrence and David Straight, presented by president Ken Grant with unanimous approval of the Board:

**Resolution on the Completion of David Straight's
Term as Trustee**

Whereas David Straight has served six years as a member of the American Philatelic Research Library Board of Trustees ;

And Whereas during that time he has served as a tireless advocate for the library;

And Whereas he has brought his expertise in library science to the board positioning the APRL to take advantage of developments in library technology from shelving equipment to search software;

And Whereas he has taken his fiduciary responsibility seriously, supporting renovation phases when they proved financially prudent;

And Whereas he has contributed to the *Philatelic Literature Review* with regularity as well as planned joint APRL/APS—NPM symposia with enthusiasm;

And Whereas, he has mastered the intricacies of pneumatic posts and proved indifferent to the bleeps of e-mail inboxes;

And Whereas, David Straight has served on both the APRL and the APS Boards simultaneously, without stinting one or showing preference to the other;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT ON THE OCCASION OF DAVID STRAIGHT'S COMPLETION OF HIS TERM AS APRL TRUSTEE WE HIS FELLOW APRL BOARD MEMBERS DO HONOR HIM WITH GREAT PRAISE AND EXTEND TO HIM OUR BEST THANKS FOR HIS SERVICE.

**Resolution on the Completion of Ken Lawrence's
Term as Trustee**

Whereas Ken Lawrence has served six years as a member of the American Philatelic Research Library Board of Trustees ;

And Whereas during that time he has served as a tireless advocate for the library;

And Whereas he has fought vigorously for openness and transparency in the public activities of the APRL and APS;

And Whereas he has been a formidable spokesperson for transforming a crumbling 19th century match factory into a beautiful American Philatelic Center;

And Whereas he has warmed the Board at times with the heat of his arguments and been fearless in speaking his mind;

And Whereas, he has been living proof that all trustees are not grey-bearded men in three-piece suits but that one of them could be a grey-bearded man making a strange 1960s fashion statement;

And Whereas, Ken Lawrence, on the rare occasion, might be contentious, but never deviated from pursuing what he felt was right for the APRL and APS;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT ON THE OCCASION OF KEN LAWRENCE'S COMPLETION OF HIS TERM AS APRL TRUSTEE WE HIS FELLOW APRL BOARD MEMBERS DO HONOR HIM WITH GREAT PRAISE AND EXTEND TO HIM OUR BEST THANKS FOR HIS SERVICE.

Adjournment: Moved by Roger Schnell, seconded by Roger Brody. Meeting was adjourned 4:25 p.m. PDT, to be re-convened at 4:36 PDT with continuing and newly elected Board members.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger G. Schnell, MD
Secretary, APRL Board of Trustees.

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Others present: APRL Administrator Peter Mastrangelo, APRL Attorney Virginia Eisenstein, Librarian Gini Horn, Ken Lawrence, Dan Walker, Rich Drews.

New Members of the APRL Board were sworn in by APS/APRL Attorney Virginia Eisenstein.

Election of Board Officers: The following slate was moved by Herb Trenchard, seconded by Roger Schnell, and passed unanimously:

President:	Ken Grant
Vice President:	Roger Brody
Secretary:	Charles Peterson
Treasurer:	Jack Flannery

Adjournment: Moved by Roger Schnell, seconded by Roger Brody. Meeting adjourned 4:45 PM Pacific Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger G. Schnell, MD
Secretary APRL Board of Trustees.