

**Minutes of the American Philatelic Research Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Charlotte, North Carolina, January 11, 2008**

I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Ken Grant, President, at 2:00 p.m. EST, January 11, 2008.

Those present: Ken Grant, President; Trustees Jack Flannery, Rob Haeseler, Peter Martin, Charles Peterson, Roger Schnell (joined at approximately 2:15 p.m.), Herbert Trenchard and Dan Walker; Peter Mastrangelo, Administrator; Ken Martin, Deputy Administrator; Gini Horn, Director of Library Services; Rick Banks, Controller; Virginia Eisenstein, APS/APRL Attorney.

Absent: Trustee Roger Brody

• **Executive Session.** The meeting was immediately moved into executive session, for the purpose of providing Trustees specifics of tenant, fund-raising and related considerations. Executive session was terminated at 2:30 p.m., at which point the meeting was continued in open session.

The meeting was joined at this point by Nick Carter, APS President, and David Straight, APS Board member.

• **Open Session: President's Welcome.** After welcoming those present to the open session, President Grant remarked that the APS Board recently added the President of the APRL Board to the APS Board, in a non-voting capacity. He therefore suggested it would be appropriate to add the President of the APS to the APRL Board, in similar ex-officio capacity. So moved by Dan Walker, seconded by Herb Trenchard; passed unanimously.

Pete Mastrangelo and the APS and APRL presidents announced the intent to hold a joint meeting of the two boards at the 2008 StampShow, Hartford CT. The APS Board would meet Wednesday, and the joint meeting and the independent APRL Board meeting would be held Friday.

II. Approval of Minutes and other Vote. Minutes of the August 10, 2007 Board Meeting in Portland and the October 31, 2007 Teleconference Meeting were approved unanimously, as was the conduct of the executive session of the January 11 meeting.

III. Reports

• **Administrator:**

Pete Mastrangelo reported that the Smithsonian still had a limited hold on opening of the Headsville Post Office until the temperature/humidity stabilized. He anticipates a late February/early March opening. He also commented on tenant move into Buildings 15 and 16, and prospective interest in Building 10.

The immediate need at this point is roof renovation and repair for Buildings 6 (total replacement) and 14 (partial replacement + repair). Cost estimate by the APC architect and building contractor is approximately \$202,000, which can be met from currently available Campaign for Philately funds.. The Administrator (Mastrangelo), the APS and APRL Presidents (Carter and Grant, the Treasurers of both organizations (Walker and Flannery) and the chair of the Campaign for Philately (Peterson) met in conference call in December and approved the concept. The following motion is proposed in ratification of this action:

Moved, that the APRL ratify the decision of the Presidents, Treasurers and Campaign for Philately Chair to use approximately \$42,000 of APRL designated Campaign funds and \$33,000 of joint Campaign funds to rehabilitate Buildings 6 and 14 in a project currently estimated to cost approximately \$202,000 .

(Note: The APS Board met earlier, and has already approved a similar motion with respect to the APS share of Campaign funds.)

Dan Walker formally moved the motion, seconded by Herb Trenchard; passed unanimously.

Development will continue as funds allow. We are averaging \$600K donations per year. Our current goals are:

1. replace roofs on the remaining existing buildings
2. develop additional tenant space
3. raise funds for move of the library

• **APS Attorney:** Virginia Eisenstein reported that there is no current litigation involving the APRL. There is litigation against the APS and several of its officers; for further information, Trustees are referred to the Attorney's earlier report to the APS Board.

• **Treasurer:** The written financial statement for November 2007 shows nothing out of the ordinary; the APRL is within or perhaps slightly under budget. Jack Flannery reported that refinancing of loans would cost more; we have limited flexibility due to our debt load. The APRL is very limited in its ability to take on new initiatives.

• **Librarian:** Library circulation decreased slightly (17 requests - 1.1%) in 2007 compared with 2006. The new Inmagic *Genie* catalog and circulation management system went live in late August; note that regardless of system, bar coding of new materials and of circulating materials is a never-ending task for the library staff.

Since July 2007, the library has been funded for a modest grant to process the Daniel Hines Air Mail Archive. We applied for continuation of this grant. and will learn results of the request in Fall 2008. If successful, we should receive funding in October 2008, with grant end date of May 31, 2010.

The second annual Blount Postal History Symposium took place at the APC in October 2007, with more than 90 persons registered, and nearly 80 in attendance. This series of symposia is jointly sponsored by the APS/APRL and the National Postal Museum. The 2008 symposium will be held September 2008 at the National Postal Museum.

The APRL will host a meeting of philatelic librarians in Bellefonte, April 3-4, 2008.

IV. Old Business

• **Philatelic Literature Review:** Some changes planned. All Trustees challenged to submit an article or review. Small honoraria authorized for *PLR* authors (Board members are precluded

from receiving *PLR* honoraria). We will seek appropriate authorization for publication of submitted articles on our web site.

- **Vooyo Fellows:** A new category of APRL membership was established at the August 2007 Board meeting: for payment of \$5,000, applicants will be recognized as Vooyo Fellows. The following have signed up as Vooyo Fellows: William H. Bauer, Richard E. Drews, Alfredo Frohlich, Jon E. Krupnick, Alfred F. Kugel, Roger G. Schnell and Herbert A. Trenchard.

Individual Fellows will be provided a suitable plaque. and a separate plaque of fellows will be maintained within the APC. To promote the fellowship, the criteria and procedures will be published at least once per year in the *PLR*, on the APS/APRL web pages, and in the publicity brochure on the APRL under “membership categories.” Also, new Fellows will be announced in the *PLR* and should also be included in the annual Recognition Issue of the *AP*.

- **Volunteer programs.** David Straight presented a paper and led a thoughtful discussion on various ways in which volunteers could be effectively utilized for the APRL. Considerable attention was directed at use of volunteers for data entry and indexing; because of complexities and technical considerations, this was referred to committee, composed of Gini Horn, Charles Peterson and Herb Trenchard.. The committee will report at the Hartford Board meeting concerning progress.

- **Philatelic Research Archive:** The concept of the APRL serving as a repository/archive for research files, records and related material was previously advanced by Dick Winter and Tom Alexander. The practicalities (storage requirements, moving expense, maintenance, updating, etc.) were being explored by Charles Peterson using the records of those two specialists as examples. During that process, Tom Alexander advised that he had to move his records into commercial storage and wasn't interested in contributing any funding to have them moved and stored elsewhere, nor did he have an estimate on how many linear feet or other volume measurement the records took up. Dick Winter allowed that he wasn't really interested in this question, he was merely supporting Alexander. Since there is no apparent interest in this matter by the two who had initiated the question, this matter should be dropped from further consideration at this time.

V. New Business

- **Naming Opportunities:** Moved by Dan Walker, seconded by Herb Trenchard, to approve the naming of the Jim and Susanbeth Dempsey Reading Lounge, and the Charlie and Lanny Peterson Water Fountain. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Mortgage Commitment:** Virginia Eisenstein pointed out the need to formalize the loan from the APS for Building 10 construction, and proposed a *motion that the APRL President be authorized to enter into a mortgage for \$555K and to sign the promissory note.* Motion made by Charles Peterson, seconded by Dan Walker; motion passed unanimously.

VI. Adjournment. Roger Schnell moved adjournment of the meeting, seconded by Dan Walker; motion passed. President Grant declared the meeting closed..

Respectfully submitted,

Charles J. Peterson, Secretary