APS Election Results and Leadership

Well, the voting is over and the results are in! The APS membership has selected its Board of Directors and Officers for the 2011–2013 term. On Saturday morning August 13th, at the Annual Meeting in Columbus Ohio, the new Board will be sworn in.

Our new board is diverse and comes in, age wise, way below the Society average of 66 to 67 years of age. Actually, only a couple of the new Board members are at or above the average age. This is very different from the past (10 to 25 years ago), when the vast majority of the board members was much older. The range of the new Board is 46 to 69 years, which will bring input and opinion from a cross-section and not a single viewpoint. I am excited and look forward to working together with the new team.

It is time to take a minute to introduce you to the new board. Only two positions are unchanged; I was re-elected as President and Nick Lombardi was re-elected as part of the three-member team comprising the Board of Vice Presidents. A quick glance below will supply some info on the new team. The leadership positions they hold within our hobby is staggering.

Board of Vice Presidents

Nick Lombardi — Incumbent APS Chair of the Board of Vice Presidents. Current President of the United States Stamp Society and the Westfield Stamp Club.


Mark Banchik — New APS Board member. Current President of the American Airmail Society and the American Philatelic Congress; past President of MEPSI.

Secretary

Ken Grant — New APS Board member. In the past has served as President and Secretary of the American Philatelic Research Library and on the Long-Range Planning Committee. Currently serves on APS Campaign for Philately Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Personnel Committee.

Treasurer

Kathryn Johnson — 2009–2011 APS Director at Large. Serves on the APS Finance Committee and the Audit Committee. Previous service includes the APS/APRL Long-Range Planning Committee and President of the Junior Philatelists of America.

To me, it is all about leadership. Leaders know how to listen; that is how they learn. They know how to work in teams and build consensus; that is how they accomplish. They know how to be enthusiastic; that is how they motivate. They know how to share; that is how they engender others. They know how to be inclusive; that is how they are able to lead effectively.
Directors at Large

**Edgar Hicks** — New APS Board member. Previously Vice President and Show Chairman of the Omaha Philatelic Society.

**Kristin Patterson** — New APS Board member. Director of Westpex Committee and Program Editor. Past President and Secretary of the Sequoia Stamp Club and Chair of its Penpex stamp show.

**Dan Walker** — 2007–2011 APS Treasurer. Currently Chairs the APS Finance Committee and past service includes APRL Treasurer, APS/APRL Long-Range Planning Committee.


Immediate Past President


This 2011 election will be the last one with two-year terms. The Bylaws changes were adopted by the membership, so in the 2013 election and going forward, successful candidates will be elected for three-year terms. More details about the candidates and the particulars of the term length and term limits can be found at [Www.stamps.org/Election-Results](http://Www.stamps.org/Election-Results).

On the APRL Board side, Patricia Stilwell Walker was elected Trustee by the APS membership. Roger Schnell was elected Trustee by the Founder/Patron/Vooy's Fellows of the APRL. As President of the APS, I get to name an APRL Trustee and have nominated Roger Brody and the APS Board has approved my nomination.

The outgoing APS Board has done a marvelous job over the past two years and I offer my thanks to them for their hard work and diligent effort. The Society is taking the path less traveled and is emerging as a healthy and fiscally sound organization. I offer kudos to the Board and to the Staff for their contributions to this outcome and for helping to chart the new course.

**Staff Spotlight**

**Becky Magyar, Assistant to the Executive Director**

When attending college for a degree in law, I could have never guessed that one day I would be doing social media and assisting with fund raising for a stamp collecting organization. Life is funny like that, though. Just when you think you know what you are doing and where you are going, an unexpected opportunity reroutes you in a different direction. In my case, the APS has offered me new friendships, expanded horizons, and more information on stamps than I ever knew existed. As the Assistant to the Executive Director — Ken’s assistant — I have a wide range of activities that I participate in. Some of these activities include moderating the APS social media pages, assisting the Campaign for Philately, taking minutes for meetings, sending e-blast promotions for club shows, coordinating press releases, helping visitors at the Headsville Post Office, and much more.

I live with my husband (a U.S. & Parcel Post collector) and son (a Revenue & Ephemera collector), not too far from the APC. Personally, I prefer gnomes on stamps, and have a collection of approximately 75 philatelic pieces with gnome content. Beyond stamp collecting I love creative hobbies. You name it and I’m probably doing it! My interests range from scrapbooking to needlework, flower arranging to home decorating, pastels to painting. I love to be artistic. Sometimes, I am able to use these hobbies at the APS to create gifts for members or guests, decorative arrangements for events, or just to brighten someone’s day.

Each day at the APS is another opportunity to listen and help a member or a co-worker, to welcome a visitor to our building, to learn something new, to welcome a new member, and sometimes, to just do paperwork. I cherish each opportunity.

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