

**APS Board of Directors Meeting**

Telephonic Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

1 p.m. EST

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| <b>I. President's Welcome</b>                       | <b>Mick Zais</b>     |
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**For Your Information – Future Events/Dates for Your Calendar**

- A. *January 24, 2017 – APS Board Meeting – Telephonic\**
- B. *March 2, 2017 – APS Board Meeting, Reno, NV*
- C. *March 2, 2017 – Campaign for Philately Reception, Reno, NV*
- D. *March 3-5, 2017 – AmeriStamp Expo, Reno, NV*
- E. *March 4, 2017 – General Membership Meeting, Reno, NV*
- F. *April 20, 2017 – APS Board Meeting, Telephonic\**
- G. *June 20, 2017 – APS Board Meeting, Telephonic\**
- H. *June 25 - 30, 2017 – Summer Seminar*
- I. *July 17 - 21, 2017 – Volunteer Work Week*
- J. *August 2, 2017 – APS Board Meeting, Richmond, VA*
- K. *August 3 - 6, 2017 – StampShow, Richmond, VA*
- L. *August 4, 2017 – Joint APS/APRL Board Meeting, Richmond, VA*
- M. *August 5, 2017 – General Membership Meeting, Richmond, VA*
- N. *October 24, 2017 – Joint APS/APRL Meeting, Telephonic\*\**

*\*Subject to change or cancellation*

*\*\*Consideration of the 2018 APS/APRL Budget*



# AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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TO: American Philatelic Society Board of Directors  
FROM: Scott D. English, Executive Director  
DATE: 6 December 2016  
RE: Executive Director Report

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It was just over a month ago that we held our last meeting in person here at the American Philatelic Center, in concert with the Summit on the Future of Philately and the Grand Opening of the new library. Thanks to all the members who could visit Bellefonte and join us for this special occasion. The library opening has generated two cover stories so far, *Linn's Stamp News* on 21 November 2016 and the November-December issue of *The American Stamp Dealer & Collector*. Thanks to Gary Wayne Loew for writing the great dispatch for the magazine. We know several other stories are coming and it reaffirms just how important the library is to the philatelic world.

We are counting down the days to Reno and we have 36 dealer commitments as of this writing and are working to get to 40 or more before the end of the year. We are also in talks for an exciting partnership between the APS, the National Association of Letter Carriers and Zazzle to roll out a special event for attendees at the show. Once the details have been finalized we will share with you, the membership and promoting for the show.

On 1 December 2016, we welcomed Kathleen Edwards to our full-time staff and she will largely take over the duties of Barb Johnson in the Shows and Exhibitions department and the Youth programs, which she did for us part-time before. Barb Johnson has been reassigned to Circuit and Internet Sales where she will help provide critical help in getting our stamps out for sale faster.

One item that came out of the Summit on the Future of Philately is the creation of a permanent Council on Postal Collectors comprised of representatives from the APS, American Stamp Dealers Association, National Stamp Dealers Association, the American Topical Association, National Postal Museum, and the National Postal Museum. We have organized the first meeting of the Council slated for Tuesday, 20 December 2016 at 2 pm. We will be posting an agenda, call in information and materials for the meeting later this week.

Now a few items to update since last we met.

## **Sustainability**

We are working on closing out the November budget, which will be sent next week, but through October, the APS continues to perform ahead of budget by \$66,000. Revenues through October were \$82,000 better than budget and expenses were \$28,000 greater than budget. Most of the expenses are attributed to increased spending for *The American Philatelist* and unbudgeted expenditures for the World Stamp Show – NY 2016. Our poorest performers continue to be Circuit Sales, which through October, lagged nearly \$25,000 under budget. In addition, Shows and Exhibitions, which realized better than expected revenues for Portland to offset the subpar performance in Atlanta, but did not totally offset the New York expenditures.

Campaign for Philately, which lagged in the first half of the year continues to improve performance in the second half of the year. As of the end of October, receipts exceed 2015 by

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\$54,000. We will continue working hard to close out the year end giving campaigns with our members. For the first time this year, we did participate in Giving Tuesday, which is aimed at raising funds following Black Friday and Cyber Monday. The nationwide campaign of more than 30,000 different organizations is promoted mostly through social media and electronic mail. We will need to work on increasing familiarity with the program in advance of next year, as we raised a total of \$3,500. Specific to the matching donations from NY 2016, we have raised \$3,000 of the \$25,000 for the Future of Philately Initiative and \$2,400 of the \$25,000 goal for the Technology Initiative. We will be making another appeal for end of year giving for both initiatives.

## **Education**

We have finalized plans for seven “On the Road” courses for 2017 – starting with the Southeastern Stamp Show in Atlanta in January. Thanks to Cathy Brachbill and Janet Houser in the Education Department and the great volunteers who are willing to share their knowledge with our members. You can learn more about the courses on our website at <http://stamps.org/On-the-Road-Courses>.

Before you know it, Summer Seminar will be here and we have a great list of instructors lined up for this year’s Seminar. We will open enrollment for the courses after the first of the year, but you can go to <http://stamps.org/summer-seminar> to stay updated.

## **Membership**

Last week, we sent the Member and Non-Member Surveys to the field via electronic mail. As of noon, on Monday, 5 December 2016, we have received nearly 2,400 out of 12,200 member responses and more than 560 out of 11,600 non-member responses. We expect a lag in responses because of travel schedules, but the response rates are strong so far. We have also had several clubs contact us about sharing in an email to their members to encourage participation and those efforts are greatly appreciated. We are on target to gather and analyze the data to be completed by the Reno Board meeting.

As of the end of November, our membership is at 30,606 – a loss of 579 from this time last year. We have received 357 more applications this year compared to last year.

Annual reports for Chapters and Affiliates are the best, with 95 percent of all local chapters reporting and 96 percent of affiliates reporting. For 2016, 62 percent of chapters (290 total) qualify for chapter free dues. This is our benchmark year to achieve a 70 percent target for 2017.

The Ambassadors pilot program is moving along. Last month, Tom Horn took over as Director of Special Projects, primarily to get the program started and operating. We have achieved our target of at least 25 Ambassadors – we are serving 26 chapters. Tom has already established a travel schedule for 2017 to be at several shows around the country and working with local Ambassadors to set up Town Hall meetings for APS members. He has also established a newsletter which will be going out regularly and preparing for the first conference call meeting of the Ambassadors. Thanks to all the great leaders who have stepped up to participate in the program.

**AmeriStamp 2019**  
**Top 3 Recommended Proposals**

AmeriStamp 2019	HOUSTON, TX Feb. 15-17, 2019	PHOENIX, AZ Feb. 15-17, 2019	WINSTON-SALEM, NC Feb. 15-17, 2019
<b>COMMENTS / CONCERNS</b>	Base cost is high. Catering, parking, tax high. TEXPEX bye year?	Moderate cost. Good ARIPEX contacts - cost savings. Rm rate high... Tough layout; doable.	Very affordable. Small town vs. big city offerings. 80 mi. to Charlotte airport.
Average Temp (precipitation)	44 - 67 F (3.23")	47 - 69 F (0.91" precip)	33 - 53 F (3.19")
Metro Population			
100 mi radius	7.7 million	5.3 million	7.9 million
Nearby MSAs: City A	Austin (165 mi.)	Tucson (116 mi.)	Charlotte (80 mi.)
City B	San Antonio (197 mi.)	Las Vegas (296 mi.)	Raleigh (100 mi.)
City C	Dallas (239 mi.)	Riverside (321 mi.)	Richmond (215 mi.)
Local Philatelic Specs			
APS Members (100 mi.)	457 mbrs	486 mbrs	589 mbrs
Dealer Members (100 mi.)	6 dealer mbrs	9 dealer mbrs	14 dealer mbrs
Nearby clubs (100 mi.)	4 clubs	5 clubs	7 clubs
Access / Transit			
Walkable to Downtown	Yes - in downtown	Yes	Yes (0)
Interstates highways	I-10, I-45, I-69, I-610	10, 17, 40	I-40, I-77, I-95
Train/rail service	Metro Rail (light)	Amtrak	Amtrak
Airport Information			
Nearest airport	IAH (21 mi.)	PHX (14 mi.)	Piedmont Triad Intl. (25 mi.)
Major Carriers	United Express, United, Delta, Southwest	American, British, Delta, SW, Frontier, Hawaiian, JetBlue, United	Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier, United
# Daily flights (nonstop)	800 (just from United)	100 nonstop (natl & intl)	55 (55 nonstop)
CONVENTION / HOTEL INFO			
Hotel	Hyatt Regency Marketplace Exhibit H	Mesa Convention Center	Benton Convention Center
Website	<a href="http://houston.regency.hyatt.com">houston.regency.hyatt.com</a>	<a href="http://mesaaz.gov/business/mesa-conver">mesaaz.gov/business/mesa-conver</a>	<a href="http://twincityquarter.com">twincityquarter.com</a>
Exhibit Hall SqFt	28,000	22,500+ lobby (Bldg B&C)	27,708
Exhibit Hall Name(s)	Marketplace Exhibit Hall	Main Hall 15K, Mesa Rm 3K, Palo Verde Blrm 4.5K, Bldg B. Lobby: Hall/ Gallery (12 tbls)	Piedmont Hall 4
SqFt. or Qty. Mtg. Rooms	37,986	4,118 sf (4 on-site) 6,220 sf (Bldg A, 2 days)	
Room Names	Regency Ballroom, Arboretum 1-5, Window Box, Library, Study	Cholla I & II - 553 Exec Bdrm - 550 Conf Theater - 3,016 Ballrooms 9,072 sf (7 rms)	Conf. Rooms 1 & 2, Show Room 3
Base cost exhibit hall/mtg space	\$10,000/day or MRR \$10,000/day	\$18,354 (or less if Bldg. A not needed...)	\$6,000
Union Property	No		No
Parking Costs	\$34/day max		\$15/day
Parking In & Out Privileges	Yes		Yes
Food & Bvg. Minimum		(F&B \$10,000 est. min. - negotiable)	
HOTEL BIDS			
HQ Hotel Name	Hyatt Regency Houston	Phoenix Marriott Mesa Hotel	Marriott Winston-Salem
Website	<a href="http://houston.regency.hyatt.com">houston.regency.hyatt.com</a>	<a href="http://phoenixmarriottmesa.com">phoenixmarriottmesa.com</a>	<a href="http://twincityquarter.com">twincityquarter.com</a>
Scheduled renovations	none at this time		2017
Total number of rooms	955		315
# of Rooms proposed	450 (150 ea. Th-Sat)	150 on peak (739 nights)	150 on peak
Room Rate	\$125.00 single/dbl (\$99 staff)	\$169 (asked lower rate)	\$125.00
Lodging Taxes %	17.00%		\$7.50 (6%?)
Sales Tax %	8.25%	8.05%	\$8.44 (6.75%)
Service /Gratuity Rates %	25.00%	20.00%	22% on Food & Bvg
Any other Fees	n/a	AV svc chrg	
Self Parking Fees day	\$34/day	Complimentary	\$9-\$15/day
Average airport transfer	\$25 Hobby; \$50 IAH		\$50.00
Dining Options On-Site / Hrs.	Einstein Coffee 24/7, Lobby Bar 12p-2a, Shulas (3 meals), Splindletop (dinner)		Graze (6:30-11am); all day dining 11am-11pm
Breakfast Included	No		No
Breakfast Buffet cost	\$30.00	\$12-18++	\$15.95
Food & Bvg. Minimum	\$6,000	\$6,000 (=free mtg space)	
Concessions	80% pick-up; F&B \$6K; Suite upgrade @ group rate on peak nights	3 Marriott Rewards points for every \$1 spent	

Alternates Declined: Shreveport (SE again, low mbrs); St. Louis (temps, security); Chattanooga (mts & room rate); Memphis (room rate);

Declined Destinations: Greenville (2mi. To hotel, 2nd option); Cedar Rapids, IA (winter, mbr #s); Greensboro (hotel & conv costs high); New Orleans (hotel rate high, no mtg/conv space available); Oakland (conv and F&B min too high); Springfield, MO (temps, pop, mbr #s); Riverside (too expensive); West Palm Beach (insuff rooms & conv space);

## StampShow 2020 - Top 3 Recommended Proposals

STAMPSHOW 2020	HARTFORD, CT Aug. 20-23, 2020	FREDERICKSBURG, VA Aug. 6-9, 20-23, 27-30	FORT WORTH, TX Aug 10-16, 2020
<b>COMMENTS / CONCERNS</b>	<b>Strong proposal. High labor rates. Most dense mbrshp / dealer / club pop.</b>	<b>Room rates TBD, but in-range. Tight on mtg rms. Major airports 1hr away.</b>	<b>Conv Ctr rate high; Room rates high. Temps avg 73-97 in Aug</b>
<b>Metro Population</b>			
<b>100 mi radius</b>	23 million	11.3 million	7 million
<b>Nearby MSAs: City A</b>	Bridgeport/Stamford/etc (55 mi.)	Wash, DC (50 mi.)	Ft. Worth/Arlington/Dallas
<b>City B</b>	New Haven/Milford (40 mi.)	Richmond, VA (50 mi.)	San Antonio, TX
<b>City C</b>	Springfield, MA (26 mi.)	Baltimore, MD (103 mi.)	Austin, TX
<b>Local Philatelic Events/Res</b>			
<b>APS Members (100 mi.)</b>	3650 mbrs	1985 mbrs	516 mbrs
<b>Dealer Members (100 mi.)</b>	70 dealer mbrs	22 dealer mbrs	5 dealer mbrs
<b>Nearby clubs (100 mi.)</b>	36 clubs	22 clubs	5 clubs
<b>Access / Transit</b>			
<b>Walkable to Downtown</b>	Yes (n/a distance)	No (5 mi.)	Yes - Sundance Sq Dist.
<b>Interstates highways</b>	I-91, I-84	I-95, Route 3, Route 1	Multiple
<b>Train/rail service</b>	Amtrak	Amtrak; Commuter Rail VRE	Trolley; Light Rail 2017
<b>Airport Information</b>			
<b>Nearest airport</b>	Bradley Intl. (17 mi.)	Wash Natl (52 mi.), Dulles (67 mi.), Richmond Intl (66 mi.)	Dallas/Fort Worth (25 mi.)
<b>Name of Conv Ctr</b>	<b>Connecticut Conv. Ctr.</b>	<b>Fredericksburg Expo/Conf Ctr.</b>	<b>Ft. Worth Conv. Ctr.</b>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://ctconventions.com">ctconventions.com</a>	<a href="http://fredericksburgexpoctr.com">fredericksburgexpoctr.com</a>	<a href="http://fortworth.com">fortworth.com</a>
<b>Exhibit Hall SqFt</b>	140,000	80,000	100,000
<b>Exhibit Hall Name(s)</b>	Exhibit Hall AB	Halls A & B	Halls A-C
<b>SqFt. or Qty. Mtg. Rooms</b>	11,695	11,945	
<b>Room Names</b>	Ballroom C	Mtg Rooms 1-5, Ballrooms A-F	
<b>Base cost exhibit hall/mtg space</b>	<b>\$52,500 (min 80% rooms)</b>	<b>\$54,600 (hall &amp; mtg rooms)</b>	<b>\$54,000 (with 25% disc &amp; \$20K CVB incentive)</b>
<b>Union Property</b>	Yes - housekeep, engineering, kitchen	No	Right-to-Work State
<b>Single or Multiple Unions</b>	Single		
<b>Current Labor Min. &amp; Rates</b>	\$34-\$72 / 4 hr min. subj to chg	\$22/hr (up to \$45/hr police)	
<b>Overtime Rates apply</b>	weekends, holidays	Holidays 1.5x	
<b>Parking Costs</b>	\$11/day (10 hrs) w/guest coupon	Free	Vary
<b>Parking In &amp; Out Privileges</b>	No	n/a	Depends
<b>Food &amp; Bvg. Minimum</b>	<b>\$15,000 F&amp;B; 22% svc fee, 6.35% sales tax</b>		
<b>HOTEL BIDS</b>			
<b>HQ Hotel Name</b>	<b>Hilton Hartford</b>	<b>Hilton Garden Inn</b>	<b>Omni Fort Worth Hotel</b>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://hartford.hilton.com">hartford.hilton.com</a>	<a href="http://fredericksburg.hgi.com">fredericksburg.hgi.com</a>	<a href="http://omnihotels.com/hotels/fort-worth">omnihotels.com/hotels/fort-worth</a>
<b>Scheduled renovations</b>	refreshed 2016	not at this time	2016 hall carpeting
<b>Adjacent to Convention Ctr.</b>	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Walk time to Conv. Ctr.</b>	10 min. walk	5 min.	Seconds
<b>Total number of rooms</b>	393	148	614
<b># of Rooms proposed</b>	325 on peak	75 per night	325 on peak (1338)
<b>Room Rate</b>	<b>\$149.00</b>	<b>\$119-\$148</b>	<b>\$159.00 (10% commiss.)</b>
<b>Lodging Taxes %</b>	15% occup tax	11.30%	15%
<b>Sales Tax %</b>	6.35%		
<b>Service &amp; Gratuity Rates %</b>	22%	21%	(22% Sheraton)
<b>Self Parking Fees day</b>	\$18/day or night	Free	valet \$28+
<b>Average airport transfer</b>	\$44.00	\$125 / \$12 Comm Rail + \$20 taxi	\$17+
<b>Dining Options On-Site / Hrs.</b>	M&M Bistro 6:30a-10:00p	Restaurant on-site; dozens around	
<b>Breakfast Included</b>	No	No	
<b>Breakfast Buffet cost</b>	\$16.95	\$11.95	
<b>Concessions</b>	<b>1:40 comp; 6 suite upgrades; 6 comp amenities</b>		<b>\$50 amenity/ person/night (regis "Select")</b>

Alternate Venues: Grand Rapids (CHI 2021?), Schaumburg, IL (higher F&B, CHI 2021?); Chattanooga (strong proposal; small airport, 2 hrs to lg);

Declined Proposals: Overland Park (KS City) - prox to Omaha; Albuquerque (high cost, small airport, low mbr #s); Detroit (high hotel and F&B, CHI 2021?); Novi, MI (same as Detroit reasons); Orlando (high cost, high temps, heavy rains); Des Moines (high hotel, low mbr #s, prox to Omaha); Memphis (high costs); Springfield, MA (insuff space)







# AmeriStamp Expo 2019








KEY: **Yellow** = Current sites 2016-2018. **Pink** = Proposed.

# StampShow 2020

KEY: **Green** = Current sites 2016-2019. **Red** = Proposed.



	Atlanta, GA, USA
	Reno, NV, USA
	Birmingham, AL, USA
	Houston, TX, USA
	Phoenix, AZ, USA
	Winston-Salem, NC, USA

	Portland, OR, USA
	Richmond, VA, USA
	Columbus, OH, USA
	Omaha, NE, USA
	Hartford, CT, USA
	Fredericksburg, VA 22401, USA
	Fort Worth, TX, USA

## Dealer Advisory Council

### **Background:**

The American Philatelic Society is a member organization providing services to stamp collectors around the world. An add on membership for APS members is the Dealer Member, which is available for an additional \$25 a year. Currently, the APS has 563 Dealer Members participating in the program, giving us the largest number of dealer members of any U.S. organization.

### ***Qualifications***

- Must be an APS member.
- Age 21 or older.
- Earn a living in whole or in part through selling stamps and philatelic items.
- Must have been engaged in the stamp business for two years.
- Provide Sales Tax or Resale Number (Outside U.S. provide VAT Number) and submit a copy of your Resale License.
- Have a good credit standing and sound commercial reputation.
- Abide by APS Code of Ethics (same code all members abide by).

### ***Benefits***

- Free listing in the searchable online APS Dealer Directory used by collectors worldwide.
- 40% discounts on APS publications for orders of 10 or more mixed titles, or on orders of 5 or more of the same title.
- 20% discount on APS web advertising.
- Availability of mailing lists of Society members tailored to your geographic or collecting interest specifications. APS members are known buyers, and our mailing lists produce customers.
- Eligibility to be a booth holder at StampShow and AmeriStamp Expo.
- Inclusion in dealer-related mailings and notices of the Society.
- Use of the APS logo to identify yourself as an APS Dealer member. Your customers will appreciate knowing you are a trusted, responsible member of America's national stamp Society.

### ***APS Board Dealer Representative***

For some time, the APS Board has had a Dealer Representative sitting with the Board in meetings to serve as the voice of the dealers. At one time, the Dealer Representative was elected by the dealers to sit on the Board. Today, the position is appointed by the APS President.

As part of our efforts to increase member engagement and feedback on critical issues facing the APS in terms of membership, sustainability, and viability of future stamps shows, the following Dealer Advisory Council is proposed:

## **Charter**

Serve as an advisory group to the APS Board of Directors and staff on matters that impact the dealer community, including show locations, membership initiatives, and growth of the hobby.

## **Composition**

The Dealer Advisory Council will have in its membership: a current member of the APS Board of Directors, appointed by the President, and the APS Dealer Representative. One of these two members will serve as Chair.

There will also be six members elected by the APS Dealer Members: four geographic representatives and two at-large:

Defined by the U.S. Census Bureau

**Northeast:** Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont

**Midwest:** Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin

**South:** Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia

**West:** Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming

**At-Large:** Two more members will be nominated and elected at-large.

## **Eligibility**

To be nominated as a member of the Dealer Advisory Council, a candidate must be a Dealer Member of the APS in good standing.



## **Election**

Ballots will be distributed electronically to all APS Dealer Members to cast votes. Dealer Members will be able to vote for all representatives regardless of geographic location.

For the purposes of the first election, the nomination period will start on January 9, 2017 and will close after February 12, 2017. Ballots will be distributed electronically beginning on February 20, 2017 and voting will end on March 27, 2017. The terms will be concurrent with the APS Board of Directors.

In subsequent elections, nominations will be received during the same period as nominations for the APS elections. Ballots will be distributed and collected electronically simultaneous with the balloting for the APS and APRL Boards.

## **American Philatelic Society Dealer of the Year**

### **Background**

The American Philatelic Society recognizes philatelists, writers, and volunteers through several awards presented annually at StampShow. In recognition of the individual contributions of stamp dealers, we propose the following **Dealer of the Year** award to be presented annually to a dealer who has contributed significantly to the efforts of the APS and the hobby.

### **Nominations:**

- All nominations must be submitted to the Awards Committee in writing and on a completed nomination form by December 15th for consideration for the following year.
- Nominations will not carry over from year to year. However, nominees may again be nominated in subsequent years.
- Self-nominations or a nomination by an immediate family member of a nominee will not be considered.
- The award is limited to one recipient each year.

### **Eligibility:**

- Nominee must be an APS Dealer Member in good standing at the time of nomination.
- Nominees must be living when nominated by the committee.
- A previous winner of the Dealer of the Year Award cannot be nominated or considered.
- Contributions to the hobby should be of a national or international nature and recognized throughout philately in general; i.e., and not recognized only within a single organization or geographic region.
- Board members of the American Philatelic Society and the American Philatelic Research Library will not be eligible for consideration while holding office.
- Employees of the American Philatelic Society and the American Philatelic Research Library will not be eligible for consideration while still employed by those organizations.

### **2017 Award Process**

- For the purposes of the first award to be given at the 2017 StampShow, nominations for consideration will be received until March 15, 2017. The Awards Committee must present a candidate to the APS Board of Directors not later than April 20, 2017.