GENERAL SESSION-10:00 am EDT

Board of Directors Present: Mick Zais, Robert Zeigler, Jeff Shapiro, Patricia (Trish) Kaufmann, Stephen D. Schumann, Bruce Marsden, Michael Bloom, Peter P. McCann, Mark Schwartz and Stephen Reinhard.

Director Rich Drews was present by telephonic hookup.

APS Attorney Katheen Yurchak was also present

APRL Trustees Present: Don Heller, Steve Zwillinger and High Lawrence

APS Staff Present: Scott English, Ken Martin, Rick Banks and Cathy Brachbill

Others Present: Eric Jackson, Wade Saadi, Liz Hisey, Alex Heimann, and Michael Baadke

I. President’s Welcome: President Zais welcomed everyone and was please to see so many others present other than the actual Board of Directors.

II. Approval of Minutes: Vice-President Zeigler moved and Director Schwartz seconded that the minutes of the May 2, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved. Passed Unanimously.

III. Reports:

A. Society Attorney, Kathleen Youchak stated that the arbitrator had ruled against the APS in the lawsuit brought by Dan David Price regarding funds previously donated to the APS. The APS Board has moved to appeal this decision and, if necessary, go to trial regarding this dispute.

B. Treasurer. Bruce Marsden gave a detailed report regarding APS finances noting that the 2016 external audit had been completed, the APS was in the process of selecting investment manager for the next 3-5 years and that the total of debt and taxes now owed by the APS is less than $5,000,000.

C. Campaign for Philately Chairman Alex Haimann reported that the committee, which includes selected members of the APS and APRL Boards, are always looking for new income sources and that the Thursday Evening Stampshow dinner will now replace the ‘Tiffany Dinner’.

D. Executive Director Scott English gave a detailed report on the current state of the APS. Among the major points he discussed was the American Topical Society will meet with APS at Stampshow 2018, making our annual meeting bigger and better. It is hoped that this affiliation will continue after 2018, and the American First Day Cover Society will
also want to join with APS at Stampshow. The online presence of the APS will be changed for the better to make searches faster and more informative. The APS has to change in response to the changing dynamics of the hobby to make Stampshow a family destination.

IV. Director of Education Cathy Brachbill gave an excellent report on the Introduction to Stamp Collection online course she has developed. There are 10 lessons with multiple modules in each lesson. The lessons touch on every facet of stamp collecting and it is hoped that this will spur many others to collect stamps.

V. New Business
President Zais announced that Steve Zwillinger, Chairman of the Strategic Initiatives and Technology Committee, has asked to be relieved of those duties. President Zais would like Ann Duncan to be appointed to that Chairmanship. It was moved by Treasurer Marsden and seconded by Vice-President Shapiro that Ann Duncan be approved as chairman. Passed unanimously.

Lunch Break

VI. Old Business
A. Payment of Dues to the FIP. After a spirited discussion it was moved by Vice-President Zeigler and seconded by Secretary Schumann that the dues be paid to the FIP for the years 2017 and 2018. It was noted by Executive Director English that this had previously been approved by the APS Board. President Zais will draft a letter in response to the letter received from Tay Peng Hian, the President of FIP.

B. Chicago 2021. COO Martin said the show will be a mini-international with selected countries invited. He suggested that frame erection will be on Monday with the start of frame filling. On Tuesday the frames will be filled so judging could begin that day. Dealer move-in would start on Wednesday Noon. The jury could number between 20 and 25 but the final number has not been decided. There was some concern by Vice-President Shapiro that Chicago 2021 would interfere and draw attention away from Boston 2026, but many Board members felt that Chicago 2021 will draw attention to the 2026 exhibition in Boston.

VII. Adjournment
Vice-President Shapiro moved and Director Drews seconded the motion that the APS Board of Directors meeting be adjourned. Passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen D. Schumann
Secretary