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CLUB LEADERS FOR 2022 NOMINATED

Announced during the regular club meeting on October 27 were the 2022 club officer and director nominees.

Bill Laupus was nominated to succeed Stan Bartnikowski as president. Mark Solomon was selected to take over Laupus' duties as vice-president. Holdovers from this year are Rod Gabel, treasurer and Rick Hosler, secretary.

Fernando Torres would replace Ben Scholkne, serving as a director through 2024. Stuart Barzune's and Joe Baker's terms as directors aren't expired; they will remain on the board through 2022 and 2023 respectively.

Committee appointees, are Rick Hosler, membership; Art von Reyn, newsletter/website; George Clayton, Edgemere liaison; Rod Gabel, appraisal; and Jack Urish, acquisitions. As past president, Stan Bartnikowski is automatically a board member, as well as those serving as unelected committee appointees.

The election for officers and directors will be held during the annual holiday dinner at the Edgemere on December 8.

The nomination committee consisted of Stan Bartnikowski, Rod Gabel and Geoff Owens.

PENNY BLACK MAY FETCH \$8 MILLION

By Arthur P. von Reyn

A pristine copy of the world's first postage stamp, Great Britain's Penny Black, is expected to fetch £4 to £6 million (\$5.5 to \$8.2 million) when it is offered at a December 7 Sotheby's auction in London.

Although the *Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue* prices a mint, hinged copy of the Penny Black at \$11,000, this one is an impression from plate 1a—the first printed sheet—and is lettered "A-I."

According to Sotheby's October 26, 2021, press release, "Rediscovered nearly three decades ago but not fully recognized until much more recently, the stamp's identification began when British businessman and philatelist Alan Holyoake came into the possession of The Wallace Document, to which the stamp is attached, almost 10 years ago."

The Wallace Document refers to member of parliament Robert Wallace, who

was successful in setting up a commission responsible for postal reform, eventually working with Rowland Hill. The document was part of Wallace's scrapbook.

On the same page as the Penny Black is a proof of the Mulready stationery design, issued in envelope and letter sheet form.



The Wallace correspondence subsequently passed to the Caldwell family in Scotland in 1855. In 1991 it was consigned to Cavendish Philatelic Auctions who sold it to an

This Penny Black copy from the first printed sheet was pasted into a scrapbook.

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USPS' UNWELCOME HOLIDAY GIFT

By Arthur P. von Reyn

Be prepared to pay even more to ship holiday parcels via the U.S. Postal Service this year thanks to a temporary rate hike that went into effect October 3 and continues through December 26.

What is essentially a surcharge on the

regular package rates was announced in an August 10, 2021, news release that included the statement "This temporary rate adjustment is similar to one in 2020 that anticipated heightened peak-season package and shipping demand, which typically results in extra handling costs."

The 2020 temporary rate adjustment referred to above affected only commercial customers; they receive substantial discounts on mailing packages. Buried further in the August 10 news release was the phrase the increase "...would affect prices on commercial and retail domestic competitive parcels..." What *retail* means in USPS parlance is the prices the average consumer pays at a post office counter.

For retail customers, the increase for priority mail flat rate boxes and envelopes is 75¢ while other priority mail, express

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DPCPS meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays January through October and on the second Wednesday in November and December, at the Edgemere Retirement Community, 8523 Thackery Street in Dallas, Texas. Call to order is 7:30 p.m., but most members arrive by 7:00 p.m. for socializing and trading. Meetings are also simulcast on the internet beginning at 7:20 p.m.

- November 10** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: Annual Bourse, Check your closet and bring those duplicate and other philatelic treasures to trade and sell.
- November 12-13** **MID-CITIES STAMP CLUB EXPO**, Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 Main St., Grapevine, TX 76051. (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4). <http://www.mid-citiesstampclub.com/index.htm>
- November 24** **DPCPS MEETING**, Distribution of Jack's Albums, no formal meeting or program.
- December 8** **DPCPS MEETING**, Dinner and Annual Meeting at the Edgemere. Details on opposite page.
- December 10-11** **DALLAS TSDA**, DoubleTree Hotel, 1981 North Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75081. (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4).
- January 12** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *The French Colonial Chad to Rhine Issues*, presented by Geoff Owens.
- January 26** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Philatelic Quiz*, presented by Art von Reyn. Prizes to be awarded for best scores.

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Treasurer – Rod Gabel (gabelassoc@sbcglobal.net)

Past President – Geoff Owens

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Joe Baker • Stuart Barzune • Ben Schkolne

Membership in the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society is available to all persons of good character who are interested in philately. Dues are \$12 per year (higher for mailed newsletters). For more information, contact: (972) 956-6840 or: apvr@msn.com. For a membership application, write to: Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society, c/o Rick Hosler, 4601 S. Versailles Ave., Dallas, TX 75209.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY STAN BARTNIKOWSKI



It's been a challenging two years serving as your president, with COVID-19 forcing us to meet on Zoom, then returning to the Edgemere wearing masks (at least for entry) while still including those joining via Zoom. It is now time to introduce a new team, with fresh ideas, to manage our club. I would like to thank the officers, directors and committee chairmen for their support during my tenure: officers Bill Laupus, our vice-president and program chairman: meeting the challenge of coaxing our club members into making presentations; Rick Hosler, our new secretary who has come quickly up to speed and is doing a great job as secretary; and Rod Gabel continuing his careful managing of club funds as treasurer. Also, our directors: Ben Schkolne, who has completed his three-year term as director—thank you, Ben for your service; Stuart Barzune and Joe Baker. I would also like to thank our committee chairmen who do not serve as officers or directors: Art von Reyn, George Clayton, Jack Urish and Paul Witthoef.

Thanks to Art's recruitment letter, we have added 15 new members. Kudos to Art! Please extend a warm welcome to these new members as they show up at the meetings. One of these new members is deaf. It would be great if we could find someone who can sign for us at future meetings. If you know of someone, please contact me at stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com.

Stay happy, safe, and healthy. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a happy Hanukkah or Christmas!

EDITOR'S MUSINGS

BY ARTHUR VON REYN



The U.S. Postal Service is increasing the quantities of those imperforate press sheets it began selling earlier this year. Collectors have complained the sheets were never available because dealers and speculators hovered over the USPS website waiting for them to go on sale, then almost instantly bought the entire stock for resale at exorbitant prices. Bill Glicker, the director of USPS stamp services, was reported on the Virtual Stamp Club website as saying, "What you'll see going forward is an increased number, so that we can help those who want to have them, get them, and if we notice that our increase isn't enough, we'll increase again." The imperforate press sheets are currently produced for non-booklet commemorative issues. From mid-2016 until early 2016, they were also sold for various issues, but were dropped due to insufficient sales.

Don't forget about attending the Mid-Cities Stamp Club Expo, to be held Friday and Saturday, November 12-13, at the Grapevine Convention Center in Grapevine, Texas. This is one of only two stamp shows in Texas that are club-sponsored and have exhibits. For those of you who are unaware, I was instrumental in starting this event back in 1987, for the principal reason that at the time there were no stamp shows being held in the Dallas-Fort Worth area; the closest thing was the dealer only bourses that are still being held by the Texas Stamp Dealers Association. Back then, even street level stamp shops still existed in the DFW area.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

APS Sales Book Preparer Wanted

I received your mailer today and have a question. I am a very old APS member. My number is APS 58015.

I am in the process of liquidating most of my stamp collection and have been selling stamps via the APS sales division. I had a lady who was preparing my books for me since I don't have the time to do most of them myself. She is no longer available due to health reasons.

I still run my company and it keeps me pretty active. I am looking for someone who has the time to prepare APS circuit books for me. I was wondering if there was a trustworthy member of the Soci-

ety that might want to make some extra money preparing APS circuit books for me. It would be a good part time gig for a student, shut in, the child or wife of a member or someone who has some spare time on their hands. They can work their own hours and my last person who did this actually did it while they sat at home and watched TV.

Please let me know if you can think of anyone who fits this description.

T. J. Donnelly CEO
5174 Running Brook Drive
Frisco, TX 75034.
(817) 714-7081
westendmed@aol.com

Editor's Note: Mr. Donnelly may be contacted at any of the above addresses.

HOLIDAY DINNER & ANNUAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 8

The holiday dinner and annual meeting will be held December 8th at the Edgemere Retirement Community, starting with a pre-dinner wine reception in the lobby at 6:00 p.m. and then dinner in the private dining room at 6:30 p.m. There will be special entree options created by the Edgemere's chef.

The annual meeting agenda includes the election of officers.

The cost is \$10 for members and guests. Reservations can be made at meetings or by contacting Bill Laupus. The deadline for reservations is the club's meeting on November 10.

FAMED DEALER PROMOTED BUSINESS ON HINGES

By Arthur P. von Reyn

In the March-April 2021 edition of this newsletter, I wrote an article about an English stamp dealer who used a curious method of advertising his business—rubber stamping a message on the back of cheap or damaged stamps. Well, in one of Jack's Albums an even more unusual method was revealed—advertising on stamp hinges. The advertiser was none other than Eugene Klein (1878-1944), whose philatelic fame rests with his purchase of the 24¢ Inverted Jenny pane back in 1918. It wouldn't be



Philadelphia stamp dealer Eugene Klein is best known for his purchase of the 24¢ Inverted Jenny Pane for \$15,000 in 1918.

surprising to see other dealers of the era used the same method of advertising their trade.

Klein was unusual in that he was not only a stamp dealer, but also a collector. By the turn of

the 20th century, he established himself as a commercial philatelist in Philadelphia and was making a name for himself by supplying important U.S. and foreign specialized material to some of the better

known collectors of the period.

Klein held his first auction in 1911 as Eugene Klein, Inc. After holding 24 sales, he established his own company, Eugene Klein, in 1914. Between 1914 and 1947 the firm held 184 additional auctions.

Being very active in philately as a collector, in 1913, Klein became a member of

the organizing committee for the very first U.S. international philatelic exhibition and served in similar capacity on the committees for the 1926 and 1936 internationals. Klein was the Official Expert of the American Philatelic Society (APS) from 1911 to 1931 and its International Secretary from 1928 to 1935 and 1937 to 1944. He was also one of the few dealers to ever serve as president of the APS, from 1935–1937, being inducted into the APS Hall of Fame in 1944.

One of the earliest members of the American Stamp Dealers Association, in 1935, he founded the American Philatelic Congress, the respected 86-year old organization that publishes annual scholarly papers on philatelic subjects; he hosted its first convention in his hometown that same



Famed Philadelphia Eugene Klein went so far as to promote his business on the back of stamp hinges, very likely a freebie with purchases.

year.

On Monday, May 20, 1918, after rather intricate negotiations, he purchased for \$15,000 the unique full pane of the 24-cent "Inverted Jenny" airmail stamp from its discoverer, William T. Robey. The financing for it came from Klein's prominent client, Col. E.H.R. Green, who bought the pane and gave Klein

permission to break it up and sell copies to other collectors.

He authored the 1940 book *United States Waterway Packetmarks: Handstamped and Printed Names of Mail-Carrying Steamboats on the United States of America Inland and Coastal Waters, 1832-1899*.

Among the famous collections he sold were those of Eugene Bandholtz, Wharton Sinkler and Henry Gibson, the latter two in two sections in 1923 and 1944. Klein also sold the famous collection of Joseph Steinmetz in seven parts from 1929-1931.

FOR FURTHER READING:

- <https://invertedjenny.com/owner/40>
- https://www.americanstampdealer.com/SubMenu/Eugene_Klein.aspx?
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eugene_Klein_\(philatelist\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eugene_Klein_(philatelist))

MINIMAL INTEREST IN USPS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

By Arthur P. von Reyn

Having written several times in this publication about this year's 50th anniversary of the U.S. Postal Service's establishment, it appears the 2021 philatelic commemoration of the occasion has turned out to be a dud compared to July 1, 1971, when a stamp was issued and around 32,000 post offices gave away cachets for the inauguration of the mail agency.

As was noted in the last issue of this publication, the USPS did belatedly announce the availability of a generic pictorial postmark to mark the 50th anniversary. It was the only type of postmark the USPS allowed any post office to use for the occasion; local designs were prohibited. A July 1, 2021 cancel for Washington, D.C., using the design was announced in the July 29 edition of the *Postal Bulletin* and was available until the end of September.

As of the end of October, only two other post offices have used the postmark: Miami, Arizona; and Singers Glen, Virginia. With 2021 almost said and done, the chance of participation anywhere else appears quite slim.

I did send in cachets to obtain all three cancellations; the one for the Miami, Arizona, arrived in time for publication in the September/October edition of *Stamp and Tongs*. I bought on eBay blank cachets leftover from the original USPS promotion back in 1971; they were saved no doubt by collectors hoping there would somehow be a use for them in the future. Illustrated at right are covers sporting the Washington, D.C., and Singers Glen, Virginia cancels.

I do have two extras of the Washington, D.C., cachet shown at the bottom. If you are interested in owning one at no charge, contact me at (214) 956-6840, apvr@msn.com for details.

CLASSIFIED ADS

One classified ad of up to 50 words, not counting name and address information, is available to members per issue on a space available basis. Submissions should arrive no later than the fifth of the month preceding the issue date. Ads run for two consecutive issues, unless canceled before then. Submissions can be emailed to apvr@msn.com or mailed to 10512 Countess Dr., Dallas, TX 75229-5103.

FOR SALE

USA SCOTT #RW80 2013-14 Federal Hunting Permit stamp, VF, MNH. Compare my net price of \$25 with offerings on eBay, etc. Arthur P. von Reyn, apvr@msn.com, (214) 956-6840.



▲ Shown above is a cachet the USPS gave away back in 1971 with a 50th anniversary USPS special cancel from post office in Singers Glen, Virginia. The dual cancel cover below was also created from a 50 year old first day cachet, but has the USPS inauguration stamp of 1971 (Scott #1396) and an additional postmark dated 50 years later. ▼



▼ This is another recycled 1971 cachet having only the Washington, D.C., USPS 50th anniversary postmark. Contact Art von Reyn at (214) 956-6840 or apvr@msn.com if you desire to own one for free.



CHANGES TO CLUB BYLAWS PROPOSED

By Geoff Owens

Notice is hereby given of two proposed bylaw changes that were approved by the DPCPS Board of Directors on September 29, 2021. Both proposed changes were motivated at least in part by the Covid-19 pandemic and its affect on accepting new members and reinstating lapsed members.

The first removes the requirement that new prospects be published in the newsletter before acceptance. It also gives the club president discretion to deviate from normal practice in exceptional circumstances. It also defers to the board to establish the financial arrangements (if any) for junior members.

The second removes the requirement that rejoining members fill out a new application, and clarifies that dues are only for the current year.

The net effect is less rigidity dictated in the bylaws and more flexibility given to the president and board to deal with unforeseen circumstances.

Article II Membership Dues, Section 2.

(Concerning new members.)

Current Wording:

The Secretary or other officer receiving a standard application for membership shall read the application at the Society meeting including the name of the member who proposed the prospect (the name(s) will appear in the next Stamp & Tongs newsletter). At the next first meeting of the month following publication of the newsletter the membership will vote on the application with a vote of those present prevailing. A person under eighteen (18) years of age may become a member provided that there is presented with his application, a minor's guarantee executed by an adult person acceptable as surety by the Society for the period of the applicant's minority.

Proposed Wording:

A person wishing to join the Society shall submit an application form as prescribed by the Executive Board to any officer. The candidate shall be vetted according to any procedures currently established by the Executive Board. For candidates under the age of eighteen (18) satisfactory arrangements for payment of any debts or obligations to the Society shall be established with a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult.

The President, or in the absence of the President the presiding officer, shall introduce the candidate at the first meeting of the Society the candidate is able to physically attend.

At the next meeting of the Society following the introduction of the candidate the presiding officer shall open the floor for a motion to accept the applicant. The President shall have the authority to alter the form and timing of the introduction and motion to accept in exceptional circumstances (such as a remote or house-bound candidate). The candidate shall be admitted upon a majority vote of those members present.

Article II Membership Dues, Section 7.

(Concerning reinstatement.)

Current Wording:

Reinstatement may be made after making application as established for new members (Article II), provided that any indebtedness to the Society is paid in full, or satisfactory arrangements for this payment are made.

Proposed Wording:

Reinstatement may be made by paying dues for the current membership year, paying any other indebtedness to the Society, providing any updates to address and contact information, and satisfying any other conditions that may be prescribed by the Executive Board.

These proposed changes will be considered and voted on by members in attendance at the annual meeting (and holiday dinner) on December 8, 2021.

2021 Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society

Holiday Dinner

and Annual Meeting

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Edgemere Retirement Community • Private Dining Room

Wine Reception in Lobby 6:00 p.m. • Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Price: \$10 for members and \$10 for guests

Reservations and payment must be received by November 10, 2021, and may be made at meetings or mailed to Bill Laupus, 7309 Chadwick Drive, McKinney, TX 75072.

Attire: Festive, Jackets Preferred for Men • Hosted by Janet and George Clayton

LOCALS A RESULT OF COLONIAL EXPANSIONISM

By Geoff Owens

Part of the fun of collecting stamps is coming across something I've never seen before, which is the case with this small set shown at right. But with a little research I learned that they are well documented by Oceania philatelists.

Colonial expansionism by European powers continued into the late 19th century and in 1882 the Compagnie Caledonienne des Nouvelles-Hebrides emerged with the explicit aim of establishing French control in the New Hebrides, which at the time had been settled by Australian missionaries.

To counter that, the Australasian New Hebrides Company was established in 1887 by a group of New South Wales politicians and merchants to wage a trade battle with the French and to encourage more Australian settlers in New Hebrides. The company offered shipping and other services on steamers running between Australia and the New Hebrides, at intervals of about three weeks.

At that time, the New South Wales Postal Agency had responsibility for mail in the New Hebrides islands, so this duty was



These Australasian New Hebrides Company local stamps in 1897 were designed for inter-island mail the enterprise carried on its steamers than voyaged among New Hebrides and other islands as well as to Sydney, Australia. The design on both stamps shows the port of Vila in New Hebrides, with the company headquarters in the center. The stamps were lithographed on heavy wove unwatermarked paper and rouletted, but are also known on a toned paper and with a 'Specimen' overprint.

contracted in 1892 to the aforementioned Australasian New Hebrides Company with the local manager serving as postal agent. In 1897 the company introduced fees for delivering mail among the islands and to Sydney.

Two stamps for this purpose were issued March 17, 1897. A one penny stamp paid the ½ ounce letter rate while a two penny stamp was valid for the registration rate.

Since the New South Wales government was already subsidizing mail service to and from Sydney, exclusive use of the com-

pany's stamps was allowed only for inter-island service. New South Wales stamps were required for transit to the mainland.

Although these locals were genuinely issued to prepay postage, there are few examples surviving with cancellations dated prior to August 1897. Unfortunately, the company failed later in 1897 with Burns, Philip & Co. Ltd assuming its assets including the stamps. On September 1, 1900, this successor company entered into a ten year agreement to provide subsidized cargo and mail service, under which use of the local stamps was specifically forbidden.

In 1913 the remainders of the stamps were sold to Sydney stamp dealer T.H. Nicolle, consisting of 140,000 one penny stamps and 94,000 two pence.

As for the competition with the French over the New Hebrides, an unusual condominium arrangement was set up in 1906, with the two powers setting up duplicate systems involving laws, education, currency, health services, postal services and so forth. The condominium lasted until 1980, when New Hebrides gained its independence as the Republic of Vanuatu.

FOR FURTHER READING

https://www.stampcommunity.org/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=8777

<http://www.philatelicedatabase.com/topicals-thematics/australasian-new-hebrides-company/>

https://www.grosvenorauctions.com/auctions/historic-summary?Foreign_sub_cat_Code=New+Hebrides:+Australasian+New+Hebrides+Company+1897+Locals

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:1897_Australasian_New_Hebrides_Company_stamps.jpg



This cover is franked with both local stamps issued by the Australasian New Hebrides Company for inter-island use. Most covers canceled after September 29, 1897 are of philatelic origin, so this is quite a scarce usage. This was one of six Australasian New Hebrides Company items included in a September 20, 2018, auction conducted by the British auction firm Grosvenor. It realized £520 (\$718 U.S.).

CLUB MEETING MINUTES

BY RICK HOSLER

Editor's Note: Meetings are held at the Edgemere, but are also simulcast on the internet using the Zoom application. Minutes are edited due to space considerations.

September 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Rick Hosler, Secretary, and presiding. Seven members and guests Travis Huggins, Michael Perkins and Allan Dlhly were present. No connection was made with the five members awaiting online [see below].

Officer Reports:

Due to the absence of all but two officers, there were no reports.

Old Business/New Business – None.

Announcements – None.

Trivia/Show & Tell – None

Door Prizes Drawing – None

Program – Rick Hosler's scheduled program was postponed due to the lack of technical expertise in setting of the audio/video system. Instead, members enjoyed conversations with one another and examined the stamp collections brought by some of the guests.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. after the distribution of Jack's Albums.

[The five members online who awaited in vain for a connection to the meeting enjoyed a lively discussion of more than an hour on topics that included the USPS 50th Anniversary special post mark, locating pictorial postmark listings in the biweekly *Postal Bulletin*, custom album pages, the obsolete USPS stamp decoder for stamps issued from 1997-2004. Some ideas debated to improve the club included changing the seating arrangement to make the Edgemere meetings more intimate and to institute Wednesday night online meetings to alternate with Edgemere meetings.]

September 22, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Stan Bartnikowski, President, and presiding. 20 members, guest speaker Ray Cartier and one member online were present.

Officer Reports:

Secretary – Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without being read.

Treasurer – Treasurer's report made and sent under separate cover.

Program VP - August meeting schedule:

October 13 - *Shakespeare Stamps and Stories* by Dan Moss, SMU professor of English literature.

October 27 - *Postal History of the Canal Zone* by Rick Hosler.

November 10 - Bourse night.

November 24 - Album distribution only [tentative].

December 8 - Holiday Party.

Editor/Website – Newsletter article and ad submissions needed by October 15.

Membership – Allan Dlhly submitted a membership application

Exhibitor's Report – None.

Old Business/New Business – None.

Announcements – Member Ed Ulbricht is in London and asked if anyone needed something from the Stanley Gibbons store.

Trivia/Show & Tell – Guest Ray Cartier shared cachets featuring Mary Wallace "Wally" Funk, who qualified to go into space during the Mercury program but did not realize her dream until this summer, when at age 82, she became the oldest person in space. Jack Urish passed around some of the fake Hitler stamps produced by the predecessor to the CIA during World War II.

Door Prize Drawing – Stuart Barzune won a \$10 gift certificate good for purchases from Jack Urish's albums.

Program – Ray Cartier's *Wernher von Braun* program included rarely seen cachets celebrating early rocket flights and reflecting on the life of Werhner von Braun, the German developer of the Nazi V2 rocket who arrived in America after WWII, and contributed to the development of rockets in America, culminating in the flights to the moon

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m. after distribution of Jack's Albums and a small auction of albums removed from circulation.

October 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Stan Bartnikowski, President, and presiding. 21 member and three guests were in attendance, plus 10 members and guests online.

Officer Reports:

Secretary – Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without being read.

Treasurer – Treasurer's report made and sent under separate cover.

Program VP – October to January meeting schedule:

October 27 - *Postal History of the Canal Zone* by Rick Hosler.

November 10 - Bourse night.

November 24 - Album distribution only [tentative].

December 8 - Holiday Party

January 8 - French colonies topic by Geoff Owens.

Editor/Website – Articles for the newsletter needed by October 15.

Membership – 15 new member applications have been received, five applicants were in attendance.

Exhibitor's Report – Paul Witthoeft is preparing a 16-page exhibit for the Mid-Cities Stamp Expo in November.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Proposed bylaw changes will be published in the next newsletter. Bill Laupus expressed the need for a new member survey and a membership directory.

Door Prize Drawing – Ed Ulbricht won a Polish souvenir sheet and Polish miniature sheet, donated by Stan Bartnikowski.

Trivia/Show & Tell – Art von Reyn shared a cover from Hong Kong ruined with a ballpoint pen scribbling, Jack Urish passed around a souvenir sheet. Stan had some journals from the Texas Philatelic Association.

Program – Guest speaker Dan Moss, a professor of English literature at SMU, discussed aspects of Shakespeare's time, utilizing several British postage stamp sets, a cinderella label set and even some Disney stamps. Topics included use of clowns in plays and erection of theaters in the late 1500s.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. after the distribution of Jack's Albums and an auction of a few items from the collection of the late Stanley Sutkin.

October 27, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Stan Bartnikowski, President, and presiding. 28 members, plus an applicant online, were present.

Officer Reports:

Secretary – Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without being read.

Treasurer – No report due.

Program VP - November to January meeting schedule:

November 10 - Bourse night.

November 24 - Album distribution only.

December 8 - Holiday Party

January 8 - *The French Colonial Chad to Rhine Issues* by Geoff Owens.

Editor/Website – The newsletter is due out in just a few days. The website is updated after each meeting.

Membership – Six applicants are up for consideration.

Exhibitor's Report – Enough exhibits have been received for the upcoming Mid-Cities Stamp Expo.

Announcements – Bill Laupus has emailed Holiday Dinner reservation forms to members. Tom Cunningham said the Mid-Cities show would be the largest in Texas this year, with 25 dealers.

New Business – Six applicants were accepted as new members. Membership renewal/data update forms were passed out.

Old Business – Nominees for 2022 officers and directors were announced.

Door Prize – Jack Urish won the \$10 gift certificate good for purchases from his albums or Stuart Barzune's U.S. stamps.

Trivia/Show & Tell – Stan shared a folder containing the Denmark, Faroe and Greenland joint issue sheets for C.Z. Slania's 100th

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PENNY BLACK

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overseas buyer in its entirety. It was then broken up and the three major pieces, including the Wallace Document, were separated.

Holyoake instigated a three-year research project, resulting in certificates of authenticity from The Royal Philatelic Society, London, and The British Philatelic Association. It was subsequently exhibited at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C.

Holyoake said he would be sad to see the Penny Black sold but was planning to use the proceeds to build another collection.

FOR FURTHER READING:

<https://www.sothebys.com/en/press/sothebys-to-offer-the-worlds-first-postage-stamp-the-first-penny-black>



The Wallace Document scrapbook page being auctioned by Sotheby's on December 7 not only includes the rare Penny Black stamp but also this proof of the 1840 Mulready envelopes and letter sheets. Postal officials erroneously thought the latter would be far more popular than postage stamps.

USPS' UNWELCOME HOLIDAY GIFT

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priority mail and parcel post packages cost 25¢ to \$5.00 more, The surcharge on first class packages is 30¢ regardless of zone.

"This seasonal adjustment will bring prices for the Postal Service's commercial and retail customers in line with competi-

tive practices. No structural changes are planned as part of this limited pricing initiative," the news release further stated.

"These temporary rates will keep the Postal Service competitive while providing the agency with the revenue to cover extra costs in anticipation of peak-season volume surges similar to levels experienced in 2020. The forecasted additional revenue from the time-limited increase will depend on the volume of packages shipped between October 3 and December 26, 2021, the period the Postal Service historically considers its holiday peak season."

Customers should note the domestic Parcel Post deadline is November 6.

FOR FURTHER READING:

<https://about.usps.com/newsroom/national-releases/2021/0810-usps-announces-proposed-temporary-rate-adjustments-for-2021-peak-holiday-season.htm>

2022 U.S. NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

Details on the first group of 2022 U.S. stamp issues are expected to be released in mid-November. A summary of the 2021 U.S. new issues with images appears in the "Resources" section of the dallasstamps.org website.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY RICK HOSLER

NEW MEMBERS

- #451 Allan R. Dlhly, Frisco, TX
- #452 Frank H. Gill, Allen, TX
- #453 Howard K. Petschel, Mesquite, Tx
- #454 Joseph R. Patterson, Jr., Dallas, TX
- #455 John W. Crowder, Flower Mound, TX
- #456 David R. Walther, Dallas, TX

APPLICATIONS PENDING

- Dr. John K. Hamilton, Dallas, TX
- John R. Oliver, Dallas, TX
- Frank J. Durante, Addison, TX
- David R. Dunnigan, Dallas, TX
- Charles H. Gremp, Jr, Rowlett, TX
- Jerry A. Madden, Richardson, TX
- Gordon A. Cizon, Dallas, TX
- R. Allan Bradley, Dallas, TX
- Jorge A. Saez, Frisco, TX

Membership, August 25, 2021	40
New Members	+6
Membership, October 27, 2021	46

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BY RICK HOSLER

Editor's Note: Minutes of meetings are edited due to space considerations.

October 6, 2021

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Stan Bartnikowski presiding. Eleven members present: Stan Bartnikowski, Joe Baker, Stuart Barzune, Rod Gabel, Rick Hosler, Bill Laopus, Geoff Owens, Ben Schkolne, Jack Urish, Art von Reyn, and Paul Witthoef.

New Business: Stan proposed several alternatives concerning in-person and Zoom meetings. The board approved continuing with the current hybrid setup through the end of the year.

Edgemere liaison George Clayton was contacted by phone and asked to inquire whether the facility would host the annual Holiday Dinner. If not, the event may be held instead at a restaurant.

The board approved presenting to the membership two bylaws amendments concerning the new member application process and former member reinstatements [the text appears elsewhere in this edition of *Stamp and Tongs*].

Old Business: The officer and director candidates for 2022 will be nominated at a special in-person board meeting to be held at 6:45 p.m. on October 27 at the Edgemere.

Art von Reyn reported the member recruitment mailers were sent to 171 area APS members on September 27 and he hoped to gain at least eight to nine new members

A proposal to set up a registration table just inside the meeting room entrance was discussed. On it would be an attendance roster, membership applications, name tags, etc.

The board approved passing out personalized dues/member information update notices at upcoming meetings and mailing unclaimed ones out to members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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birthday plus a Faroe FDC of the same.

Program – Rick Hosler showed a comprehensive collection of Canal Zone stamps. One unusual fact was the Canal Zone post office's obligation to buy overprinted Panamanian stamps at an exorbitant 40% of face value for 20 years. Also highlighted was the bridgeless 1962 Thatcher Ferry Bridge stamp.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. after the distribution of Jack's Albums and a small auction of albums removed from circulation, plus books from the collection of late member Stanley Sutkin.