

WFSC Annual Meeting Minutes

By Ken Grant

President Karen Weigt called the 86th Annual Business Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and read Pastor Bob Voss' invocation.

Secretary Ken Grant read the roll call of clubs indicating that there were 13 clubs represented.

Treasurer Al Vick reviewed the membership totals. In 2013, there were 724 WFSC members, and currently the Federation has 664 members.

The Kettle Moraine Coin and Stamp Club moved and Northwoods Philatelic Society seconded a motion to approve minutes of the 85th Annual Business Meeting held April 30, 2016. Passed unanimously.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President Karen Weigt

I have presided over all Executive Board meetings. I have been in contact with all WFSC officers, committees and appointees. I have had contact with almost all WFSC clubs in one way or another. I staffed the WFSC table at MILCOPEX 2016. I produced the WISCOPEX 2017 logo, cancel, and cachet for the show cover. I have regularly contributed to *Across the Fence Post* and assisted with its production. I coordinated the WFSC's show calendar and produced the annual show/bourse/club meeting info flier. I served as the WFSC spokesperson for the U.S. Postal Service Soda Fountain Favorites issue first-day-of-sale ceremony at Two Rivers, Wis. I furthermore participated in the ceremony and designed the WFSC's cacheted cover. I updated the WFSC benefits of membership document. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with many Wisconsin philatelists in sustaining the WFSC's standing as a premiere organization.

Vice-President Michael Mules

I have regularly contributed to *Across the Fence Post* and assisted with its production. I am an active member of the Milwaukee, Wauwatosa, Waukesha County, American Topical Association: Chapter 5, and the Wisconsin Postal History Society, all of which are WFSC member clubs. I am actively promoting philately, as bourse chairman of MILCOPEX, Wisconsin's largest annual stamp show, which is celebrating its 50th year in 2017.

Secretary Ken Grant

During the past year I have prepared and distributed agendas for WFSC meetings, taken minutes of Executive Board Meetings and circulated them to board members and interested parties, e-mailed club contacts as necessary with WFSC information, and collected delegate information and documents for the Annual Business Meeting.

Treasurer Al Vick

I have maintained the financial management of WFSC accounts. Quarterly reports have been prepared each calendar quarter for review by the Executive Board. I have attended Executive Board meetings and the Annual meeting. I have reviewed and disbursed philatelic donations received by the WFSC consistent with board instructions. Audits are done biannually. The next audit will be done early in 2018 for the 2016 and 2017 calendar years. I have chaired the Finance Committee, and I filed annual state and federal non-profit corporation returns.

Our January 1, 2016, checking account balance was \$4,355.98. The December 31, 2016, closing balance was \$4203.58 with a money market balance of \$6311.19 yielding a total balance of \$10,514.77. It was **moved by the Fond du Lac Stamp Club and seconded by the Badger Stamp Club to**

to approve the treasurer's report. Passed unanimously. VP Youth MaryAnn Bowman

I continue to offer resources and support for clubs and individuals with emphasis on local promotions of stamps with youth and beginners. I wrote bi-monthly columns for the ATA and AFDCS with ideas and suggestions for youth club programming. I attended the Two Rivers first-day-of-sale ceremony with activities for youth. I worked up and prepared donations for the APS Stamps Teach program

WFSC Southwest Region VP John Paré

During the past reporting year I have visited the Badger Stamp Club and the Baraboo Stamp Club. I have had personal and/or telephone communications with the Janesville Stamp Club and the Tri-State Stamp Club of Dubuque, Iowa. All four clubs hold regular meetings and appear to be in good hands and enjoy an active membership. I have not visited the Monroe club and last had communications with the club at their 2015 show.

WFSC Southeast Region VP Art Schmitz

I have visited the following clubs: ATA Chapter 5, the Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Northwestern Mutual, the Waukesha Philatelic Society, and the Wauwatosa Philatelic Society. Because of being seen on the Federation website, I am often approached about inherited stamp collections. I point out to the current owners that I don't appraise collections, but can refer them to trustworthy dealers. Occasionally, such collections or parts of them are passed on to MaryAnn Bowman for the benefit of the Federation's youth activities. I would be happy to recommend or contact dealers who advertise in *ATFP*, but inasmuch as the folks who contact me reside in my region, this is difficult because most of the advertising dealers are out of this geographical area, although I have shown Paul Aschenbrenner, a Milwaukee area dealer, a couple of such collections.

Central Region VP Michael Sagstetter

The Chippewa Valley Stamp Club has monthly meetings except in the winter attended by 3-4 members. Membership declined to about 7 members. They have regular contact from people in the area that have collections for sale or need an appraisal. Two new collectors have shown interest in joining the club. The only other event I attended was the Central Wisconsin Stamp Club show last October in Stevens Point. It is the only "all stamp show" in the region. They had a lot of dealers and was well attended. It was well organized and the club did a very nice job. Thankfully the WVFS has not had any members who have passed away.

East Central Region VP Don Kurki

I visited the Fond du Lac Stamp Club and plan to visit the Sheboygan Stamp Club, and Kettle Moraine Coin and Stamp Club. I hope to visit them sometime during the summer. For National Stamp Collecting Month, I did send each club U.S. souvenir sheets for door prizes at their meetings.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES (except Nominating Committee)

Finance Committee (Chair Vick/Schroeder/Shoemaker):

Committee members Al Vick and Paul Schroeder have met several times this year just prior to WFSC board meetings. They have looked at the report of the treasurer and any unusual expenses, some one-time and others on a regular basis. The reports are current and Al Vick will make plans for an audit.

Publicity and Public Relations (Chair Bowman/Grant/Wozniak/White/Devine): Chairman Bowman reported the committee was instrumental in the planning, organization, and implementation of the community outreach program in Two Rivers for the June, 30, 2016 first-day-of-sale event for the Soda Fountain Favorites stamp issue. She authored a column

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“Connecting with Clubs” to offer encouragement, support, and ideas for WFSC club programming. The WFSC staffed society table at Milcopex 2016

Judging Committee (Chair Henak/Wait): No Report

Wisconsin Stamp Suggestion Committee (Schroeder): No action taken this year.

Committee on Exhibitions (Chair Glenzer/Voss/Davis): No report

Bylaws Committee (Chair Schroeder/Warner): No action.

Hall of Fame Committee (Chair Mather/Schmidt/Undersander): During the past year as Chairman of the Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame Committee, Class of 2017, I have received nomination and seconding papers for two individuals for election to the Hall of Fame. (A maximum of three people per year can be selected per WFSC policy.) I have shared these papers with the other Hall of Fame Committee members, coordinated the deliberation and consideration of these nominations with the other members of this committee, reported the results (although not the actual identities) of the committee decisions to the WFSC with the final result being that both were approved for induction into the class of 2017. I wrote letters to the nominating clubs advising of our decisions so that those clubs could take appropriate action with regard to the nominees. I advised WFSC President Karen Weigt of the committee’s actions so that proper recognition can be given at the WFSC Annual Business Meeting for 2017. I have prepared a committee report for the WFSC Annual Business Meeting members to advise them of the candidates and ask that they approve the nominations.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES / PROJECTS AND OTHER APPOINTEES

ATFP Editor Ray Perry: I completed my first year as editor of *ATFP*. Many thanks to all the contributing authors including, but not limited to Milt Wirth, Greg Greenwald, Aimeé Devine, John St. Onge, Michael Mules and Alex Gill. Many thanks to our regular contributing authors Karen Weigt (President’s Message, Federation Focus, and many other short articles), MaryAnn Bowman (Connecting with Clubs) and Jim Byrne (various articles on topicals and thematics). All issues have been delivered to the printer on time, most of them early enough so that they are delivered to the club contacts prior to the first of the month. Many thanks to all the proof readers for their efforts to help identify my misses. Huge thank you to John St. Onge for managing the advertising portion of *ATFP*. There will be different themes for each issue instead of a common theme for the better part of the year. I’m still working on more regular authors for things like back-of-the-book, postal history, first-day covers, and so on. Just need 1 to 2 articles per year.

Ad Manager John St. Onge: Thanks to Ray Perry’s excellent work as editor, recent issues of *ATFP* have been first class, with thoughtful articles containing many stamp illustrations. This will undoubtedly make my job of selling advertising easier. Two new regular advertisers have been added bringing our total up to five. Michael Mules of Fox River Stamps has been running ads, sometimes two ads, in every issue lately and has paid up through the end of the year. Bill Birch’s Lake Country Stamps has also just been added as an annual ad subscriber. Thank you Michael and Bill. Continuing regular annual advertisers are David Alex, JADECO Stamp and Hobby, and Rodger H. Oswald. All *ATFP* dealer ads are now also appearing on the *ATFP* webpage and most include hot links to the

advertiser’s webpage or email address.

Leading up to the National Topical Stamp Show which will be held in Milwaukee June 23-25, the ATA has been running quarter page ads and has a full back page ad in the May/June issue. Jim Stearns has been running full page retirement sale ads in March and maybe April to advertise his going out of business sale which continues until July 15th. Jim is retiring after 45 years in the business. We wish Jim & Millie a long and happy retirement.

Using a new page layout application has allowed me to develop ad artwork for three of our advertisers. The regularly used David Alex ad has been cleaned up to make it more legible. The Central Wisconsin Stamp Club requested help to incorporate a plug for WISCOPEX ’17 in their December holiday ad. Lastly, we assisted Bill Birch with his new ad which appears for the first time in the May/June *ATFP* issue.

Beginning with the October 2016 issue of *ATFP* I began to publish a one page ad schedule. The original purpose of this was to help me keep track of upcoming ads, and to have a single place to record payment status, ad size, advertiser contact information. I also began sending it to Ray Perry shortly after the issue deadline day to help us both keep track of ads. Since the October issue the schedule format has been refined and the distribution has been widened to include almost everyone involved in publishing *ATFP*. I’ve even started using a marked up copy as a transmittal document when sending checks from advertisers to Al Vick. It has been very useful.

The WFSC monthly eBlast has become a regular on-line publication which is sent to member subscribers to alert them to the publication of the latest issue of *ATFP*. Each issue of the eBlast includes a hot link to the full color on-line version of *ATFP*, a brief list of the *ATFP* contents, noteworthy sales being offered by *ATFP* advertisers, and a reminder of upcoming area stamp shows. It seems the eBlast and the on-line *ATFP* are becoming a path for us to transition to the digital age.

Editorial Advisory Council (Chair Perry/Mules/Devine/Grant/Bowman/St. Onge): The committee surveyed ideas for issues from Sept., 2017 through July/August, 2018. Came up with many ideas including 90th anniversary of Lindy’s solo flight across the Atlantic, the 100th anniversary of U.S. airmail in 2018, the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, and several 100th anniversaries. Will be looking for authors in the near future. Many thanks to the members of the committee for their help in proof reading each issue of *ATFP*. We added John St. Onge and Michael Mules to the Editorial Committee. Ongoing is to line up authors for future articles. Plans for the future include finishing up the plans for each month’s issue, identifying authors for the planned articles, identifying regular columns, and identifying authors for each regular column.

Historian John Paré: As of May 6, 2017, Clarence Davis will assume the position of the WFSC Historian. All materials are up-to-date and have been transferred to the custody of Mr. Davis. WFSC President Karen Weigt appointed Clarence Davis as the new WFSC Historian.

American Philatelic Society Rep. Al Vick: There were no significant interactions with the APS. APS Executive Director Scott English will attend the National Topical Show and Milcopex.

American Topical Association Rep. Bob Mather: Because 6 members of the Federation are also members of the ATA, we receive the journal gratis. The National Topical Show will take place in Milwaukee this year, June 23, 24, and 25, 2017.

Awards Chairman John Fagan: No report.

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Webmaster Steve Kluskens: Traffic jumped in 2016 to 95,000 page-views (pair of eyes looking at a page). This matches the 2013 high point for the last ten years. The show calendar remains the most viewed page after the home page, followed by the ATFP page. The electronic edition of the ATFP was downloaded over 1000 times. The youth section, however, draws the most downloads, with the space exploration PowerPoint downloaded 1800 times, and the Scout badge PDF 1200 times. The webmaster would not be adverse to retirement, being now at the peak of his professional career. The website has been deliberately kept in the simplest code, such that an ambitious middle-schooler could take it over.

Website Committee (Chair Mules/Kluskens/Bowman/Devine/Greenwald): During the past year, we have contacted the member clubs for updates, so those searching online for a stamp club will receive accurate information. We have updated the "Links" page, adding categories for Youth, Teacher Resources, and expanding Research links to include 85 different active websites related to stamp collecting. We have removed inactive links, added dealer information, and maintained an online connection for all of our member clubs. The website committee wishes to acknowledge the extensive work done by Steve Kluskens as webmaster, to keep the website at the top of search results.

Speakers Bureau Karen Weigt: I made an effort to solicit many new bureau members and updated the listing, which is posted on the WFSC website. Please see other meeting educational programs posted under "Resources" on the WFSC website.

Facebook Administrator Aimeé Devine: No report.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws Amendment Regarding Region VPs: Wisconsin Postal History Society moved and Fond du Lac Stamp Club seconded a motion to amend Article VIII Officers Section 1 from "seven" to "five." Passed unanimously.

Bids for Future Conventions: 2018– Baraboo Area Stamp Club would like to host WISCOPEX 2018 in Reedsburg, Wisconsin.
2019 – The Badger Stamp Club would like to host WISCOPEX 2019 should they be able to find a reasonably priced venue.
2020 – Open

Call for Motion to Designate WISCOPEX 2018 a WFSC-Sponsored Event: Badger Stamp Club moved and Kettle Moraine Stamp and Coin Club seconded a motion

to designate WISCOPEX 2018 a WFSC-Sponsored Event. Passed unanimously.

Other New Business: Greg Schmidt presented the first WFSC Lifetime Service Award to Karen Weigt.

AWARDS

Hall of Fame Class of 2017 (Chair Mather/Schmidt/Undersander): Bob Mather read the nominations for the Hall of Fame Class of 2017: Gaylord Yost. **Milwaukee Philatelic Society moved and Northwoods Philatelic Society seconded a motion to elect Gaylord Yost to the Hall of Fame Class of 2017.** Bob Mather also read the nomination of Gene Bowman to the Hall of Fame. **Moved by Northwestern Mutual Stamp Club and seconded by Milwaukee Philatelic Society a motion to elect Gene Bowman to the Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame. Passed unanimously.**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – terms beginning 7/1/17

Nominating Committee Report (Chair Liedtke/Wozniak/Schmidt): Greg Schmidt presented a slate of candidates for election:

President (2-year term) Karen Weigt; Vice President (2-year term) Greg Schmidt; Vice President Youth Division (1-year term) MaryAnn Bowman; Five Region Vice Presidents (1-year term) John Paré, Don Kurki, Art Schmitz, and Maurice Wozniak. There being no objections nor other nominations from the floor, the elections stand as presented by the Nominating Committee.

APPOINTMENTS: The following appointments were made.

Standing Committee on Exhibitions (Chair Paré/Davis/Glenzer); Nominating Committee for 2018 Convention (Chair Liedtke/Wozniak/Schmidt); Hall of Fame Committee (Chair Schmidt/Undersander/Mather); Newsletter Editor (Ray Perry)

CLOSED ALBUMS honoring members of WFSC member clubs who have died during the year)

Oshkosh Philatelic Society - Don Thruwatcher;
Badger Stamp Club - Jim Cottingham and Barbara Mueller;
Northwoods Philatelic Society - Lucy Marston, Robert Schultz;
Kettle Moraine Stamp and Coin Club - Carl Groth;
Central Wisconsin Stamp Club - Tom Sanford;
Waukesha County Philatelic Society - Tom Meyers. Moment of silence.

Motion of thanks to the host club. Kettle Moraine Stamp and Coin Club moved and Badger Stamp Club seconded a motion to thank the Central Wisconsin Stamp Club. Passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Karen Weigt closed the meeting at 2:30 pm.

More WISCOPEX '17 Memories



(l. to r.) Larry Nix, John Paré Champion of Champions contenders, Dan Undersander, Colin Fraser Judges



Banquet Master of Ceremonies L. Glenzer



Left: Karen Weigt receives 1st WFSC Lifetime Achievement Award from Greg Schmidt.

Right: Banquet guest speaker Jay Bigalke.

