

**Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting  
Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs  
75th Annual Convention, March 11, 2006**

The 75th Annual Business Meeting of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs was called to order by President Maurice D. Wozniak at 1:00 p.m. at the Forest Hills Lodge, Rockford, IL. President Wozniak gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Karen Weigt read the roll call of member clubs and 11 delegates responded, having previously presented their credentials. Nineteen clubs on the 2006 membership roles were not represented. The 11 delegates were from the following clubs:

- American Topical Association, Chapter 5
- Badger Stamp Club
- Kettle Moraine Coin and Stamp Club
- Milwaukee Philatelic Society
- North Shore Philatelic Society of Milwaukee
- Northwestern Mutual Stamp Club
- Northwoods Philatelic Society (Iron Mountain)
- Outagamie Philatelic Society
- Rockford Stamp Club
- Waukesha County Philatelic Society
- Wauwatosa Philatelic Society

**MEMBERSHIP TOTALS**

Treasurer Paul T. Schroeder announced that the number of WFSC clubs has been declining since 2004. This year, the WFSC received notification that the *Ripon Philatelic Society* has disbanded, which brings membership totals down to 30 clubs and 21 members-at-large. The 30 clubs paid 2006 dues based on their memberships that total 817 individuals, for an increase of 57 from 2005. Twelve clubs reported an increase in membership; 10 reported decreases in membership.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the 2005 Annual Business Meeting. *MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**President Maurice D. Wozniak** stated that it's an honor to serve those who care enough about the hobby to participate on the local level and to come to the WFSC's Annual Business Meeting. The theme of his column in *Across the Fence Post* has been one of participation. Philately needs collectors to join clubs and to exhibit. It's becoming more and more difficult to find exhibits for WISCOPEX and local shows. It means that collectors are not sharing what their doing and they're robbing themselves of the fun that can be derived from this aspect of the hobby.

Maurice added that he's been promoting the WFSC at the shows he attends. He recently attended the St. Louis Stamp Expo and he was at APS StampShow held last August at Grand Rapids, MI. Overall, he's gratified by the

support of those who are active in organized philately. He is, however, always looking for more support and involvement of younger people.

In the absence of **Vice President Hank Schmidt**, President Wozniak read Hank's written report. Hank reported that he stands ready if it should become necessary for him to take over the duties of the presidency, and he thanked WFSC officers for keeping him informed of business matters. Due to health issues, he attended only two Executive Board meeting this past year. He served as chairman of one of those meetings when the WFSC president was unable to attend.

Hank assisted with the servicing of two WFSC first-day covers produced in 2005. He also assisted the Oshkosh Postmaster with preparations for the first-day-of-issue of the American Advances in Aviation se-tenant sheet, which was released at AirVenture 2005 held in Oshkosh. Hank additionally helped staff the WFSC booth at MILCOPEX '05.

**Secretary Karen Weigt** reported that she performed all the usual duties associated with her position. She handled all matters associated with Executive Board meetings and the Annual Business Meeting. This includes arranging for a meeting room, sending the meeting notice, preparing the agenda, and transcribing the minutes. She kept officer, committee, and appointee mailing lists up to date. She furthermore assisted these WFSC "official family" members by providing updated documents and information maintained in the Central Office files.

Karen prepared and mailed the annual dues notices and kept records of any changes with regard to club officers and meeting times, dates and locations. She communicated with clubs by responding to their inquiries and through the "WFSC Announcements" that appear in *Across the Fence Post*. She handled all other Central Office mail, including the many inquiries generated through the WFSC Web site. She coordinated the WFSC Show Calendar and Registry needed to avoid conflicting show dates and to publicize these events. She furthermore fulfilled responsibilities associated with her three other appointments and service on four other committees.

Karen concluded her report with a statement that her current term of office expires on June 30 and after 21 years, she has decided not to accept a nomination for re-election.

**Treasurer Paul T. Schroeder** reviewed the 2005 WFSC financial report distributed to delegates. The report showed assets of:

	<u>12/31/04</u>	<u>12/31/05</u>
Checking, Savings (CD)		
& Prepaid Expenses	\$10,414.44	\$10,185.90

Paul noted a general fund loss of \$410.84 for 2005, which is the third year in a row the WFSC has experienced an operating loss. Fortunately, the WFSC made money on WISCOPEX '04, which has covered those losses. Unfortunately, Paul projects another operating loss for 2006 of about \$695. We have been slowly eating into our funds.

Paul related that the WFSC produced three covers in 2005. They featured the American Advances in Aviation issue, the Silver Coffeepot stamp, and the Wisconsin quarter. Unfortunately, the topics were not as successful for the WFSC as those related to the Green Bay Packers and the state sesquicentennial, which had a bigger appeal to Wisconsinites. Consequently, the WFSC still has not recuperated costs on the 2005 covers and needs \$224 more worth of sales to break even. The current inventory of all WFSC covers cost approximately \$921 to produce and has a potential retail value of about \$2,300.

**MaryAnn Bowman** was absent and all her written reports were read by Secretary Karen Weigt. In MaryAnn's report as **Vice President, Youth Division**, she stated that in the past year, she worked on several new initiatives that will benefit stamp-collecting youth in Wisconsin and throughout the U.S. Her projects and involvement have been on a much larger scale than previously. They have also involved partnering with other philatelic organizations and groups.

The WFSC will have a presence at Milwaukee's KIDSfest, to be held April 8-9 at the Wisconsin Exposition Center at State Fair Park in West Allis. It provides the opportunity to introduce stamp collecting to an expected attendance of 25,000 moms, dads, and kids. Displays and giveaways are being planned. MaryAnn also will present a hands-on activity at the KIDSfest Travel Pavilion, where youth can create a take-home project using foreign stamps.

MaryAnn has partnered with *Mekeel's and Stamps Magazine* to promote philately through a four-page centerfold aimed at youth and beginning collectors. It is published on a regular basis and contains feature articles, activities, and contests. Subscribers to the magazine can pull out the section and share it with other beginning and youth collectors. Those not subscribing can obtain a free copy by sending up to 10 large SASEs to MaryAnn. Copies have been made available to youth groups, stamp shows, and Boy Scout Stamp Collecting Merit Badge seminars.

Plans are currently in the works to have an American Philatelic Society Stamp Camp offered in the Milwaukee area in August, one day before heading to Chicago for the APS StampShow. MaryAnn also has secured a Boy Scout leader who will present a Stamp Collecting Merit Badge seminar at MILCOPEX '06.

MaryAnn continues to serve youth in other capacities at the local, state, and national levels and through her writings for the *APS Chapter Activities Newsletter* and *Topical Time*, journal of the American Topical Association.

MaryAnn thanked Wisconsin collectors who have supported her projects through their generous donations of stamps, supplies and other philatelic material.

**Al Marcus, Northeast Region VP**, reported that with the exception of the *Wisconsin Postal History Society*, he has visited all clubs in his region. The *WPHS* meets once a year at WISCOPEX, and Al will make contact with the group this weekend.

The *Green Bay Philatelic Society* is doing well and recently held a stamp camp for youth at the Green Bay

Central Library. The club will sponsor its annual BAYPEX on March 25th.

The *Northwoods Philatelic Society (Iron Mountain)* is an enthusiastic group with a membership of 25 to 30 avid collectors and meeting attendance of at least 20. Most members travel great distances to get to the meetings that include an auction and an educational program. The *NPS* prepared a special cover and pictorial cancel for the Felch Centennial celebration to be held on March 13 at the Felch Post Office.

The *Outagamie Philatelic Society's* annual show will be held in April. It's always well attended and dealers are surprised at the number of families that participate and are becoming aware of the educational benefits of stamp collecting. The *OPS* believes that shows are the best way to interest the general public and attract prospective members. *OPS* also sponsors an annual fall bourse.

**Vern Witt, East Central Region VP**, was unable to attend due to a recent fall that resulted in a severe knee injury. Secretary Karen Weigt read his report which had been dictated to her over the phone. Vern stated that he visited four of the six clubs in his region, and he'll visit the remaining two clubs in June or early fall. He was most impressed with the *Kettle Moraine Coin and Stamp Club*, which is growing. There were 18 adults and 11 youth at the meeting he attended. In January, he checked out a supply of WFSC covers on consignment, and he has had considerable success in selling them to members of the clubs in his region.

**Gregg Greenwald, Central Region VP**, reported that he attended all meetings of the *Central Wisconsin Stamp Club*. He also attended the *CWSC's* annual show in February and the *Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society's (Wausau)* annual show held in September.

**Art Schmitz, Southeast Region VP**, stated that he visited every club in his region at least once during the past year. He enjoyed participating in the clubs' social and holiday events. Some clubs facing membership and attendance problems have, as of now, rejected merging as a possible solution to the situation. He presented his slide program titled "Collecting Dead Countries" to the *North Shore Philatelic Society of Milwaukee*, the *Polish American Stamp Club*, and the *ATA Chapter 5* group.

**Kurt Albrecht, the second Southeast Region VP**, was absent with no submitted report.

**Art Gaffney, South Central Region VP**, reported that the *Waukesha County Philatelic Society* is the only remaining club in his region. In the past year, meeting attendance ranged from 16 to 28 members. Club members donated many hours to the ATA's National Topical Stamp Show held in Milwaukee last June. The *WCPS* also is supporting the upcoming KIDSfest to be held at State Fair Park. The club's promotional brochure has brought in new members who have been very active participants in the club's major and mini-auctions.

**Valerie Cook, Southwest Region VP**, stated that she attended as many WFSC Executive Board meetings and visited as many clubs in her region as her full-time job would allow. She's been in touch with members of the clubs for which she has not been able to personally attend meetings and remains available to help with matters as

they arise. Val commented on today's challenge to keep up a collection of modern stamp issues, especially in the age of an individual's ability to now go online and order their own personalized postage stamps.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

**Paul T. Schroeder, Chrmn., Finance Committee**, reported that the committee has not taken any action in the past year. He has, however, kept committee members informed by sending them copies of all financial reports.

**Karen Weigt**, member of the **Publicity and Public Relations Committee**, reported that the WFSC society table is a major committee function. It provides visibility of the WFSC and an opportunity to promote local club membership and activities. She coordinated and staffed the WFSC society table at last June's National Topical Stamp Show held in Milwaukee, at MILCOPEX '05 and at today's WISCOPEX. Many people stop at the WFSC table, and the WFSC is always prepared to direct any lone collectors to a club meeting. Karen thanked the *Milwaukee Philatelic Society* for their generosity in always providing free table space at MILCOPEX. She also thanked the NTSS's general chairman for including the WFSC at last year's convention. She produced the annual show/bourse/club meeting information flier that lists all clubs and upcoming shows. While it's an extremely useful and informative handout, she urged clubs to additionally keep her supplied with their own publicity literature.

At NTSS, the WFSC distributed a gift item to all passers-by, thereby keeping the WFSC name up-front and promoting goodwill on the national level.

The WFSC's Web site is another area where the WFSC is publicizing its member clubs. Last year, the WFSC initiated a program whereby every club can have its own page on the site. Unfortunately, only a few clubs are taking advantage of this new benefit of WFSC membership that was announced in the September issue of *Across the Fence Post*. An example of how to use a club page can be found by looking at what the *Oshkosh Philatelic Society* has done and then submitting respective club publicity to the WFSC's webmaster.

The Publicity and Public Relations Committee assists with the marketing of all WFSC covers, three of which were produced in 2005. The committee furthermore maintains a complimentary copy list for mailings of *Across the Fence Post* that are distributed nationally to such places as *Linn's Stamp News*, the American Philatelic Research Library, the Central New York Federation of Stamp Clubs, the Wisconsin Historical Society, and more.

This year, the WFSC is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Karen participated in the dissemination of a news release announcing the milestone. It was written by President Maurice Wozniak and copies are included in delegate packets. It's already gone out to the national philatelic news media.

Maurice urged delegates to send, or better yet, personally present the news release to the editors of their local newspapers. It will let the editor's know that a local stamp-collecting club exists and there's some hometown

news available. Maurice advised delegates to be sure to include their club contact information. In the near future, Maurice plans to prepare a general brochure, which will be posted on the WFSC's Web site. Clubs will be able to download it, insert their club name, reproduce it on a computer printer, and distribute it as a publicity item.

**MaryAnn Bowman**, the other member of the **Publicity and Public Relations Committee**, stated that she served as a speaker at two seminars held at MILCOPEX '05. The purpose of the seminars was to provide officers and club members with the tools, knowledge and confidence needed to promote philately. One seminar was a club officers' roundtable. The primary duties and responsibilities of the four main officers as well as Robert's Rules of Order were reviewed. The how-to of writing a press release to publicize club meetings also was discussed.

The second seminar focused on resources for clubs and gave suggestions for interesting club programs. A brief discussion about insurance for clubs, exhibits, and circuit books was presented. This was followed by an opportunity for participants to share their ideas.

MaryAnn additionally coordinated the annual WFSC Cover Exchange Program, devised the annual WFSC Club Trivia Contest, and prepared the mini-exhibit pages used by some clubs for post office and library displays.

**Frank Moertl, Chrmn., Judging Committee**, was absent but committee member **Rob Henak** commented that it almost seems the WFSC now has more people interested in judging than people interested in exhibiting. Brian J. Liedtke has completed his apprenticeship and is now a certified WFSC judge and Ken Grant was recently accepted as a certified judge. Tim Wait is a new apprentice and Kat Henak, who is now an adult and was working as a youth judge, has just one more show to qualify as an adult judge.

Rob noted that a lot of shows are dropping judged exhibits so the WFSC has a group of judges with no place to go. He suggested that perhaps the state-level judges could think about looking to qualify for national-level certification.

President Maurice Wozniak announced that the **Wisconsin Stamp Suggestion Committee** was left vacant when Jay Bigalke accepted a position in Ohio with *Linn's Stamp News*. The committee requires an individual who is interested in promoting stamp issues related to Wisconsin. Maurice asked delegates to look for a volunteer within their home clubs to fill the vacancy, and to contact him if they locate someone willing to take the job.

Secretary Karen Weigt related that **Robert Matzek, Chrmn., Committee on Exhibitions**, was absent. He did, however, contact her and asked that she report that there was no committee action within the past year.

**Karen Weigt, Chrmn., Bylaws Committee**, reported that from time to time the committee advised the Executive Board of any actions that might be contrary to the WFSC bylaws. Other than that, no committee activity was required.

## REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES / PROJECTS AND OTHER APPOINTEES

President Maurice Wozniak related that he has replaced **WFSC Newsletter Editor Ted Gifford** with **Wayne Youngblood**, who has agreed to accept the appointed position as of the May-June issue of *Across the Fence Post*. Maurice warned that because of the transition, the May-June issue might be a bit late. Secretary Karen Weigt stated that part of any delay might also be due to her lag in getting the convention minutes to the editor for inclusion in that issue.

Maurice applauded Ted, who was absent from the meeting, for stepping in about 18 months ago when the WFSC was in need of someone to fill the editorship position. He has been a very enthusiastic volunteer and has consistently gotten the newsletter out in a timely manner.

**Dave Carney, ATFP Ad Manager**, was absent with no submitted report. President Maurice Wozniak noted that when he last spoke with Dave, he said he had done a solicitation mailing to dealers and had not heard back from anyone. Maurice requested that Dave send a follow-up mailing. Maurice additionally commented that he is initiating a search for an individual with an advertising sales background to fill the position of *ATFP* Ad Manager and asked delegates to assist with the search.

President Wozniak related that the **Editorial Advisory Council**, consists of the current newsletter editor, the previous editor, and MaryAnn Bowman and Karen Weigt. Being the only council member present, Karen reported that Newsletter Editor Ted Gifford never called upon the council for help. On one occasion last year, the council took action on its own to try to advise the editor on how to organize the *Across the Fence Post* Show Calendar and Registry listings.

In the absence of **Verna Shackleton, WFSC Historian**, Secretary Karen Weigt read her written report. Verna stated that all nine volumes of historical material are up to date. In lieu of the WFSC's 75th anniversary, she pulled pages from some of the binders to create a 63-page exhibit depicting 75 years of WFSC convention covers. WFSC Treasurer Paul T. Schroeder made color photocopies of the pages, which are on display in the exhibit frames this weekend. The photocopies will be returned to her and will reside in a separate notebook with the other nine albums.

**Tim Wait, BLUE BOOK Coordinator**, reported that he hopes to begin work on an updated edition of the BLUE BOOK in the very near future.

**Karen Weigt, American Philatelic Society Representative for the WFSC**, reported that she has submitted all necessary reports involved with the WFSC's chapter membership. Twenty-three of the WFSC's 30 clubs also hold APS chapter or affiliate membership. The WFSC, therefore, receives an annual credit that can be used for purchasing APS publications that are passed on to WFSC members in the form of gifts or prizes. The current credit balance is \$58.60.

Karen urged all clubs to seek APS chapter membership. Benefits include slide shows that can be presented at club meetings, receipt of regular mailings of

APS sales circuit books, mailing labels for recruiting club members, and a quarterly *APS Chapter Activities Committee Newsletter*. The *CACN* contains loads of creative ideas for growing club membership and working with youth collectors. The *CACN* furthermore includes articles about stamp collecting that can be reprinted in local club newsletters. Karen offered membership application forms for delegates to take back to their clubs.

**Robert Mather, American Topical Association Representative for the WFSC**, reported that the WFSC remains an ATA chapter in good standing. Chapter membership is free if six club members hold individual membership in the ATA. Chapters are asked to send copies of their newsletters to the ATA chapters director. He writes a column about chapter activities that appears in *Topical Time*, the ATA's bimonthly journal. The result is free publicity for all ATA chapter clubs.

**MaryAnn Bowman, Cover Exchange Program Coordinator**, reported that the WFSC's cover exchange, held annually during October National Stamp Collecting Month, concluded another successful year. There were 90 commemorative covers and 230 first-day covers submitted to the exchange for a total of 320 covers. For the first year since its inception, no covers had to be returned due to poor cancels, oversized covers, or not meeting the criteria. It is expected that the Cover Exchange Program will be offered again during October 2006.

**Karen Weigt, Editor, Wisconsin on Stamps**, said there's been no progress on the project for several years. She's expecting more free time to work on the publication when her term as WFSC secretary ends on June 30.

**John Fagan, WFSC Awards Chairman**, reported that he prepared two awards that will be presented at this weekend's convention.

President Maurice Wozniak announced that he is in the process of replacing **WFSC Webmaster Ted Gifford** with **Steve Kluskens**, who is a member of the *Northwoods Philatelic Society (Iron Mountain, MI)*. Maurice reviewed some of the many plans Steve submitted for the Web site. In addition to improving the appearance and modernizing the look of the site, he first and foremost wants to keep it immediately up to date as it might encourage people to check into it more often. He likewise wants to post *Across the Fence Post* articles. Steve also asked the WFSC Executive Board and clubs to express their ideas and desires for the site. Maurice suggested communicating with Steve through his e-mail setup at [WFSCstamps.org](mailto:WFSCstamps.org). Another of Steve's proposals involves buying some key domain names, something that will be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting.

**Karen Weigt, Speakers Bureau Coordinator**, reported that no new speakers have been added to the list since the original five volunteered their services in 2003. These five, however, all present a great program. Karen said a listing of the programs offered and speaker contact information is included in the delegate packets. She urged clubs to take advantage of this benefit of WFSC membership. She also asked for more volunteers to add to the list.

**MaryAnn Bowman, Chrmn., WFSC 75th Anniversary Committee**, reported that the *Rockford Stamp Club's* hosting of WISCOPEX '06 is just the first of several celebrations planned for the WFSC's 75th anniversary. Plans to continue the celebration at MILCOPEX '06 are subject to approval from the host club. Be watching *Across the Fence Post* for announcements regarding the special events and opportunities for WFSC member to participate. A unique blend of entertainment and educational activities sponsored by the WFSC will have the philatelic community buzzing. The committee hopes to put the fun back into philately.

MaryAnn noted that this year's WFSC Club Trivia Contest has clues related to the year of the WFSC's founding. Every club that answers half of the questions will receive a prize. Additionally, if a host club is found for WISCOPEX '07, the committee will work with the club to plan celebration activities that will close out the anniversary year.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Shared Mailing List for Show Publicity** — President Wozniak announced that the Executive Board reviewed the proposal introduced at the 2005 Annual Business Meeting and determined there was no objection to its implementation. The proposal was presented by Earl Button, delegate of the *Monroe Stamp and Postcard Club* and it was publicized in the September 2005 issue of *Across the Fence Post*. Clubs share their show registrations to form a master list capable of reaching a more widespread population. Upon request from a participating club, Earl will provide mailing labels by specified ZIP codes. For further information, contact Earl at ebutton@tds.net.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Bids for Future Conventions** — The *Outagamie Philatelic Society* entered a bid for 2008, which was accepted. There were no bids for 2009, 2010, and 2111. An unconfirmed rumor was announced that the *Waukesha County Philatelic Society* might host the 2007 convention.

**WFSC-sponsored WISCOPEX 2007 (Bylaws Legality)** — President Wozniak called for a motion to **designate the WFSC as sponsor of WISCOPEX '07**. The motion (bolded) was made. *MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

**Member-at-Large Dues Increase** — WFSC Treasurer Paul T. Schroeder explained that dues for this membership category no longer cover costs that have been steadily rising during the past couple years. A motion was made to increase dues from the rate of \$7 per year to \$10 per year. *MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

**Club Dues Increase** — WFSC Treasurer Paul Schroeder explained that the last increase in dues occurred in 1995 and the current rate does not even cover the per member cost for copies of *Across the Fence Post*. A motion was made to increase dues from the rate of \$1.20 per member to \$1.50 per member, with a \$15 club minimum and a \$300 maximum (per the WFSC bylaws),

effective for the year 2007. *MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*

#### AWARDS

**Hall of Fame Class of 2006 — Tim Wait, Chrmn., Hall of Fame Committee**, read the nomination of Arthur Schmitz for the Class of 2006.

A motion was made to accept the nomination of Arthur Schmitz. *MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*  
**WFSC Dealer Recognition Award** — President Wozniak announced that the 2007 award recipient is Peter D. Adamini, of Green Bay. The award presentation will take place at the evening banquet.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**Secretary — Paul T. Schroeder, Chrmn., Nominating Committee**, announced that the committee was unable to find anyone a nominee to fill the position for a two-year term to begin July 1, 2006, and there were no nominations from the floor. President Wozniak urged clubs to find a volunteer(s) — possibly a secretary and an assistant — to fill the position on the basis of an appointment by the Executive Board.

**Treasurer — Paul T. Schroeder** was elected without opposition. Paul shall serve for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2006.

**Vice President, Youth Division — MaryAnn Bowman** was *re*-elected without opposition. MaryAnn shall serve for another one-year term beginning July 1, 2006.

**Regional Vice Presidents** — The following shall serve for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2006:

(newly elected without opposition)  
Southeast Region (2) — **Art Petri**  
(*re*-elected without opposition)  
Central Region — **Gregg Greenwald**  
Northeast Region — **Al Marcus**  
East Central Region — **Vern Witt**  
South Central — **Art Gaffney**  
Southeast Region (1) — **Art Schmitz**  
Southwest Region — **Valerie Cook**

#### APPOINTMENTS

**Tim Wait** (Chrmn., WISCOPEX '06), in accordance with bylaws, was automatically appointed to serve a three-year term on the Standing Committee on Exhibitions with **Chrmn. Al Marcus** and **John Pare**.

Automatic appointments to the Nominating Committee are **Chrmn. Paul T. Schroeder, Al Marcus, and Brian J. Liedtke**.

**Art Schmitz** was appointed to serve a three-year term on the Hall of Fame Committee with **Chrmn. Verna Shackleton** and **Art Petri**.

**Wayne Youngblood** was appointed Newsletter Editor.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Footloose Filatelists** — John Fagan, Chief Hinge Licker of the Footloose Filatelists of America (Wisconsin Pane), reported a treasury balance of \$150.

**Wisconsin Philatelists Gathering at Washington 2006** — President Maurice Wozniak announced that there's an attempt to arrange a get-together of Wisconsinites at Washington 2006. If interested, contact MaryAnn Bowman or Maurice.

**Tribute to Mary Ann Owens** — President Wozniak announced that a scrapbook of memorial letters and other memorabilia is being compiled as a tribute to renowned philatelist and Wisconsinite Mary Ann Owens, who recently passed away. The book will be presented to Owens' brother. Items should be sent to MaryAnn Bowman.

#### **CLOSED ALBUMS**

A moment of silence was observed in honor of the following WFSC members deceased in the past year: LeRoy Anderson, Don Carter, Roberta Comfort, Carl Farnsworth, William Feldhausen, Claude Giralte, William Grosnick, Sr., Mildred Hettmann, Roy Marks, Roy Northwood, Mary Ann Owens, Clement Ruesch, Eric Schulz and Paul Thoman.

#### **CLOSING**

A motion was made to thank the *Rockford Stamp Club* for hosting the 2006 WFSC convention and exhibition.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. and a 75th anniversary cake was served.