

Minutes of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs: 80th Convention, 2011 Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, April 2, 2011, 1:00 p.m., Holiday Inn Stevens Point, Wis.

Present Delegates: American Topical Association Chapter 5, Anne Clark; Badger Stamp Club, Karen Weigt; Central Wisconsin Stamp Club, Smokey Toepfer; Chippewa Valley Stamp Club, Peter Ledrow; Germany Philatelic Society Milwaukee Chapter 18, John Farkas; Green Bay Philatelic Society, Darryl Ruprecht; Janesville Stamp Club, Douglas French; Kettle Moraine Coin & Stamp Club, Judy Essig; Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Gaylord Yost; North Shore Philatelic Society, Robert Henak; Northwestern Mutual Stamp Club, Paul Zientek; Northwoods Philatelic Society, Milt Wirth; Oshkosh Philatelic Society, Paul Schroeder; Outagamie Philatelic Society, Milt Schreiner; Sheboygan Stamp Club, Ed Weiher; Wauwatosa Philatelic Society, John Fagan; Wisconsin Postal History Society, Greg Schmidt; Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society, Fred Ziemann

Alternates: Green Bay Philatelic Society, Clete Delvaux; Milwaukee Philatelic Society, John Farkas

WFSC Officers: President Maurice D. Wozniak, Vice President Jim Stollenwerk, Vice President-Youth Division Mary Ann Bowman, Vice President-Northeast Region Al Marcus,

Vice President-East Central Region Vern Witt, Vice President-Central Region Mike Lenard, Secretary Ken Grant, Treasurer Allen E. Vick

Observers: John Pare, Robert Mather, Lorelei Mather, M. Zarom

1. Call to Order: Maurice Wozniak called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and announced that he would not stand for re-election as President.

2. Invocation: Maurice conducted the invocation.

3. Ken Grant conducted the roll call of attending Wisconsin Federation Stamp Clubs, 17 being present.

4. WFSC Membership stands at 26 clubs with 738 members in 2011.

5. Greg Schmidt moved and John Farkas seconded a motion to **approve the minutes of the 2010 WFSC Annual Meeting**. Passed unanimously.

6. Reports of Officers

A. President: Maurice Wozniak commended the WFSC board members for their activities and reviewed some of the special events in which the Federation participated. He noted the first-day ceremony activities regarding the Mary Lasker issue two years ago, the bus trip to APS headquarters to participate in the Mary Ann Owens memorial and the growing internet

presence at www.WFSCstamps.org. The Federation webpage contains an archive of *Across the Fence Post* issues and other useful information.

B. Vice President's Report: Jim Stollenwerk reported that he is continuing to work on the *Blue Book*, transferring the information into an MS Word document. He announced that he would not run for another term as Vice President.

C. Secretary's Report: Ken Grant indicated that this was his second meeting since being appointed secretary and that he hopes to provide the Federation with accurate minutes.

D. Treasurer's Report: Al Vick reported that the Federation is in good financial shape. He circulated the 2010 Financial Report, which reflected a Dec. 31, 2010, balance of \$9,309.01, divided between a general fund and a money market account. Greg Schmidt moved and Darryl Ruprecht seconded a motion to accept the financial report. Passed unanimously.

E. Vice President, Youth Division: MaryAnn Bowman reported that there are three WFSC clubs that have active youth groups: Mary Yahr's Ben Franklin Stamp Club in West Bend, Aimee Devine's group in Janesville and the youth club that she leads in conjunction with ATA Chapter #5 in the Milwaukee area. Bowman indicated that Wisconsin will have a candidate for consideration in the APS Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship program. She hopes that if the candidate is selected Wisconsin collectors will show their support for this program. Finally, she reiterated her innocence regarding the malicious and false rumors that had spread about donated material to her youth programs.

F. Northeast Region: Al Marcus reported the health of the clubs in his region. The Green Bay Philatelic Society had a successful Baypex, its annual show. He noted the Northwoods Philatelic Society of Iron Mountain, Mich., continues to be active. The Outagamie Club will hold a stamp show May 14 at the local VFW. Lakeland club of the Minocqua area had a show last year and will have one again on July 30.

G. East Central Region: Vern Witt reported that he visited all the stamp clubs and that all are doing well.

H. Central Region: Mike Lenard reported that he intends to keep in better contact with the clubs in his region in 2011. He has spoken to members of all the clubs and intends to do so again this year.

I. Southeast Region: Art Schmitz's written report indicated that he had visited all the clubs in both the Southeast and South Central region. The Waukesha club is now holding two meetings a month, a sign of a healthy club. Wozniak reported that Art Schmitz has done an excellent job visiting clubs in his region.

Closed album: Allan Marcus

Allan Marcus, 69, whose service to the hobby of stamp collecting was long and significant, died unexpectedly Friday, April 8, at his home in Neenah. His death came less than a week after he reported at Wiscopex '11 about his activities in 2010 as northeast region vice president for the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, a position he had held since 2003.

Unassuming and soft-spoken, Marcus advanced the hobby of stamp collecting in many ways and enjoyed all its aspects, from the private enjoyment to public associations.

At the deadline for this newsletter notice, arrangements were being made by his wife, Mary, and family for a memorial service to be held April 30.

Marcus was a member of the Outagamie Philatelic Society, Oshkosh Philatelic Society, Green Bay Philatelic Society and Northwoods Stamp and Coin Club of Iron Mountain, Mich., all of which he visited on a regular basis, often bringing others with him for the drive. He also was a member of the American Philatelic Society.

His service to the WFSC goes back to 1993, when he was appointed to a half term as vice president to fill a vacancy. He was appointed again in 1995 to fill a short-term vacancy and then elected to office in 1995 and continuously re-elected until he was chosen as Federation president for the term of 2001-03.

He was elected to the WFSC Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame in 2002.

At the time of his death, in addition to his role as regional vice president, Marcus was serving on the committee on exhibitions since 1998 and on the nominating committee since 2003. He was on the newsletter committee 1993-2001.

On a local level, Marcus held officer positions in the Oshkosh Philatelic Society several times, dating to 1982-83 and in the Outagamie Philatelic Society since 1987-89.

He was show chairman for Wiscopex shows in 1998, 2003 and 2008 and also was show chairman or bourse chairman for several club shows, dating to 1993.

A commercial artist by profession, Marcus designed cachets for several WFSC first-day covers and club cachets.



J. South Central Region: See Section 6.I.

K. Southwest Region VP: No report.

7. Reports of Standing Committees (except Hall of Fame and Nominating Committees)

A. Finance Committee: Al Vick reported that there were numerous phone calls involved in the transfer of information from Charles Green's widow.

B. Publicity and Public Relations: Karen Weigt reported that the nametags, folders and chocolates were a part of her Delegate Image Improvement Project. Additionally, she coordinated the WFSC society table at Wiscopex 2011 and at Milcopex 2010. Finally, Weigt once again prepared the Show Bourse calendar and asked delegates to check to determine whether the information of their various clubs was accurate.

C. Judging Committee: Roland Essig has done a magnificent job as chair of the Judging Committee and has turned over responsibility to Rob Henak. The committee made the following decisions: to declare Timothy Wait a fully accredited WFSC judge, to offer WFSC accredited judges to Rockpex despite the fact that the Rockford Stamp Club is no longer a member of WFSC, to amend the *Blue Book* to indicate that two judges are required for any show, at least one of whom must be a WFSC accredited judge and to require that WFSC certification or pre-approval of judges comes from the Judges Committee, not the WFSC Board. At its Sept. 24, 2010, meeting, the Judging Committee developed a proposal for an alternative route to judicial certification. This proposal has been submitted to the WFSC board for action. In addition, Rob Henak submitted a proposal for a Continuing Judicial Education Requirement. This proposal is also submitted to the WFSC board for action.

D. Wisconsin Stamp Suggestion Committee: Paul Schroeder submitted his report indicating some names as a starting point for putting a Wisconsin person on a U.S. stamp. A short list includes Aldo Leopold, Robert LaFollette, Walter Liberace and William H. Rehnquist...

E. Committee on Exhibitions: No Report.

F. Bylaws Committee: Karen Weigt reported that no formal action has taken place on this committee over the past year.

8. Reports of Special Committees

A. Newsletter

1. Editor: Ken Grant reported for Wayne Youngblood. The next *ATFP* (April) will be a bit late. He is seeking articles for *ATFP* and would be interested in WFSC member feedback to the publication.

2. Advertising Manager: Dave Carney reported that he has secured some dealer advertising. He would like collectors to tell dealers that they saw their ads in *ATFP*.

3. Editorial Advisory Council: MaryAnn Bowman reported that the Council conducted a survey and will work at interpreting the information.

B. Historian: No Report

C. Blue Book: The *Blue Book* is a guide for

preparing for the Wiscopex show, and as such is a continuing WFSC project.

D. APS: Al Vick indicated that the WFSC seconded a slate of candidates for APS election, including Ken Grant for APS Secretary

E. ATA: Ken Grant had nothing to report.

F. Cover Exchange Program: We did not have a cover exchange program in 2010 because *Linn's* did not publish the information about the program. Publication in *Mekeel's* and *ATFP* did not result in any exchanges. Bowman explained the program to delegates. Unaddressed FDCs can be sent for exchange with other unaddressed FDCs; the same would be true with pictorial cancellations – exchanging like cover for like covers.

G. Wisconsin on Stamps: This item was inadvertently left on the agenda.

H. Awards: John Fagan prepared all the awards necessary.

I. Webmaster: Steve Kluskens provided a written report indicating that the WFSC website had more than 50,000 pages viewed in 2010. The page on club and show information was downloaded more than 300 times in 2010. Among the club pages, the Badger Stamp Club had 599 views. Google currently places the webpage first on searches for "Wisconsin stamps" and seventh on searches for "stamp clubs."

J. Speakers Bureau: Karen Weigt announced that a list of the speakers participating in the speakers' bureau was included in the delegates' folder. She will place that list on the WFSC webpage.

9. Old Business. No old business.

10. New Business

A. Bids for Future Conventions: Rob Henak volunteered to help any club with Exhibiting. Thus far we have no club volunteer for the 2012 Wiscopex. Maurice asked that the delegates bring the idea of volunteering to host Wiscopex back to their individual clubs. Darryl Ruprecht suggested that the WFSC consider allowing Wiscopex to be held along with any other regular club show so that the hosting club does not have to do two separate shows. Moved by Rob Henak and seconded by Milt Schreiner a motion that the board authorizes the WFSC to sponsor Wiscopex if no other club volunteers to host the show for 2012. Passed unanimously. The June agenda of the board will include extending the tax exempt number to the club that does volunteer.

B. Owney Plans: MaryAnn Bowman reviewed the plans for commemorating Wisconsin's connection to Owney (the mail dog). A stamp featuring Owney will be released July 27. ATA Chapter 5 will partner with the Humane Society to commemorate Owney in the Milwaukee area.

C. Ethics Issue: Maurice Wozniak read a prepared statement regarding the ethics issue concerning an individual who was soliciting stamp dealers for youth materials on behalf of the WFSC though he was not a member of the

Federation at the time of his actions. Wozniak's intention in bringing the issue to the annual meeting was twofold: First, "to refute the hurtful, false and damaging allegations of theft against one of our trusted officers, which can affect that person's good name and that of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, which has been built and nourished over a span of 80 years," and second, "to raise the question of whether works that outwardly appear beneficial but are based on a fabric of lies and deceit can ever be good." The Milwaukee Philatelic Society has enacted similar sanctions as the WFSC regarding the individual. Gaylord Yost moved and Milt Wirth seconded a motion to serve as a declaration of confidence in the integrity of MaryAnn Bowman and the work that she has done for the Federation and stamp collecting in Wisconsin. Passed unanimously.

D. Other New Business: We could save money by not printing *ATFP* but having it distributed online. Gaylord Yost indicated that he prefers the physical copy, as does Darryl Ruprecht. Bob Mather also prefers a physical copy. There seems to be a consensus that delegates believe that the membership would prefer to have the physical copy rather than electronic copy. Milt Worth suggested that each club ask which members would prefer physical copies and which would like electronic copies. This issue will be addressed at the next Board meeting.

11. Awards

A. Hall of Fame is in the process of being digitized and placed on the website. Badger stamp Club nominated Jay Bigalke for the Hall of Fame. Moved by Karen Weigt and seconded by Rob Henak a motion to accept the nomination and to induct Jay Bigalke into the Hall of Fame. Passed unanimously.

B. Dealer Recognition Award: Given only once to one dealer. J. D. Manville of Jadeco Stamps of Plover, Wis., is this year's recipient of the Dealer Recognition Award.

12. Elections of Officers: Nominating Report: We have yet to have a nomination for President. Brian Liedtke provided the following slate of candidates:

Greg Schmidt, Vice President; MaryAnn Bowman, Vice President-Youth; John Pare, Southwest Vice President; Mike Lenard, Central Vice President; Al Marcus, Northeast Vice President; Arthur Schmitz, Southeast Vice President (he will also fulfill the responsibilities of the South Central Vice President); Vern Witt, East Central Vice President.

Moved by Brian Liedtke and seconded by Peter Ladron a motion to elect the slate. Passed unanimously.

13. Appointments

A. The Standing Committee on Exhibitions will be chaired by Allan Marcus.

B. The Nominating Committee for the 2012 Convention will consist of Al Marcus (chair), Brian Liedtke, and Maurice Wozniak.

C. The Hall of Fame Committee will com-