

ATFP gets new editor! (no, not the steer)

By Wayne L. Youngblood

Effective with the September 2012 issue, *Across the Fence Post* will have a new editor! Aimee Devine of Janesville has volunteered to take over this important position, as this publication is the primary link many collectors have with the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs.

As a bit of background, Aimee was born and raised in Mississippi, and taught third grade there for seven years before moving to Wisconsin.

In 2002, she moved to Wisconsin, got married and now has two young boys who are home-schooled.

In the philatelic arena, Aimee runs the Janesville Junior Stamp Club and developed worksheets for the American Philatelic Society's *Stamps Teach* program, as well as for the WFSC youth website. In addition, she developed a Stamp Collecting Merit Badge PowerPoint presentation, which is posted on the WFSC website and she serves as co-editor (with MaryAnn Bowman) of the American Topical Association's online youth publication, *Topical Tidbits*. She is a member of the Janesville Stamp Club, Madison Stamp Club, APS and ATA.

I'm thrilled to see Aimee taking on this challenge and feel she will do a remarkable job serving the collecting community of Wisconsin.

Right: Under the watchful eye of a massive steer, near Janesville, Wis., files of WFSC and ATFP are transferred safely from outgoing editor Wayne Youngblood to incoming editor, Aimee Devine.



Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs: Minutes of 81st Convention, Wiscopex 2012

2012 Annual Business Meeting

Sunday, April 15, 2012

Crowne Plaza Hotel,

4402 East Washington Ave.

(Hwy 151 across from East Town Mall)
Madison, Wis.

Delegates Present: Jim Stollenwerk, ATA Chapter 5; Karen Weigt, Badger Stamp Club; Bob Jobe, Baraboo Stamp Club; P. Suderan, Central Wisconsin Stamp Club; Aimee Devine, Janesville Stamp Club; Judy Essig, Kettle Moraine Coin and Stamp Club; Bob Mather, Milwaukee Philatelic Society; Rob Henak, North Shore Philatelic Society of Milwaukee; Brian Liedke, Northwestern Mutual Stamp Club; Paul T. Schroeder, Oshkosh Philatelic Society; Mel Graffenius, Waukesha County Philatelic Society.

Alternates Present: Galord Yost, Milwaukee Philatelic Society.

WFSC Board Present: Greg Schmidt, President; Allen Vick, Treasurer; Ken Grant, Secretary; MaryAnn Bowman, VP Youth; Maurice Wozniak, VP Northeast Region; Art Schmitz, VP Southeast Region 1; John Paré, VP Southwest Region.

1. CALL TO ORDER (Schmidt): Greg

Schmidt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. INVOCATION (Voss): Robert Voss gave the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL OF CLUBS (Grant): Ken Grant read the Roll Call of Clubs.

4. MEMBERSHIP TOTALS (Vick): Allen Vick reported that the WFSC is currently comprised of twenty six clubs with 715 members.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mel Graffenius moved and Jim Stollenwerk seconded a motion to approve the April 2, 2011 Annual Business Meeting minutes. Passed unanimously.

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. President (Schmidt): Greg Schmidt reported that it was a pleasure to serve the Federation this year, and he looks forward to continuing in this roll throughout 2012.

B. Vice President (Vacant):

C. Secretary (Grant): Ken Grant reported that he has taken minutes at all WFSC meeting this year.

D. Treasurer (Vick): Allen Vick distributed copies of the treasurer's report and indicated that the Federation is in good condition. WFSC costs are under control. The end-of-year balance for the Federation was \$9,690.97. Brian Liedke moved, and Rob Henak seconded, a

motion to approve the treasurer's report. Passed unanimously.

E. Youth (Bowman): MaryAnn Bowman reported that several youth stamp initiatives are under way. Working through the Council of Philatelists of the National Postal Museum, the "Stamps Teach" program has been developed and is currently being run through the APS. MaryAnn provided a number of images of materials designed for the program. The ATA has created an e-publication, *Topical Tidbits*, which focuses on youth topical collecting. MaryAnn unveiled the WFSC youth *WebPages*, which includes, among other things, downloadable album pages. The Federation *WebPages* includes a 100+ page PowerPoint for use at Boy Scout Stamp Collecting Merit Badge workshops. Aimee Devine is to be commended for her tireless efforts in developing and promoting these projects.

F. Northeast Region VP (Wozniak): Maurice Wozniak reported that he has visited one of the four assigned clubs, Green Bay Philatelic Society. That club's annual show is Baypex. Maurice intends to visit the other clubs in the region now that the weather is better.

G. East Central Region VP (Witt): Reported

by mail that the clubs in the East Central Region were in good shape.

H. Central Region VP (Lenard): No report.

I. Southeast Region 1 VP (Schmitz): Art Schmitz reported that he had visited each of the clubs in the South East Region, some more than once. I suggested that clubs send *ATFP* some of the activities they conduct to make meetings enjoyable. These should be shared with other clubs. The Polish-American Stamp Club no longer exists, although a few members are planning a get-together for a final photograph to be placed at the Polish Center.

J. Southeast Region 2 VP (Vacant): No report.

K. South Central Region VP (Vacant): No report.

L. Southwest Region VP (Paré): No report.

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES (except Hall of Fame and Nominating Committees)

A. Finance Committee (Chrmn. Vick/Schroeder): We met informally over this past year. Because of the Federation's financial health, we have had no significant issues.

B. Publicity and Public Relations (Bowman/Weigt): Karen Weigt provided a report indicating her activities over the year. Because Wiscopex 2012 was a single-day, Sunday show, exhibitors will be given a Banquet in a Basket since an Awards Banquet was not feasible.

C. Judging Committee (Chrmn. Henak/Witt): The WFSC board did pass two proposals earlier this year regarding an alternative route to judicial certification and continuing education for judges.

D. Wisconsin Stamp Suggestion Committee (Schroeder): Not much activity here in Wisconsin. Suggestions for stamp issues must be made at least three years out from the date of issue. In 2012, two issues will have first days in Wisconsin: one on Aug. 16 for the Wisconsin state flag and the other on Oct. 1 for the Earthscape stamps, which will include a Door County cherry tree.

E. Committee on Exhibitions (Chrmn. Wozniak/Paré/Glenzer): No report.

F. Bylaws Committee (Chrmn. Weigt/Harris): From time to time Karen Weigt provided guidance on the Bylaws to Federation members. Perry Harris resigned from the Bylaws Committee.

8. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES /PROJECTS AND OTHER APPOINTEES

A. Newsletter

1. Editor (Youngblood): Because of Wayne Youngblood's move to St. Louis, we are in dire need of finding a new editor for *ATFP*.

2. Advertising Manager (Carney): No report.

3. Editorial Advisory Council (Youngblood/Grant/Bowman/Weigt): No report.

B. Historian (Paré): John Paré received the historian's records and materials recently. After reviewing them, he indicated that it will be a

challenge to meet the standards established by Verna Schackleton.

C. BLUE BOOK (Bowman/Stollenwerk): No report.

D. American Philatelic Society (Vick): The WFSC has been an APS Chapter since May 1953. Next year we will celebrate 60 years as a Chapter of the APS.

E. American Topical Association (Grant): No report.

F. Cover Exchange Program (Bowman): MaryAnn Bowman reported that we did not have a cover exchange last year, and it is unlikely we will have one this year.

G. Awards Chairman (Fagan): No report.

H. Webmaster (Kluskens): Steven Kluskens sent a written report indicating that 50,000 eyes looked at the public pages of the WFSC Website. The Wisconsin Postal History Society members-only forum had 32,000 page views in 2011.

I. Speakers Bureau (Weigt): Karen Weigt reported that there is one addition to the speaker's bureau list. Ken Grant is now on the list and is willing to present a program about Wisconsin Cinderella stamps.

9. OLD BUSINESS: Art Schmitz suggested that Waukesha County Philatelic Society should be included in a single Southeast region. Redistricting of regions in the state and possibly changing the number of Regional VPs will appear on the next agenda. Rob Henak moved and Darren Mueller seconded a motion that we take all of the current clubs in the Southeast Region 2 and the Waukesha County Philatelic Society and place them in the Southeast Region 1. Motion passed. The WFSC executive board will take up the issue of reducing the number of Regional VPs.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bids for Future Conventions (Schmidt)

1. 2013 - Greg Schmidt suggested that club members go back to their clubs to see if there is interest in hosting Wiscopex 2013.

2. 2014 - Open

3. 2015 - The Milwaukee Philatelic Society would be willing to host Wiscopex 2015. Rob Henak moved and Mel Graffenius seconded a motion that the Milwaukee Philatelic Society be approved to host Wiscopex 2015. Passed unanimously.

Karen Weigt moved and Rob Henak seconded a motion that the WFSC request the option to sponsor its own show in 2013. Passed unanimously.

B. Flags of Our Nation Plans and Earthscape/Cherry Orchard (Bowman): MaryAnn Bowman reported that thus far the Federation has no confirmed first-day program, but programs will be actively pursued for both of these new Wisconsin issues.

C. Other New Business: Brian Liedke moved Rob Henak seconded a motion that the Oshkosh Philatelic Society be redistricted to the Northeast region. Passed unanimously.

11. AWARDS

A. Hall of Fame - Class of 2011 (Chrmn. Mueller/Weigt/Mather): No report.

B. Dealer Recognition Award Announcement (Schmidt): This year's recipient is David Alex and the presentation will be made at noon on the dealers' floor. Badger Stamp Club thought that the dealers' award would best be presented on the dealer floor with other dealers present, rather than at the Award meeting.

C. President's Award (Schmidt): The president's award is presented to Valerie Cook represented the Southwest Region for 16 years.

12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS - terms beginning 7/1/2012

A. Nominating Committee Report (Schroeder): Brian Liedke presented a slate of officers:

Vice-President - Youth Division (1-year term) MaryAnn Bowman

Secretary (2-year term) - Ken Grant

Treasurer (2-year term) - Allen Vick

Regional Vice Presidents (1-year terms) - Northeast Regional VP, Maurice Wozniak; Central Region VP, Mike Lenard; Southeast Region 1, Art Schmitz; Southwest Region VP, John Paré. Moved by Brian Liedke and seconded by Rob Henak a motion to elect the proposed slate. Passed unanimously. Moved by Mel Graffenius and seconded by Rob Henak a motion to elect Darren Mueller as the East Central VP. Passed unanimously.

13. Appointments: Greg Schmidt made the following appointments:

Standing committee on Exhibitions (Pare, Glenzer, Voss)

Nominating Committee for 2013 Convention (Chrmn Schroeder/Liedke/Wozniak)

A. Hall of Fame Committee (Chrmn. Weigt/Mather/Wozniak)

B. Newsletter Editor (Youngblood) Wayne Youngblood's position will be temporary until a new *ATFP* editor can be found.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. CLOSED ALBUMS (honoring members of WFSC member clubs who have died during the year): Al Marcus, Oshkosh Philatelic Society; ATA Chapter 5, Richard Risch; Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Francis Frank, Harry Schutta, Jack Trostorff; WPHS, Merlin Leet and Jack Juech; Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society, Fred Ziemann; Green Bay Philatelic Society, Gladys Joslin; Northwoods Philatelic Society, Alice Kluskens. Greg Schmidt called for a moment of silence in memory of these WFSC members.

16. MOTION OF THANKS TO THE HOST CLUB (Schmidt) Moved by Rob Henak seconded by Mel Graffenius a motion to thank the Badger Stamp Club. Passed unanimously.

17. ADJOURNMENT Rob Henak moved and Mel seconded a motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously.