

WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

92nd CONVENTION

2024 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Saturday, May 4, 2024, 11 a.m.

Each club is entitled to one delegate (and one alternate) to the Annual Business Meeting. Delegates and alternates must have been registered with the WFSC secretary at an earlier date. Only delegates or alternate delegates may vote. No delegate may represent more than one club. No WFSC officer shall serve as a voting delegate.

1. CALL TO ORDER (Greenwald) The meeting was called to order at 11:02 am.
2. INVOCATION (Liedtke)
3. ROLL CALL OF CLUBS (Davis) Delegates were present from Central Wisconsin Stamp Club, Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society, Fond du Lac Stamp Club, Kettle Moraine Coin and Stamp Club, Sheboygan Stamp Club, Oshkosh Philatelic Society, Wisconsin Postal History Society, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Waukesha County Philatelic Society, Wauwatosa Philatelic Society, Badger Stamp Club, Baraboo Stamp Club, Coulee Region Stamp Club, Janesville Stamp Club, and Rockford Stamp Club
4. MEMBERSHIP TOTALS (Rees) 708 for 2023, up from 641 in 2022.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Saturday, April 9, 2022 Annual Business Meeting. By majority following correction of typo (Badger/Milwaukee)
6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS
 - A. President (Greenwald)
Chaired four executive committee meetings and gave advice as asked.
 - B. Vice President (Liedtke)
Thanked volunteers: ATFP Editor Kowalski, WISCOPEX Chair Stollenwerk, past president Weigt.
Conducted a review of health of the organization and served as back-up officer.
 - C. Secretary (Davis)
Developed agendas and maintained minutes for Federation meetings. Handled some correspondence as requested. Relied on many members for assistance.
 - D. Treasurer (Rees)
Current balance as of 5/2/2024 is \$12,429.79.
 - E. Vice President, Youth Division (Bowman)
Youth activities have been very much restricted and personal interaction with youth or beginners has been limited and virtually non-existent in many cases. There are currently only a small handful of known (by me) youth collectors. I continue to offer my assistance and resources as needed, providing stamps and some basic supplies to those making inquiries. A youth area was available at the Wiscopex 2023 show. However, I do continue to offer advice, help, and supplies to those “young-at-heart” beginning collectors. If you know of someone who is in need of a mentor or philatelic material, please reach out to me.
 - F. Northeast Region VP (vacant)
 - G. East Central Region VP (Manka)
I have attended stamp club meetings and the clubs have selected delegates to the Wiscopex 2024 business meeting on May 4th. The Fond du Lac Club had their anniversary dinner in March and guest speaker was Dave Carney. Their April meeting will include a pick and poke and a discussion on a stamp club auction proposal. The Sheboygan Club continues to meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. At the March

meeting, members signed cards of condolences for the passing of Roger Oswald's wife. Their April 24th meeting will be at 2:00 pm followed by a pizza party. The Kettle Moraine Club continues to meet the first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in West Bend Public Library. After a short business meeting, they have a show and tell for members discussing both stamps and coins. Clubs were reminded of the WISCOPEX 2024 convention being held on May 4-5th in Fond du Lac at the Radisson Hotel.

H. Central Region VP (Rebek)

I. Southeast Region VP (Trischan)

I attended meetings of all four clubs since my last report. I have acted as substitute secretary at 3 of the 4 clubs at least once this year. MPS is actively planning for Milcopex in mid-June at the Brookfield Conference Center near Brookfield Square. Stampfest, with 11 dealers at the St. Francis Lions Center at the end of February, was a success, with over 250 attendees. They will be holding their major auction, with all auction lots having a catalog value of at least \$5, at their April meeting. Wauwatosa will be holding Tosapex at the end of July at the St. Francis Lions Center. Waukesha is having a series of presentations by club members on their journey in philately. They are also having their major auction in April. ATA Chapter 5 enjoyed a virtual presentation by Cheryl Ganz, APS president, on Washington Island postal history.

J. Southwest Region VP (Lothary)

I have been slowed by health issues but have gone to some meetings. Janesville had a great bourse even with only seven dealers. Our club has had steady attendance with some nice auctions at their meetings. They are already planning for another Bourse next February. Rockford Club also was excited about their successful Expo at a new venue. They liked it so much that they signed a contract for the next 3 years. Their awards banquet I am told was a big success and lots of fun. Rockford club's first Wednesday of the month and third Tuesday of the month meetings are still being well attended with some good auctions. Badger Stamp Club has very good attendance at their twice a month meetings and very big auctions with typically over 100 lots. I contacted Monroe and they were very happy with their show and are ready to do it again next year. Monroe has not had club meetings lately because of the weather, but are starting up again with small but fun meetings. They have a new location for their meetings at the Garden Deli on the Square. Baraboo is back to meeting up again and have a small but fun group of members I am told. I am looking forward to attending one of their meetings soon. I have not been able to connect with Dubuque. Finally, Coulee Region Stamp Club is going strong with 10 members meeting the first Saturday of the month. Mark Goodman told me they are having fun at their informal meetings. He said one of his members had a birthday and they asked him what he was doing to which he said he wanted to spend it with his fellow collectors.

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

A. Finance Committee (Chair Rees/ Shoemaker/Paré) Covered in Treasurer's report cover page.

B. Publicity and Public Relations (Chair Bowman/Grant/Devine/Weigt)

The goal of this committee is to keep philately alive and promote the hobby to WFSC clubs and their members. Club news continues to be offered through a column I write for Across the Fence Post. With only 4 issues per year, and having to meet other timely show events, club news has taken a back seat to these activities. If you are not reading about your club in ATFP, please have your leadership send information to me via email or snail mail. The Federation continues to send eblasts to members informing them of news items, stamp shows, and program offerings. The ATA #5 has been recording their Zoom programs and the videos are available on the WFSC YouTube channel for viewing by the public. The Milcopex website also has videotaped programming from the presentations given at previous Milcopex shows. Last year, Keith and Anna Trischan took several philatelic "road trips" to WFSC clubs and offered remainder auction lot material to their club members. A "Give-Back" silent auction of higher valued material was offered in the April-June 2024 issue. Additionally, a worldwide silent auction will be found in the pages of the July-September 2024 issue of ATFP. The Federation is looking into the future possibility of hosting a "live" auction through Zoom. The WFSC had a presence at Milcopex 2023 held in September and will also have a society table at Milcopex 2024 being held in June this year. Your ideas as to how better to promote the hobby and stamp collecting are welcomed.

C. Judging Committee (Chair Henak/Wait) Judges were at work during the meeting.

- D. Committee on Exhibitions (Chair Voss/Liedtke/Davis) No report.
 - E. Bylaws Committee (Chair Henkle/Borchert/Weigt)
No business came before the committee.
8. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES / PROJECTS AND OTHER APPOINTEES
- A. Newsletter
Editor (Kowalski)
I have completed five issues and, except for some printing quality glitches, am still enjoying the job. I hope readers have had a chance to try out the online version's hyperlinks. The July-August-September issue, packed full of Wiscopex material, will likely be 16 pages long.
Advertising Manager (Liedtke)
Editorial Committee (Chair Perry/Devine/Bowman/Liedtke/Waterstreet)
 - B. Historian/Archivist (Davis)
Received some philatelic material for the archive. Resigned position, spring 2024.
 - C. American Philatelic Society Rep (Vick)
Free APS Chapter dues are not automatic. They must be applied for annually. As the APS Representative I submitted our free dues report last year. I am happy to report that again for 2023 our Chapter dues are free.
 - D. American Topical Association Rep (Mather)
 - E. Awards Chairman (Undersander)
 - F. Webmaster (Riesterer)
 - G. Website Committee (Chair Riesterer/Bowman/Devine/Greenwald/Henkle)
Visits to the website are consistent at about 4300/annum. A study of usage is underway.
 - H. Speakers Bureau Coordinator (Weigt)
Recommend ending this function, due to ready availability of speakers through on-line sources.
(No motion tabled)
 - I. Facebook Administrator (Devine) Not present due to photography at convention.
9. NEW BUSINESS
- A. Bids for Future Conventions (Greenwald) FDL volunteered for 2026. Approved unanimously.
(Milwaukee/Badger)
 - 1. 2025 – FDL,
 - 2. 2026 – FDL
 - 3. 2026 - Open
 - B. Call for Motion to Designate WISCOPEX 2025 a WFSC-Sponsored Event (Greenwald) Unanimously approved (Milwaukee/Rockford)
 - C. Other New Business. Milcopex scheduled for June 14-15 at Brookfield Conference Center. Request for one-page exhibits with a Wisconsin theme. It was unanimously decided to contribute \$575 to Milcopex. (Milwaukee/Badger).
10. AWARDS
- A. Hall of Fame – Class of 2023 (Chair Carney/Wait/Undersander)
Richard Krainz unanimously approved (Badger/Baraboo)

11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – terms beginning 7/1/23

Nominating Committee Report (Chair Liedtke/Weigt) Unanimously approved (Badger/Baraboo)

1. Secretary (2-year term) Davis
2. Treasurer (2-year term) Stollenwerk
3. Vice President Youth Division (1-year term) Bowman
4. Five Region Vice Presidents (1-year term) Rebek, Manka, Carney, A. Trischan, Lothary

12. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Standing Committee on Exhibitions (Chair Liedtke/Davis/Stollenwerk)
- B. Hall of Fame Committee (Chair Wait/Undersander/Liedtke).
- C. Nominating Committee for 2024 Convention (Chair Liedtke/ Weigt)
- D. Newsletter Editor (Kowalski)

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

Verlys Marquart FDL
W. Miller Rockford
Hank Fox Rockford
Ken Peters Wisconsin Valley
Tom Johnston Green Bay
Doug French Janesville
George Hafer Janesville
Bill Robinson WPHS

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT Unanimous 12:13 pm