

**WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS
93rd CONVENTION**

**2025 Annual Business Meeting
Saturday, May 3, 2025, 9 a.m.
Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER (Greenwald) 9:00 a.m.
2. INVOCATION (Liedtke)
3. ROLL CALL OF CLUBS (Davis) A quorum of clubs had representation at the meeting.
4. MEMBERSHIP TOTALS (Stollenwerk) Two clubs need to provide current dues.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Saturday, May 4, 2024 Annual Business Meeting (distributed)
Unanimously approved as distributed. (Maierle/Trischan)
6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS
 - A. President (Greenwald)

I have chaired four executive committee meetings and provided advice when asked. In addition, I would like to commend all of the members of the executive committee for their hard work and dedication to the federation during the past year. Great strides have been made that will benefit all WFSC members.
 - B. Vice President (Liedtke)

Noted the continuing health of the Federation and thanked the various officers for their continuing work.
 - C. Secretary (Davis)

Developed agendas and recorded minutes for Federation meetings. Handled some correspondence as requested. Relied heavily on many members for information.
 - D. Treasurer (Stollenwerk)

As the Treasurer, I have maintained the financial management of the club since taking office July 1, 2024. Quarterly reports have been submitted for the executive meetings in Aug, Nov 2024 and Feb. 2025. The clubs' finances are entered in an excel spreadsheet to keep things simple. The only financial instrument we have is a Checking Account at Associated Bank. One philatelic donation has been received as managed by the Trischans. An audit was done in February 2025, with favorable results for the health of the club's finances. The next biannual audit is due in 2027. The treasurer chairs the finance committee with no meetings called as of this date. I wish to thank Al Vick and Dave Carney for their availability on the finance committee. The current checking balance is \$11,876.73 which balances with the bank statement. A financial status report is available which lists January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024 expenses at \$8768.81 and Expenses at 8127.16. Based on a balance brought forward, the balance at the end of 2024 was \$10,973.26. 2025 income thru April 30, 2025 is \$3105.85 with expenses at \$2,792.38 for a balance of 11,286.73, which matches the current check book balance. Reserves are currently held for an honorarium fund of \$420, \$606 for 3 issues of a colorized ATFP, \$500 for WFSC funded GASS bus trip and \$500 from the ATA Chapter 5. It is noted that we received a \$2,000 donation from the NW Mutual Days of Sharing - CAF America. This will be providing the extra funds needed for the color printing of 4 issues of ATFP and \$500 towards the GASS bus Trip.

E. Vice President, Youth Division (Bowman)

The number of youths participating in organized youth activities appears to be in decline, but I am happy to report that there seems to be activity in the Green Bay area. The club recently hosted a Boy Scout Stamp Collecting Merit badge workshop. Just a reminder to any club that might be considering such an offering, the WFSC has on their website a PowerPoint program that follows exactly the requirements as laid out in the BSA booklet. There are currently only a small handful of known (by me) youth groups. 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 2024 show. The “young-at-heart” beginning collectors are another group that I am able to support. If you know of someone who is in need of a mentor or philatelic material, please reach out to me. The Waukesha County Philatelic Society is exploring adding an additional monthly meeting to provide for those seniors who are having difficulty making evening meetings due to concerns about night driving and their personal safety after dark.

F. Northeast Region VP (Carney)

The Oshkosh Philatelic Society has added a “show me” section to its monthly meetings. A member is selected to bring something special to share from their collection. One member shared a video of Chicagopex from November of 2024. They also have a lively auction after their program for the evening. The Green Bay Philatelic Society has had a variety of videos presented by Dave Burrows. The Northwoods Philatelic Society had its long-time newsletter editor Milt Wirth announce his retirement. They are now looking for a replacement. One interesting part of the meeting is the educational questions. They had some new members who attended a couple of meetings but had no idea what they were talking about. They now have a question time where those present can learn more about collecting. They have one of the largest auctions at the end of their meeting. They use a Dutch auction for lots that did not sell the previous month. Sometimes the auction lasts an hour.

G. East Central Region VP (Manka)

I have visited the stamp clubs in the East-Central region in the past few months. The Fond du Lac Stamp Club held their anniversary dinner in March. On May 3-4, Fond du Lac Club will host the WISCOPEX 2025 show at the Radisson Hotel in Fond du Lac. They are busy putting the final touches together for the show. The Moraine Stamp and Coin Club continues to meet the first Thursday every month in the West Bend Public Library at 7:00 pm. After a short business meeting, they have a show and tell. The Sheboygan Stamp Club continues to meet on the second and fourth Wednesday at the Lakeshore Bowling Center. Much discussion was held in the bus trip the GASS show in Schaumburg, Ill on August. 10 members plan to attend the event.

H. Central Region VP (Sagstetter)

No report

I. Southeast Region VP (Trischan)

I have attended meetings of all four clubs since my last report. Both the Milwaukee Philatelic Society and the Waukesha County Philatelic Society held a major auction in April, where each lot had a catalog value of at least \$5. Many lots sold, with proceeds going both to the members and to the clubs. The WCPS is doing mystery messages for their programs at the meetings, with the winner receiving the item in the message. The Wauwatosa Philatelic Society will hold the MSDA Tosapex on September 13-14 this year at the St. Francis Lions Center, with Michael Mules handling most of the planning. Aimee Devine presented an excellent Zoom presentation on Confounding Countries at the April ATA Chapter 5 meeting, with the attendees having to guess the country name from clues. Trischans continue to offer their “Road Show” materials to clubs.

J. Southwest Region VP (Lothary)

The Badger Club has boxes of stamps, some donated, that members are free to sort through and keep for their collections. They have 100 lot auctions and also silent auctions each month that are well attended. Coulee Region Stamp Club is going well according to Mark Goodman and they had Wayne Youngblood volunteer to discuss fake and fraudulent stamps. Janesville’s Club has meetings that are well attended with ever larger auctions. They had a nice presentation by Mike Seefeldt of some beautiful classic US stamps. Rockford’s Club is going strong with some nice auctions at their bi-weekly meetings. I hope to attend our other clubs soon.

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

A. Finance Committee (Chair Stollenwerk/ Shoemaker/Paré)

The 2024 audit was performed as required, with no issues identified.

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

Promoting philately and supporting WFSC clubs and their members is the primary goal of this committee. Wisconsin has long been a hot bed for philately. Our members are active nationally as well as locally and regionally. You can help to sustain this movement by becoming actively involved with the hobby. Here are some of the things currently being done by this committee. Club news is offered through a column I write for Across the Fence Post. If you are not reading about your club in AFTP, please have your leadership send information to me via email or snail mail. Across the Fence Post is now being published in color. There are also links to additional information. 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 most recent addition is an interactive audience-participation program titled "Confounding Countries", produced by Aimee Devine. The Milcopex website also has videotaped programming from the presentations given at previous Milcopex shows. My goal is to continue to add programming and other activities to the WFSC website. A "Give-Back" silent auction of higher valued material was offered in the April-June 2024 issue. Additionally, a worldwide silent auction was offered in the pages of the July-September 2024 issue of AFTP. A US auction appeared in the October-December issue and there is now another foreign auction in the current issue. These auctions are currently under-utilized. Monies made from the sale of these items are added to the WFSC treasury and support Federation projects. The WFSC had a presence at Milcopex 2024 held in June and although there will be no Milcopex in 2025 due to the Great American Stamp Show being held in our back yard, I am pleased to inform you that the committee is offering clubs as well as members an opportunity to sell their excess inventory at Stamp-o-Rama. The WFSC is sponsoring a bus trip to the Great American Stamp Show on Thursday, August 14th. The bus will leave from two locations: Waldo and Goerke's Corners. The trip is limited to 56. Cost is \$20 with the MSDA giving \$25 gift certificates to collectors taking the bus. The bus trip was made possible through donations from ATA #5, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, a grant from Northwest Mutual, and the WFSC. Your ideas as to how better to promote the hobby and stamp collecting are welcome.

C. Judging Committee (Chair Henak/Wait)

No report

D. Committee on Exhibitions (Chair Liedtke/Davis/Stollenwerk)

No report.

E. Bylaws Committee (Chair Henkle/Borchert/Weigt)

No changes to the bylaws were proposed.

8. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES / PROJECTS AND OTHER APPOINTEES

A. Newsletter Editor (Kowalski) Thanked the proofreaders for AFTP.

Advertising Manager (Liedtke) Thanked the nine dealers who are advertisers, noting in particular the half-page ads from Rasdale auctions.

Editorial Committee (Chair Devine/Bowman/Liedtke/Waterstreet)

No report.

B. Historian/Archivist

Archives are now in Wisconsin State Historical Society.

C. American Philatelic Society Rep (Vick)

The WFSC has been an APS Chapter since 1953. WFSC Chapter Report and free dues application is submitted annually to the APS. Free Chapter dues are dependent on the number of officers and members appointed to specific roles in the WFSC who are APS members. Based on our application the waiver of WFSC Chapter dues was again approved. I receive an extra American Philatelist monthly which I take to our local library.

D. American Topical Association Rep (Mather)

No report.

E. Awards Chairman (Undersander)

No report. It was unanimously decided to combine the Awards Chairman position and the Hall of Fame Committee. (Kohls/Undersander)

F. Webmaster (Riesterer)

- See Website Committee, below.
- G. Website Committee (Chair Riesterer/Bowman/Devine/Greenwald/Henkle)
The website had 4215 active users April 2024-March 2025 which is consistent with prior years. The webmaster updated content as necessary for ATPF, closed albums, shows, club updates, youth materials, and a YouTube video.
 - H. Speakers Bureau Coordinator (Weigt)
No report
 - I. Facebook Administrator (Devine)
Federation and show announcements are posted regularly on the WFSC's Facebook page. We only have 87 followers and get very few "likes" or comments, but it's free and an easy way to get news out there. Clubs are welcome to email me at spanishmoss72@sbcglobal if they have anything they would like posted.
9. NEW BUSINESS
- A. Bids for Future Conventions (Greenwald)
 - 1. 2026 – Fond du Lac, Radisson Hotel and Conference Center April 18-19.
 - 2. 2027 – Open
 - 3. 2028 – Open
 - B. Call for Motion to Designate WISCOPEX 2026 a WFSC-Sponsored Event (Greenwald)
Unanimously approved. (Undersander/Riesterer)
 - C. GASS Bus (Bowman) Forms to sign up were available and are located online. The possibility of a bus from Madison/Janesville/Rockford is being examined.
 - D. Other New Business: Liedtke distributed flyers for Stamp-o-rama.
 - E. Scams. Solicitation by email to send money to officers should be ignored. They are scams initiated by parties unknown to the Federation through contact information on the website.
 - F. Scouting BSA Merit Badges training can be made available through Marc Kohls (Green Bay)
10. AWARDS
- A. Hall of Fame – Class of 2025 (Chair Wait/Carney/Undersander)
Brian Liedtke unanimously elected a member.
11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – terms beginning 7/1/25
- Nominating Committee Report (Chair Liedtke/Weigt)
 - 1. President (2-year term) Greenwald
 - 2. Vice President (2-year term) Liedtke
 - 3. Vice President Youth Division (1-year term) Bowman
 - 4. Five Region Vice Presidents (1-year term) Sagstetter, Manka, A. Trischan, Lothary, Carney
 Unanimously elected (Maierle/Undersander)
12. APPOINTMENTS
- A. Standing Committee on Exhibitions (Chair Davis/Stollenwerk)
 - B. Hall of Fame Committee (Chair Wait/Undersander/___).
 - C. Nominating Committee for 2026 Convention (Chair Liedtke/ Weigt)
 - D. Newsletter Editor (Kowalski)
13. CLOSED ALBUMS (honoring members of WFSC member clubs who have died during the year)
- Dr. Booker T. Gardner (Badger)
 - Peter Hamon (Badger)
 - Frank Jenich (Milwaukee P.S., Waukesha)
 - Curtis Shawkey (Badger)
 - Richard Wagner (Badger)
 - Bob Zar (Fond du Lac)
 - Paul Zientek (Milwaukee P.S.)
14. ANNOUNCEMENTS
15. ADJOURNMENT 10:00 a.m. (Undersander/Lothary)