

# ***Record of Decisions***

**Executive Meeting, 10:50 a.m., Tuesday, February 10, 2015  
at 44 Bound Brook Court, Kitchener, ON**

## ***1. Greetings & Welcome***

George welcomed Rod Paige, David Oberholtzer, Garfield Portch and Rob Timberg. Robert Pinet sent his regrets.

## ***2. Appointment of Meeting Secretary***

Rob Timberg agreed to act as Secretary.

## ***3. Approval of Agenda***

Motion to approve with one amendment, to add discussion of the board election procedure – Carried.

## ***4. Approval of Record of Decisions August 20, 2014***

Motion to approve – Carried.

## ***5. Financial Update***

The Treasurer presented the 2014 statement of operations. The “best guess” at this point is that the Society will end the year with a deficit of \$7,729 mainly due to expenditures on professional fees. David also presented a draft 2015 budget showing excess of revenue over expense of \$8,000.

Motion to approve – Carried.

The Treasurer noted several unexplained costs in billings from Trajan for TCP. It was agreed that a meeting with Trajan was in order. Rod Paige agreed to set up the meeting for late March or April.

## ***6. Membership Update***

David reviewed the membership report. As of December 31, 2014, the Society had 1243 dues paying members, and including life and honorary members, the total membership of the Society was 1650. He noted that more members are taking out membership and not subscribing to TCP, and that membership numbers appear to be stabilizing.

Motion to approve – Carried.

## ***7. Board Election Procedure***

There will be an election at this year’s AGM in London, the first in many years. There are 8 candidates for 7 positions. All 7 board members are standing for re-election, and there is one additional candidate, Stuart Keeley. Following discussion, it was agreed to include the election ballot in TCP as has been done in the past, and not mail the ballot directly to members.

## ***8. Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act***

George reported that the Society is now in compliance with the new federal NFP Corporations Act. The work necessary to achieve compliance required the hiring of external legal counsel, and the holding of a special meeting of members. He expressed his appreciation to the Vincent Graves Greene Foundation who heavily subsidized the work.

## ***9. RPSC Foundation & TAPE***

George reported that discussions to merge the two organizations continue.

## ***10. TCP***

Various TCP-related issues were discussed which resulted in the following summary which the President will discuss with the Editor of TCP:

- a. The editorial board of TCP should be proactive in locating authors. The executive of the Society will assist in this endeavour as necessary.
- b. As one example discussed, members of the PSSC will very likely be willing to write articles in their area of specialty.
- c. The editorial board should be given the authority to commission articles on specific topics. While no dollar amount was agreed upon to be paid for a commissioned article, the executive seemed comfortable with a maximum of \$250 per article.
- d. One-time or occasional writers for TCP need not be members of the Society; however writers whose articles or columns appear regularly must be members.
- e. Content: The editorial board should consider having from time to time a theme for an issue and perhaps for a year. This approach could be tied in with commissioning articles on specific topics.
- f. Content: It was felt too much space is being devoted to book reviews. If fewer books were reviewed, or reviews shortened in length, more pages would be available for articles.
- g. Content: The number of regular articles dealing with non-Canadian issues was also noted, and the question asked whether this is in keeping with the mandate of TCP to deal primarily with Canadian philately.
- h. Content: It was felt that readers of TCP would be quite interested in and benefit from regular one-page "What's happening" articles, such as: What's happening in philatelic exhibiting, What's happening in philatelic research, What's happening in the world of expertizing, What's happening at the VGG library, to list but a few possible topics.
- i. TCP's editorial guidelines, dated 2009, deal with style matters essentially, and will need to be updated to include any of the above suggestions which may ultimately be agreed to by the Society.
- j. The Society including the editorial board of TCP should deal as soon as possible with last year's recommendations from the Geldert Committee since many impact TCP content.

#### **11. *TCP Article on Insurance***

Garfield reported the article is done.

#### **12. *Digitization of Older Video Presentations & Creating New Ones***

Garfield reported the work continues, and that some PSSC presentations are probably worth adding to the collection. The Executive thanked Garfield for taking on this extremely important work.

#### **13. *Conventions & Convention Guidelines***

Halifax 2014: The organizing committee will be reminded to submit their final financial statement to the Treasurer.

London 2015: John Sheffield advised that everything is on track. Following the Convention, the frames will be shipped to St. Catharines where they will be held for the BNAPS Convention in September. After that, they will either be stored in St. Catharines, or shipped directly to Kitchener-Waterloo to be stored for the Society's 2016 Convention (where they will go is still to be decided).

Kitchener-Waterloo 2016: The Society will send a letter to the Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society advising that the Convention has been approved.

Boucherville 2017: George advised that the Convention appears to be on track.

Future Conventions: Vancouver was raised as a possible location for the 2018 Convention.

Convention Guidelines: Rod will review the Guidelines to determine if any amendments are required.

#### **14. *New York 2016***

It was agreed to share a table with BNAPS and PHSC.

#### **15. *Concern from Member about Length of Shows***

A member contacted the President and others expressing great concern about shows becoming shorter and shorter, and about exhibitors who send in their exhibits but do not attend in person.

While everyone would like to have shows extending over 3 days rather than 2, or 2 days rather than 1, the executive noted we need to face economic realities. Those organizing shows do not have the financial resources to hold longer shows, and those attending do not have the financial resources to stay as long as they might like. Dealers too would love to stay longer if there was the business. The Canadian situation is no different from the USA, where shows are also becoming shorter.

Re the view that exhibitors at shows attend in person and not mail-in their exhibits, the executive noted the approach would favour the well-to-do, and push aside the majority, plus it would deny attendees the chance to see some exhibits.

#### **16. *Youth Philately***

George provided an update on the work of Yvan Latulippe.

#### **16. *Adjournment***

Motion to adjourn at 3:50 p.m.