

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada
“Canada’s National Stamp Club”

Record of Decisions

of the

Directors and Officers Meeting

Friday, May 13, 2011, Sarto Desnoyers Community Centre, Dorval, Québec.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** George Pepall, President, welcomed everyone and made the necessary introductions.

Absent from meetings; J.J. Danielski, John Beddows and Robert McGuinness

- 2. Approval of the agenda:** George suggested that following the individual reports of the Directors and Officers he would ask for brief discussions and questions, and that any suggestions or subsequent motions be kept until all reports were presented or kept to New Business on Saturday’s agenda. Motion to approve the agenda made by Ken Magee and seconded by David Oberholtzer. Carried.

Reports of the Directors and Officers: Only additional information to the reports is provided here.

- 3. President’s Report and Chapter Liaison Report:**

- 4. Treasurer’s Report:** David Oberholtzer reported that the membership numbers were down (paid members) as is advertising income. It was announced that 21 chapters still had not paid their chapter fees. David Oberholtzer and George Pepall would tackle the tardy member fees and Garfield Portch and Peter Butler would go after the tardy chapters. It was suggested that third party liability insurance was in jeopardy if fees were not paid.

David warned that the December arrears were causing a problem because there were too many non-renewals.

It was noted that the budget for 2011 had been approved by the Board on March 18, 2011.

David distributed the Financial Statements for 2010, Bruce Houser’s Review Engagement Report, a Membership Data Sheet and an Interim Financial Statement dated March 30, 2011.

Motion to approve the Houser Report was made by David Oberholtzer and seconded by Michael Nowlan. Carried.

Motion to approve changing the signing officers on The RPSC bank accounts to David Oberholtzer, Peter Butler and Margaret Schulzke was made by Frank Alusio and seconded by Peter Butler. Carried. The sample fund-raising letter should include a list of specific projects or future endeavours when the funds are raised. This should be matched to the group to which each letter is addressed.

- 5. National Office Report:** No report was submitted. Peter Butler explained that the set of five *Record of Decisions* from the executive meetings held throughout the year was sufficient information. New letterhead and business envelope master copies had been designed by Frank and had been sent to all directors and officers for their use in RPSC correspondence. Several people said they had not received the master copies. The National Office will re-send.

Mention was made of the increased number of chapters and the number of chapters that have taken out third party liability insurance. Discussions were being pursued with chapters in Québec to obtain insurance for chapters at a similar rate as chapters in the rest of Canada.

A warning regarding sending registered letters to the U.S.A. was given. (See notice in the last TCP) Canada Post and Hugh Wood of Canada and the National Office are delving into the situation for more information.

- 6. Strategic Plan Report, Vice-President's Report, Governance Report:** Special notes of thanks and appreciation were extended to Frank Alusio for the tremendous amount of work he has completed on these important areas of the new strategic plan.
JJ Danielski's Annual Activity Report was included in this section of reports although it was not listed on the agenda.
- 7. Report of the Editor:** It was suggested that the Editorial Committee could be more involved in the decision making process throughout the year with regard to the publication of TCP.
- 8. Webmaster's Report:** The issue of the restructuring of the website is an important project and should receive the highest priority in the coming months. The suggestion of funds being made available for the project were directed to the executive to decide after a concrete proposal was approved. Robin Harris is anxious to see this initiative move forward.
- 9. Conventions Report:** Ken Magee requested that the position be re-named to *Conventions Liaison*. Ken Magee made the motion, seconded by Peter Butler. Carried.
- 10. Judging Program Report:** David Piercey enquired if the travel subsidy for reimbursing members attending ROYALS still applies. The treasurer responded by saying members could apply but it was not automatic. It was suggested that a sliding scale be considered for judges, not just a flat \$350.00 no matter where they come from. This was sent to the executive on advisement. It was decided to simplify the title of this position to simply National & Regional Judging Program.
- 11. Ethics Committee Report:** NIL report.
- 12. Historian and Archivist's Report:**
- 13. Dealer (CSDA) Report:** The issues stated in the report will be addressed by the executive.
- 14. Public Relations Report/Geldert Medal Report:** Michael asked that he be relieved of the public relations position. He wishes to continue as chair of the Geldert Medal Committee and producing press releases. The discussion around point No. 10 on the Geldert Medal Guidelines was discussed. No decision was reached.
- 15. Canada Post Liaison Report;** No report was submitted.
- 16. Slide Program Report:** It was agreed that the slide programs should be retired. There would be too much work involved in revising them due to slide deterioration, out-dated and incorrect texts. Funds

should be directed to developing a new program using DVDs. Members should be invited/challenged to create new topics. The RPSC Foundation could be approached for funding.

It was decided to change the name of the portfolio to Program Librarian.

17. Sales Circuit Report:

18. Youth Education Report:

19. FQP Liaison Position: The report was handed out at the meeting.

20. National Registry of Exhibitors: Congratulations were extended to Robert McGuinness and Frank Alusio for a job well done.

21. New Business: Any new business will be addressed at the Saturday Meeting of the Board.

22. Adjournment: Marilyn Melanson. Carried.

Submitted by Peter Butler, Secretary, RPSC, June 13, 2011
to the executive for the meeting of June 29, 2011, for approval.