

ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA (RPSC)

97th Annual Meeting of Members

Minutes

Sunday, June 8, 2025 5:00 pm Eastern Time

1. Call to Order and Appointment of the Secretary

Noting that there was quorum, RPSC President Gregg Redner called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. EDT. Approximately 50 members including Board Directors participated virtually. Dr. Redner began the meeting with the reading of the land acknowledgement.

No revision to the meeting's agenda was required and was approved as presented.

Phil Visser was appointed Secretary to record the minutes of this meeting.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 96th Annual Meeting of Members held virtually on May 26th, 2024

Motion: Rob Lunn moved to approve the 2024 AGM Minutes as circulated. Seconded by John Hall. Motion carried.

3. Acknowledgement of Deceased Members (May 2024 – June 2025)

The President read the names of RPSC members who died in the past year and called for a moment of silence.

4. President's Report

It was noted that the President's Report was posted and available for review on the RPSC website. No matters from this report generated discussion. President Gregg extended thanks to board members for all their contributions to the RPSC over the past year.

5. Treasurer's Report

John Sharp, Treasurer, presented highlight of the financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 which were available for review on the Society's website. John shared that the revenues increased due to a bequest received in 2024 and that there was a year-end surplus.

Membership rates will increase due to the anticipated increase in mailing costs of *The Canadian Philatelist*.

At present there are 1257 paid members, 72 Chapters. There are 215 Life Members in the number previously provided.

Motion: Rob Lunn moved to approve the 2024 Financial Statements be accepted as presented. Seconded by Jean Wang. Motion carried.

Motion: John Sharp moved that Hilborne LLP be appointed the RPSC's accountant for 2025. Seconded by Dianne Earl. Motion carried.

6. 2024 Geldert Medal

The 2024 Geldert Medal was awarded to Paul Young for his Article "Early 20th Century Covers Trace the Canadian Career of Halifax's' Fritz Hechler." This article was published in the Jan-Feb 2024 edition of *The Canadian Philatelist*.

7. Announcement of New RPSC 50-Year Club Members and Presentation of Honorary Life Memberships

For 2025, eleven new 50-Year-Club Members were recognized by the Society for their continuous membership from 1975 to 2025 . The new 50-Year-Club Members are:

- Eugene Bruder, GA
- Abraham Costin, ON
- Carl Faulkner, MA
- Leigh Hogg, ON
- John Kriz, CT
- Albert Leger, NB
- David Lopeke, ON
- Neil Miller, IL
- Bruce Murduck, ON
- Stephen Snell, ON
- Peter Watson, ON

8. Volunteers Programme and Recipients

The President recognized 23 volunteers from across Canada for their work in their local clubs. These volunteers are nominated from the affiliated Chapters. The honourees for 2025 are:

- Mike Coton, Penticton & District Stamp Club
- Paul Sarjeant, North Toronto Stamp Club
- Stephen Hyndman, North Toronto Stamp Club
- Malcolm Pacey, Cobourg Stamp Club
- Michael Hunt, Cobourg Stamp Club
- Claude Lacasse, Club philatélique Les Timbres de Boisbriand
- Normand Roussil, Club Philatélique Henri-Paul Robitaille - C.P.H-P.R. Mauricie (2016)
- Kim Villeneuve, Club Philatélique Henri-Paul Robitaille - C.P.H-P.R. Mauricie (2016)
- Daniel Michaud, Fredericton District Stamp Club
- Mary Pugh, Fredericton District Stamp Club

- John Childs, Fredericton District Stamp Club
- Annette Peletier, Fredericton District Stamp Club
- Alan Spurrell, Fredericton District Stamp Club
- Ron Smith, Fredericton District Stamp Club
- Ernest Ockenden, West Toronto Stamp Club
- Ian Yeates, Regina Philatelic Club
- Julius Hofstatter, Regina Philatelic Club
- Dorothy Lanyi, Branford Stamp Club
- Bob Ford, Owen Sound Stamp Club
- Phil Visser, Owen Sound Stamp Club
- Randy Rogers, Owen Sound Stamp Club
- Don Eaton, Oxford Stamp Club
- Robin Moore, St. John's Philatelic Society

9. Announcement of Retiring Board Members

There were no retiring Board of Directors members this year.

10. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of the New Directors

Rob Lunn presented the report of the Nominating Committee. A call was made to attendees for any other nominations. After three requests, nominations were closed. The following Board members were elected or re-elected to The RPSC Board for a two-year term.

- Mario Chevrette (re-elected)
- Claude Lacasse (elected)
- Chris McFetridge (re-elected)
- John Sharp (re-elected)
- Selene Tang (elected)
- Phil Visser (re-elected)
- Jean Wang (elected)

Motion: Jane Sodero moved to approve the report of the Nominating Committee and the people named be appointed. Seconded by Joe Trauzzi. Motion carried.

It was reported that the new Executive will include:

President – Gregg Redner

Vice-President – Jane Sodero

Secretary – Phil Visser

Treasurer – John Sharp

Past President – Sam Chiu

11. Presentation of President's Medal

Gregg Redner presented President's Medals to Sandra Foss. Sandra has been the long-time distributor of the RPSC Circuit Books. Sandra will be closing the Circuit Book during the calendar year of 2025, with the expected end being December 2025.

12. Ratification of all Acts and Proceedings of the Board of Directors and Executive since last Annual Meeting

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: all by-laws, resolutions, contracts, acts and proceedings of the directors or officers of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC) enacted, passed, made, done or taken since the last annual meeting of The RPSC be and the same are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed. Moved by Jane Sodero. Seconded by Joe Trauzzi Motion carried.

13. Adjournment

As there were no further agenda items or formal questions, Joe Trauzzi moved to adjourn the 97th Annual General Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. EDT on Sunday, June 8, 2025.