

R.P.S.C. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS MEETING
Friday, 21 June 2013, 10:15 a.m.
Room 217, University Centre, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB

Executive present: President George Pepall; Vice-President Frank Alusio; Treasurer David Oberholtzer.

Directors present: Marilyn Melanson; J.J. Danielski; Rob Lunn; Rod Paige; Ken Magee (acting Secretary).

Director on the judging panel: David Piercey.

Officers present: Robin Harris; Jim Taylor.

Past Presidents in attendance: Rick Penko, Charles Verge.

Directors absent: John Beddows; François Brisse; Rob McGuiness.

The President called the meeting to order at 10:19 and welcomed those present.

The President called for the approval of the agenda. Jim Taylor moved their approval. Motion seconded by Frank Alusio. Motion carried.

Rob Lunn moved the approval of the minutes of last year's meeting. Motion seconded by Rod Paige. Motion carried.

The President noted highlights from his written report and his Chapter Liaison report. He acknowledged the services of Peter Butler and Frank Alusio, both of whom are retiring from the Board, and thanked Frank for the succession plan. He noted more co-operation with the FQP and the possibility of a ROYAL in 2017 in Boucherville.

The Treasurer presented his financial statement. He noted that our accounting practices are now in line with Canadian and International reporting standards. He moved its acceptance. Motion seconded by Rob Lunn. Motion carried. David moved that the signing authority be any two (2) of: the President, the Vice-President; the Treasurer; the Executive Manager and the Executive Assistant. Motion seconded by Marilyn Melanson. Motion carried.

There was no official National Office report. The President noted that the new (interim) Executive Manager, Robert Timberg, had come on board in March and was fitting in well. He will be involved in two initiatives, surveying members and directors/officers about services from The Society.

Frank read through his report on the Strategic Plan, and his Vice-president's report. (He offered to continue an overall review even in retirement.) The President noted that the Strategic Plan is under review by the new Executive Manager. Charles Verge reminded all that the current Strategic Plan expires in 2014 and of the need for a new one. Rob Lunn asked that the plan be posted on the website (bilingually, eventually).

The report from the Editor of *The Canadian Philatelist* was accepted as distributed. The topic of succession planning arose, briefly.

Robin Harris presented his Webmaster's report. He stressed the need for more information for youth on the site.

There was no formal Conventions report since there were no (official) bids to host the Convention after Halifax on May 30 to June 1, 2014. Ken Magee was instructed to inform the Kitchener-Waterloo group (possible hosts for 2016) that they have until the end of 2013 to submit (and have approved) their business plan for such a show, or they would be dropped as possible hosts. John Sheffield will also be contacted again soon, about his 2015 proposal for London. The possibility of holding our Annual General Meeting in conjunction with the New York International in 2016 was briefly discussed. An alternative would be to piggy-back on a Canadian National Show that year (Edmonton, Orapex or Halifax). It was stressed that Convention Guidelines are available, on request, from the National Office in both official languages.

The Judging Program Report was accepted as distributed, in the absence of David Piercey as Chief Judge. There was a discussion about possible out-of-country travel allowances for judges. The possible statutory amalgamation of TAPE and The RPSC Foundation arose. Each part would keep their same functions, with separate funding for current programmes. This might result in funds being available to subsidize such foreign travel.

The Ethics Committee again submitted a 'no activity' report.

Charles Verge presented his reports as Historian and Archivist. He especially noted the failure to get any Queen's Jubilee medals presented to the philatelic community.

There was no Dealer Liaison report.

The Public Relations Officer's report was accepted as distributed. Garfield had placed an emphasis on follow-ups to questions.

Jim Taylor presented a detailed International Liaison report. He noted that the only 2014 International will be in South Korea. He reminded all of the need to plan for another International in Canada in the near future. He reminded us to lookout for advanced young philatelic exhibitors for future international exhibitions.

Questions arose about the possible merger of TAPE and The RPSC Foundation. The idea is better than disbanding both and starting again. A plan for the possible merger will be completed by the end of 2013. The RPSC will have to conform to the Not-for-Profit Corporation Act. There are implications for probable by-law changes.

As Canada Post Liaison, Peter Butler (*an afternoon visitor to the meeting*) noted there hopefully will be better relations with Canada Post regarding the Grand Award at future Royals. As APS Liaison he noted that frames will be the biggest issue between now and the New York International in 2016. After the show the APS will assume ownership of the frames. They will rent them out to shows at \$2.00 a frame, plus transportation both ways.

In his Member Recruitment report Rod Paige showed a draft bilingual information and membership form. This will replace the bilingual information card and separate bilingual registration sheet. It will soon be available for recruitment purposes.

The Geldert Medal will be presented by the president at the A.G.M. to Richard Gratton.

In her Slide/DVD Program report Marilyn Melanson noted that only two clubs had made use of the service this past year. No new programs have been added and not all slide sets are complete. The President asked Marilyn to write a column in *TCP* to promote the use of the CDs. Rob Lunn will work with Marilyn and Robin to get the CDs on the website by next year. Marilyn was directed to be ruthless in culling the old slides.

Sandra Foss submitted a very detailed Sales Circuit report.

Yvan Latulippe is the chairman of the FIAF Youth Commission.

Robert Pinet's Services francophone report noted not much activity.

The detailed FQP Liaison report from Francois Brisse noted 56 adult clubs, 32 of them with youth sections.

In the absence of Rob McGuinness Frank noted that the National Registry of Exhibitors now lists 613 Canadian exhibitors to this ORAPEX 2013. He reminded us to check if potential international exhibitors are (still) members of The RPSC.

The President noted that the Stakeholders in Philately group is being shut down, with no recent activity.

Rob Lunn moved that we accept all reports as printed and/or delivered. Motion seconded by Frank Alusio. Motion carried.

Under New Business Rod Paige moved that we send out the Convention Guidelines (and any additions) to all prospective hosts. Motion seconded by David Oberholtzer. Motion carried.

Rob Lunn moved that The RPSC name a Board member as liaison with new hosts, once a bid has been accepted for a ROYAL. Rod Paige seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Moved by Rod Paige and seconded by Rob Lunn that Ken Magee to be the designated liaison with Halifax for the 2014 Royal. Motion carried.

David Oberholtzer moved adjournment at 2:04 p.m.