

RPSC Board Meeting – April 2, 2023

Board Member	Present	Regrets	Non-Voting	Present	Regrets
Sam Chiu	x		Robin Harris		x
John Hall	x		Lee Ann Stewart	x	
Steve Johnson	x		Ed Kroft	x	
Peter MacDonald	x				
David McLaughlin	x				
Robert Pinet	x				
Gregg Redner	x		Guests		
John Sharp	x		Michelle Cartier		x
Jane Sodero	x		Jeff Slein	x	
Grégoire Teyssier	x		Jesse Robitaille		x
Joe Trauzzi	x		Chris McFetridge	x	
Joel Weiner	x		Phil Visser	x	
Mike Walsh	x		Mario Chevrette	x	

- Meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm (Atlantic), quorum having been met. The minutes were taken by Jane Sodero.
- Presentation and Approval of Minutes of February 5, 2023 Board Meeting
Motion: To adopt the minutes from the February 5, 2023 Board Meeting. Moved by Robert Pinet; seconded by Peter MacDonald. Motion passed.
- Elections of 2023-2025 executive positions – Sam Chiu
 In preparation for the AGM, Sam Chiu asked for nominations to the Executive of The RPSC.
Motion: To Nominate Gregg Redner as President of The RPSC. Moved by John Sharp; seconded by Joe Trauzzi. Motion passed.
Motion: To nominate Jane Sodero as Vice-President of The RPSC. Moved by Peter MacDonald; seconded by Robert Pinet Motion passed.
Motion: To nominate Phil Visser as Secretary of The RPSC. Moved by Robert Pinet; seconded by Gregg Redner. Motion Passed.
Motion: To nominate John Sharp as Treasurer of The RPSC. Moved by Peter MacDonald; seconded by Joe Trauzzi. Motion Passed.
- National Office, Membership, donation recognitions – Lee Ann Stewart
 Lee Ann Stewart reported 17 new members since last Board meeting. She has received about ten nominations for volunteer recognition and there are 15 new 50 year members this year.
 The Board wishes to thank Lee Ann Stewart for her work in keeping The RPSC running smoothly.
- Financial, 2023 Budget, Grants – John Sharp

John Sharp circulated financial statements prior to the meeting. David McLaughlin feels that the donation from CAPE to pay for the FIAF/FIP fees could be more clearly identified in the report.

John Sharp noted that the annual statements are under review in preparation for the AGM.

6. Sale of Let's Talk Exhibiting (English Edition), TCP Production, Newsletter – Mike Walsh
Mike Walsh was unable to provide up to date numbers at the meeting.

7. Let's Talk Exhibiting (French Edition) – Grégoire Teyssier

The French edition is at the printer and should be ready for launch at Orapex. Sam Chiu noted that the printer was requested for the additional pages as the French version is longer than the English edition. It was noted that the French edition has more articles than the English version. To date, the donations more than cover all the related expenses.

8. Francophilately Committee – Grégoire Teyssier

Grégoire Teyssier has nothing new to report.

9. TCP and Website – Robin Harris

Robin Harris sent a report noting that the May-June Canadian Philatelist has been submitted to Trajan for layout purposes. As usual, articles are needed for future issues.

He had nothing new to report about the website.

10. Royal 2023/London and Beyond – Gregg Redner

Plans are progressing well for the 2023 Royale in London. John Sheffield and Steve Johnson, have done a superb job developing the exhibition and it will prove to be a very successful event.

Sam Chiu noted that no club has shown any interest in hosting in 2024. Edmonton has expressed interest in hosting in 2025.

11. Judging/Exhibiting, Recognition of International Exhibitor - Joel Weiner

David McLaughlin has brought to our attention that the 2023 FIP awards list was released and The RPSC has its first new Championship Class exhibit since 2008. Anestis Karagiannidis qualified to participate in the FIP Championship Class with his exhibit titled "Small Hermes Heads 1886-1901 - The Second Classical period of Greek Stamps".

This is a significant accomplishment for requiring three Large Gold awards at FIP exhibitions in three different years. He can now compete in the Championship Class at FIP World General exhibitions for the next ten years. The last Canadian exhibitor to qualify for the Championship Class was the late Ron Brigham in 2008.

Motion: That the RPSC President write to Anestis Karagiannidis, on behalf of the Board of Directors and The RPSC, recognizing this significant achievement with a letter of congratulations. Moved by: Joel Weiner; seconded by David McLaughlin. Motion passed.

The Edmonton Spring Show was a success with 33 exhibits from across Canada. The Palmares will be available on the Edmonton Stamp Club website shortly.

12. Stamp Talks/Panels; social media; #Extreme Philately – Jane Sodero
No Report.

13. FIP and International Shows – David McLaughlin
David McLaughlin submitted a written report (see attached).

14. YouTube videos – Joe Trauzzi
Joe Trauzzi and Gregg Redner are going to work on some sample YouTube videos. This will involve having both YouTube videos and Patreon accounts.

15. Chapter Relations Study Group – Gregg Redner
A thank you email has been sent to all chapters/ groups that responded to our survey email. I have told them how grateful we are for their input, informed them that the findings have been shared with the board. I have also made them aware that we have identified a number of areas where we believe we can make changes in a timely manner, as we begin to address the findings which came from the survey including: creating digital material directed specifically at beginning collectors and developing an online glossary of philatelic definitions which we hope will be helpful to beginning and intermediate collectors.
There was a discussion about how to respond to the findings of the recent survey.

16. Google Drive
Sam Chiu suggested that the switch to a Google Drive happen after the AGM.

17. Annual General Meeting
The AGM is scheduled for June 11, 2023. Joe Trauzzi will run the ZOOM meeting. There was some discussion about the format of the meeting.

18. Adjournment

Next Meeting – AGM

AGM – June 11, 2023 – reports to Lee Ann Stewart

FIP & FIAF Exhibitions Report Rev 1 April 2, 2023, RPSC Board Meeting

RPSC is a member of the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP) and a founding member of the Federacion InterAmericana de Filatelia (FIAF). The RPSC annual membership fees for both FIP and FIAF are being paid by CAPE-ACEP on the RPSC's behalf.

In 2023 there are two FIP exhibitions and one FIAF exhibition.

IBRA 2023, Essen Germany May 25-28, 2023, is a FIP World General Exhibition with all FIP classes. Ingo Nessel is the commissioner for IBRA 2023 and Sam Chiu is a jury member. Entries are closed and 44 frames and 5 literature exhibits were accepted from Canada for IBRA 2023

Thailand 2023, Bangkok, Thailand Nov 27-Dec 2, 2023 is a FIP Specialized World Stamp Championship Exhibition. Specialized means that not all FIP Classes are offered at this exhibition. David McLaughlin is acting as the commissioner and Sam Chiu and John McEntyre have been nominated as judges. The invitation for Thailand was received Feb 16 and entries are required by **April 30th**. The regulations (IREX) and the application form and information form for literature exhibits are attached. Currently we do not have sufficient applications to meet our quota of 4 multi-frame exhibits. In calculating the qualifying quota exhibits 3 one frame exhibits are considered equivalent to 1 multi-frame exhibit.

Uruguay 2023, Montevideo, Uruguay Sept 11- 16, 2023. FIAF Exhibition & Annual General Assembly. The official invitation has not been received but we have received advance details by WhatsApp. Commissioner appointment is required by April 10 and entries are required by June 10, 2023. An email request for commissioner was circulated to members of the International Liaison Committee, previous commissioners, international judges and others on March 11, 2023. If you have not received that email request and are interested in the Uruguay 2023 commissioner role please contact me at david.mclaughlin@rogers.com

In general entry requirements for both FIP and FIAF exhibitions are a vermeil medal at a national level exhibition. Except for the youth class first time multi-frame entries must be 5 frames. Youth exhibits may have less frames per the exhibitions IREX depending upon the entrant's age.

To exhibit 8 frames at a FIP show the exhibit must have received a Large Vermeil at a FIP patronage exhibition. To exhibit 8 frames at a FIAF show the exhibit must have received a Large Vermeil at a FIP or FIAF patronage exhibition.

For all FIP exhibitions 20% of the allocated frames are reserved for new exhibits never shown before at a FIP patronage exhibition. To put this in prospective, at Thailand 2023, 500 frames (100 exhibit entries) are reserved for new entries.

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