

**Minutes of the APRL Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, August 7, 2009
Stampshow 2009, Pittsburgh, Pa.**

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Grant at 2:16 p.m.

Trustees present: Roger Brody, Jack Flannery, Rob Haeseler, Peter Martin, Roger Schnell, Dan Walker, Larry Nix.

Absent: Herb Trenchard.

Others present: Ken Martin, interim APRL administrator; Virginia Eisenstein, APRL attorney; Gini Horn, librarian; Wade Saadi, ex-officio trustee; Rick Banks, controller; David Straight, Hugh McMackin, Richard Drews (trustee-elect), Stephen Schumann (trustee-elect) and Janice Weinstock.

1. Welcome: President Grant welcomed the board.

2. Memorial tribute: a long moment of silence was observed for Charles Peterson, APRL secretary and man of many of parts, who died June 12.

3. Approval of Minutes: President Grant reported that the minutes are being reconstructed for the following meetings: February 20, 2009, Arlington, Texas, joint board and APRL trustees; the April 10 telephone joint board to approve Phase 1 of the Long Range Plan; and the June 2 telephone joint board for an update from the Long Range Planning Committee. Dan Walker moved approval of the minutes of the July 22 telephone meeting naming Larry Nix to succeed Charles Peterson and to grant emeritus status to Herb Trenchard. Seconded by Roger Schnell and passed unanimously.

4. Selection of Secretary for meeting: the undersigned was chosen.

5. Reports

A. President: In his farewell report, Ken Grant encouraged trustees to recommend names of potential donors for the Campaign for Philately.

B. Interim Administrator: Ken Martin distributed and reviewed a Welcome Packet for the 2009-2011 term APRL trustees.

C. APRL Attorney: Virginia Eisenstein reviewed legal matters arising from staff layoffs on May 28, 2008, for financial reasons. She also reported that motions for summary judgment in *Lawrence v. Walker* will be ruled on by the end of August, with a trial date scheduled for October 12.

D. Librarian: Gini Horn reported that the effort by volunteer Richard Nakles to reclassify books from alphabetical order by author to subject-matter order is 80 percent complete. Concerning the *Philatelic Literature Review*, Horn reported that 2009 second- and third-quarter issues would be merged, and that more time is needed to develop an experimental digital version of the *PLR*.

6. Old Business

A: Philatelic Library Union Catalog & Agreement: Attorney Eisenstein observed that the document formalizing the relationship among the APRL, the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library, the Collectors Club and the Postal History Foundation was not a contract but a Statement of Intent. The board modified the language of the first paragraph of the statement, noting its intent "to create a shared bibliographic database, among participating philatelic libraries." Moved by Walker; seconded by Haeseler; passed unanimously.

B. Bylaws Committee Progress Report: No action was taken on the APRL response to a proposal to lengthen the terms of APS board members. The matter was referred to the bylaws committees of both boards.

7. New Business

A. 2009 Revised Budget: The trustees learned from APS controller Rick Banks that the county Bar Association had become the latest tenant of the American Philatelic Center in June, climaxing discussions stretching over five years. Walker moved acceptance of the revised budget; seconded by Brody; passed unanimously.

B. Digital Delivery Committee: President Grant appointed a subcommittee composed of former trustee David Straight and current trustees Larry Nix and Richard Drews, the object of which is "to the make the APRL a useful institution."

8. Discussion items: none.

9. Appreciation of Service for Departing Trustees: Leaving the board at the expiration of their terms were Walker, Martin and Trenchard; however, Martin was re-elected and Trenchard, a 24-year-old veteran of the APRL board, was recognized by resolution as an emeritus trustee and ex-officio member “with a life-time invitation to participate in all board meetings.”

Outgoing President Grant has two more years remaining in his term.

10. Swearing in of New and Incumbent Trustees: The board was sworn by Attorney Eisenstein.

11. Election of New Officers:

An uncontested slate was elected unanimously, as follows:

For President: Roger Brody, nominated by Schnell; seconded by Schumann; closed by Flannery; seconded by Drews.

For Vice-President: Roger Schnell, nominated by Schumann; seconded by Drews; closed by Drews; seconded by Schumann.

For Secretary: Rob Haeseler; nominated by Brody; seconded by Nix; closed by Drews; seconded by Schumann.

For Treasurer: Jack Flannery; nominated by Drews; seconded by Brody; closed by Schumann; seconded by Drews.

12. Adjournment: President Brody adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Haeseler, Secretary, APRL Board of Trustees.

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