

TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
“Friendship through Philately”

Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, April 14, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Doubletree Hotel
Dallas, Texas

Minutes

Call to Order

The April 14, 2007 meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association’s Board of Directors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Arthur P. von Reyn .

Members Present

Arthur P. von Reyn, President	R.M. Arndt, Director (2008)
Douglas C. Moss, 1 st Vice-President	James Berryhill, Director (2008)
Lyle C. Boardman, Treasurer	Denise Stotts, Director (2010)
Carol G. Arndt, Secretary	Peter C. Elias, Director (2010)

Approval of Minutes

R.M. Arndt, seconded by James Berryhill, made a motion to accept and waive the reading of the minutes of the September 16, 2006 meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association’s Board of Directors. The motion passed.

Reports

President’s report presented by Arthur P. von Reyn. The focus during the past year has been to implement members’ suggestions from the fall 2005 survey:

1. Revamped *The Texas Philatelist*.
2. Reintroduced the Membership Directory.
3. Partnership with Oklahoma Philatelic Society in their Sales Division.
4. Spring 2007 auction conducted jointly with Oklahoma Philatelic Society.
5. Held special meeting for members at 2006 Greater Houston Stamp Show. Unfortunately, attendance was sparse.
6. Volunteers are needed for various activities, including staffing booths at philatelic events.

Lyle Boardman distributed copies of the Treasurer’s Report (Attachment 1). The journal was used as a membership recruitment tool which caused the high cost of “New Member Recruiting” under “Expenses,” and unable to separate printing and postage costs.

Secretary’s Report: Because the normal adjustment to the membership rolls for non-payment of dues and unknown address occurred two months earlier in 2007 than in 2006, the following figures best represent our year-over-year change in membership:

Membership, April 16, 2006	387
Membership, February 28, 2007	504
Net Gain	117

Membership Report presented by Arthur P. von Reyn. During 2006 membership recruiting included (1) mailing of two successive issues of *The Texas Philatelist* to Texas APS members with an application; (2) copies of journal and membership applications available at TSDA bourses in Dallas; and (3) staffing TPA booths at Greater Houston Stamp Show and Mid-Cities Stamp Expo in Grapevine, TX. In 2007 membership recruitment will include (1) mailing *The Texas Philatelist* and membership application to TEXPEX mailing list; (2) journals and applications given to TSDA bourses in San Antonio, Houston and Dallas; (3) staff recruitment tables at major stamp shows in Texas; and, (4) if all members of a Texas Chapter of the Texas Philatelic Association join TPA, there will be a page in *The Texas Philatelist* dedicated to the group.

There was no Southwest Philatelic Foundation Report.

The Holiday Stamp Design Contest report from Jane King Fohn was given. The title is now "TPA Youth Holiday Stamp Design Contest." There were 148 entrants in the contest. A full report is in the November-December 2006 issue of *The Texas Philatelist*.

Arthur P. von Reyn presented the webmaster's report. Copies of *The Texas Philatelist* can be downloaded from the official TPA website at www.texasphilatelic.org. Interactive features now include: submitting membership applications, turning in chapter activity reports, requesting free Classified Bourse ads, requesting OPS Sales Division books, and registering philatelic events. Usage is increasing with an average of 273 visits per month in the past twelve months, compared to 230-235 previously.

The Texas Philatelist report was given by editor Douglas C. Moss. Since its debut last February in a full-color, glossy page format, the journal has expanded to 44 pages. New regular features include "Texas Connection" and "Texas Cancels." Contributions are needed, such as writing articles, sending in "Letters to the Editors," submitting "Classified Bourse" ads, encouraging local stamp clubs to send reports for the "Chapters in Action" feature. A special thanks to Norman Cohen at Adventure Graphics, Dallas, for printing the journal at a great price!

New Business

A change in Bylaws was discussed: (1) Change principal office location currently noted in Article 1, Section 2; (2) Rewrite sections in Article III to permit proxy voting, as follows:

Section 3 Quorum. Three percent (3%) of Adult Members of the Association, in good standing, shall constitute a quorum at an annual or special meeting of members. Proxy votes shall not be considered in determining whether a quorum has been achieved.

Section 4 Voting. The vote of the majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the members present at a meeting in which a quorum is present shall be the act of the members meeting, unless the vote of a greater number is required by law. Proxy votes are permitted, but no member shall cast more than four proxy votes in addition to the members' own vote.

R.M. Arndt made a motion to proceed with the bylaws changes, using the language as presented and publish the changes in *The Texas Philatelist* as required by the bylaws. Denise Stotts seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Liability Insurance. Currently there is no liability insurance for officers and directors. In the past, two choices were offered to reinstate the insurance: (1) have the books audited by a CPA firm, or (2) institute a two-signer policy for checks. The first choice is expensive; the second choice is the preference. Lyle Boardman will look into this matter, and either reinstate the insurance or find a new company.

Volunteers are needed for proofreading *The Texas Philatelist*; to staff the TPA table here at TEXPEX, at the National Topical Stamp Show in Irving, June 15-17,2007, and other stamp shows in Texas; and, to receive boxes of journals for distribution at TSDA bourses in Dallas, San Antonio and Houston.

Life Memberships. In the past members were given life memberships once they reached age 65 and had been members for at least 30 years. It has been suggested to again offer automatic life memberships, but perhaps at age 70 and having been a member for 40 years. This will be considered at the next meeting at the Greater Houston Stamp Show, September 15, 2007.

Awards. The Young Adults Award has been offered at TEXPEX for about five years and there has never been anyone eligible. Should this award be dropped? Lyle Boardman made a motion, seconded by Denise Stotts, to drop the Young Adults Award. The motion passed. The Spalding Award given to the chapter recruiting the most new members was discussed . R.M. Arndt made a motion that at least five (5) new members must be recruited before the trophy would be awarded. Peter Elias seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nominations Committee. There are three directors positions which expire in 2008, two positions on the foundation expire in 2008, and all the officers of the Texas Philatelic Association expire in 2008. Candidates are needed to fill these positions. Carol and R.M. Arndt will recruit/form the Nominating Committee.

Adjourn

R.M. Arndt, seconded by Lyle Boardman, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol G. Arndt
Secretary