

**TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**“Friendship Through Philately”**

Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, September 16, 2006, 9:15 a.m.  
Humble Civic Center  
Humble, Texas

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The September 16, 2006 meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association’s Board of Directors was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Arthur von Reyn.

**Members Present**

Arthur P. von Reyn, President  
Douglas C. Moss, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice- President  
Lyle Boardman, Treasurer  
Carol G. Arndt, Secretary  
Jane King Fohn, Past President  
R.M. Arndt, Director (2008)  
Denise Stotts, Director (2008)  
Jay B. Stotts, Director (2008)

**Non-Members Present**

Tom Koch  
Patrick J. Ryan, Sr.

**Approval of Minutes**

Denise Stotts made a motion to accept, and waive the reading, of the minutes of the April 8, 2006 meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association’s Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Jane Fohn and passed.

**Reports**

President’s Report presented by Arthur von Reyn (Attachment 1). He reviewed new features of the Texas Philatelic Association’s website, the membership drive, and the agreement with the Oklahoma Philatelic Society for Texas Philatelic Association members to participate in the Oklahoma Philatelic Society’s Sales Division. This OPS agreement is through 2007; the Texas Philatelic Association has paid a life membership in the Oklahoma Philatelic Society. The question was asked what if a chapter was already a member of the Oklahoma Philatelic Society? It is their choice to either remain a member of the Oklahoma Philatelic Society, or drop their membership and the chapter would still be able to access the sales circuit.

Lyle Boardman gave the Treasurer’s Report (Attachment 2). The largest expenditures were for member recruitment.

Carol Arndt, Secretary, discussed the mailing of new membership packets. Over 100 packets were mailed, which include a cover letter, a copy of the Texas Philatelic Association’s Constitution/Bylaws, membership card, and while supplies last, a copy of Charles Deaton’s book, *50 Years of Texas Philately*. The cost for this mailing is \$1.59 per packet.

Tom Koch, representing the Southwest Philatelic Foundation, requested comments on TEXPEX. Art von Reyn asked if publishing the TEXPEX prospectus in *The Texas Philatelist* increases exhibit participation, to which Mr. Koch replied it probably does not make a lot of difference. Mr. von Reyn also mentioned the possibility

of uploading the TEXPEX website to the Texas Philatelic Association's website. The two will explore this possibility.

Doug Moss, Editor, *The Texas Philatelist*, reported on the status of the journal (Attachment 3).

### **Appointments**

A committee chairperson for the Forcheimer Award was selected. Denise Stotts volunteered as Chairperson, and will select two additional persons to serve on the committee.

### **New Business**

Auction Sponsored by the Texas Philatelic Association at TEXPEX 2007. Art von Reyn suggested trying this for a year assuming good publicity can be provided and a professional auctioneer found to donate his time. Mail bids could be a possibility with the webmaster setting up the auction site. Material would be submitted only by Texas Philatelic Association members, but anyone could bid. This would not be a donation auction; monies realized would go to those submitting lots. Collection of the Texas sales tax is a consideration, as is levying a 10% buyer fee/10% seller fee. It was suggested the auction could be conducted in conjunction with the Texas Postal History Society; Lyle Boardman will discuss the possibility with Texas Postal History Society members. Jay Stotts made a motion to explore the options available for the Texas Philatelic Association to conduct an auction at TEXPEX 2007, and then vote by E-mail whether to hold the auction. Denise Stotts seconded the motion. The motion passed. Art von Reyn will contact auctioneers, and work out the details.

Availability of *The Texas Philatelist* on the Website. At the present the journal is on the website before it's mailed to members, but it cannot be printed from the website. There are still errors in the journal. At the present time only Jane Fohn and one other person are proofreading, and more proofreaders are needed. Jane Fohn suggested the use of the *Chicago Manual of Style*.

Expansion of Forcheimer Award. Art von Reyn asked about the possibility to expand the Forcheimer Award to second and/or third places. The consensus was no expansion was needed.

Spousal/Domestic Partner Membership Category. At the present time there is one Mr./Mrs. Membership. They have paid dues for one, and receive only one journal. This membership will be allowed. It was agreed not to have a spousal/domestic partner membership category.

Policy on Directors' Attendance. In reference to the problem of repeated, consecutive absences by some directors, it was agreed that if a Board member was absent two meetings in a row, the secretary would prepare a letter, signed by the President, expressing our "concern" about their non-attendance.

Post Office Box. A question was raised about whether a post office box in the name of the Texas Philatelic Association would be of benefit, as opposed to using the Treasurer's home address. The treasurer said he didn't mind using his home address for correspondence, so no action was taken.

Membership Promotions in 2007. A discussion of this topic led to the agreement to not authorize any “special” promotional membership rates for 2007.

Reinstatement of Old Member Numbers. A former member who applied for reinstatement after an absence of many years inquired about the availability of his “old” number. The Treasurer was instructed to advise the former member to find evidence of the old number as this information is not on file.

*The Texas Philatelist* advertising rates for 2007. It was suggested to raise advertising rates for new advertisers, but leave the current rates for old advertisers, and just publish the new rates in the journal. Jay Stotts said it would be possible to send a flyer on advertising in the journal and the rates, along with the contract, to dealers who would be coming to HOUPEX. R.M. Arndt made a motion to allow the journal editor to set the advertising rates, seconded by Jay Stotts, and passed.

Date and Time for Next Directors’ Meeting. The next meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association’s Board of Directors will be at TEXPEX 2007.

**Adjourn**

The meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association’s Board of Directors adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol G. Arndt  
Secretary