

**TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
“Friendship Through Philately”

TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Saturday, September 17, 2005, 9:00 a.m.  
Humble Civic Center  
Humble, Texas

Minutes

**Call to Order**

The September 17, 2005 meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association Board of Directors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Jane King Fohn.

Members Present

Jane King Fohn, President  
Arthur P. von Reyn, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Raymond E. Whyborn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Lyle Boardman, Treasurer  
Carol G. Arndt, Secretary  
R. M. Arndt, Director (2008)  
Jay B. Stotts, Director (2008)  
George I. Woodburn, Director (2006)

Non-Members Present

Tom Koch

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Arthur von Reyn, seconded by R. M. Arndt, to waive the reading of, and approve, the April 9, 2005 minutes of the Board of Directors meeting. The motion passed with one dissenting vote. A board member had a question about membership drive activity discussed at the April 9, 2005 board meeting. He wanted to know if anything had been done. Further information about membership drive activity is discussed during the membership chairperson's report.

Lyle Boardman made a motion to formally approve the minutes of the April 12, 2003, September 20, 2003, April 3, 2004, and September 18, 2004 meetings of the Board of Directors. Carol Arndt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Approve Appointments**

A motion was made by Raymond Whyborn, seconded by Arthur von Reyn, to approve the appointment of Douglas Moss as Editor of *The Texas Philatelist*. The motion passed.

A motion was made by R.M. Arndt, seconded by Raymond Whyborn, to approve the appointment of Jonathan Topper as Elections Credentials Chairman. His duties are to tally the votes for the 2006 election, and report the results to the Texas Philatelic Association. The motion passed.

The motion was made by Carol Arndt, seconded by Raymond Whyborn, to approve the appointments of Lyle Boardman and Arthur von Reyn to plan a 110<sup>th</sup> Texas Philatelic Association Program at TEXPEX 2006. The question was asked whether the 110<sup>th</sup> was the most appropriate year to celebrate. The motion passed.

### **Reports**

Lyle Boardman presented the Treasurer's Report (Attachment 1). There have been 43 additional dues payments since this report was written. The most noticeable trend is every time period shows a net loss. The treasurer will prepare an annual comparison of budgets for the next Board of Directors meeting. Bill McDaniel sent a check to begin a Gale Raymond Memorial Fund. The money to go to the Texas Philatelic Association Foundation. Arthur von Reyn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by R.M.Arndt. Motion passed.

Patrick Ryan presented the Membership Report. The membership recommendation from the April 9, 2005 Board of Directors meeting was proposed. This proposal divided the state into three areas (Dallas, Houston and San Antonio). Invitations to join the Texas Philatelic Association would be mailed once every three years to each of these areas. The prospective membership list would be culled from the American Philatelic Association membership list. The cost would be approximately \$300.00 to \$350.00 per year to support this membership drive. If this proposal is accepted, mailings could be in the mail by October 15, 2005. To make this membership drive proposal effective, would need to follow-up with the other two areas. There have been 10 or 12 new members for 2006. They will receive the November/December issue of *The Texas Philatelist*. Patrick Ryan submitted his resignation as Membership Chairman of the Texas Philatelic Association. Lyle Boardman made a motion to accept the Membership Report, seconded by Carol Arndt. The motion was approved.

Douglas Moss presented a report on *The Texas Philatelist* Report (Attachment 2) which listed his goals as editor of the publication. Patrick Ryan stated the journal's mailing permit was up the end of January or February. It is \$150.00 for a new permit, \$150.00 for a stamp, and can take up to six months to put all this in place. George Woodburn made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Patrick Ryan. The motion passed.

Jane Fohn gave the Nomination Committee Report. The following slate of officers is proposed for the Texas Philatelic Association:

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| President                      | Arthur P. von Reyn |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | Douglas Moss       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Raymond E. Whyborn |
| Treasurer                      | Lyle Boardman      |
| Secretary                      | Carol Arndt        |

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Board of Directors: | Denise Stotts      |
|                     | Peter Elias        |
|                     | George I. Woodburn |

Foundation Board of Trustees:

Lyle Boardman

Jeff Switt

It was pointed out that Lyle Boardman, as Treasurer of the Texas Philatelic Association, is already a voting member of the Texas Philatelic Association Foundation Board of Trustees; therefore, he cannot also run as a voting member since that would give him two votes. His name will be removed as a candidate for the Foundation Board of Trustees. President Jane Fohn will present a replacement candidate for consideration by the electorate. Lyle Boardman made a motion to accept the Nomination Committee Report, as amended. The motion, as amended, was seconded by Patrick Ryan, and passed.

Arthur von Reyn presented the Webmaster Report (Attachment 3). There have been 7,461 visits to the Texas Philatelic Association's website from April 26, 2003 through September 14, 2005. The webmaster suggested working closely with *The Texas Philatelist* editor to prevent duplication of information. Mr. von Reyn has renewed and donated a year's hosting fee and domain registration for the website, valid through April 2006. Raymond Whyborn made a motion to accept the Webmaster Report, seconded by Lyle Boardman. Motion passed.

### **Old Business**

Tom Koch discussed using as a theme for TEXPEX 2006, "110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Texas Philatelic Association." TEXPEX had to have a decision to begin planning. It was agreed this would be a suitable theme for TEXPEX 2006.

### **New Business**

The theme of "110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Texas Philatelic Association" was discussed. Although this is not a "usual" number to celebrate, there are some ways to celebrate this particular anniversary. Jane Fohn has an exhibit of the history of the Texas Philatelic Association and can update it to cover 110 years. Lyle Boardman will work on a cachet and special cancellation. Lyle Boardman and Arthur von Reyn will work with Tom Koch on the TEXPEX show program to commemorate the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Board members should give their ideas for possible seminars or programs for the 110<sup>th</sup> Texas Philatelic Association General Meeting to Lyle Boardman and Arthur von Reyn.

Lyle Boardman made a motion to (1) support TEXPEX in having the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Texas Philatelic Association as a theme for 2006, (2) provide an exhibit of Texas Philatelic Association history for TEXPEX 2006, (3) provide a cachet and cancel for TEXPEX 2006, and (4) consider providing a seminar for TEXPEX 2006 in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association. The motion was seconded by Carol Arndt, and passed.

The June 15-17, 2007 meeting of the American Topical Association will be held in Irving, TX. The Texas Philatelic Association was asked if they wanted a table at the show.

It would have to be manned at least 80% of the time. Lyle Boardman made a motion to have a table, seconded by Raymond Whyborn. The motion passed.

The Agenda item to evaluate the need for two meetings per year was tabled.

Arthur von Reyn presented a draft of a membership survey (Attachment 4). Included on this attachment was an "Official Ballot" and a form for "2006-07 Member Directory Listing!" The membership directory listing form will not be mailed to the membership until the decision previously made not to have a membership directory is revisited. Send any comments/additions/deletions regarding the survey to Arthur von Reyn, and he will send a final draft to Board members. The survey will go out in the November/December 2005 issue of *The Texas Philatelist*.

The Sponsor Membership Level was discussed. Currently the levels are Sustaining \$5, Patron \$20, and Sponsor over \$20. Lyle Boardman made a motion to set the Sponsor Membership Level at over \$40. Raymond Whyborn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Arthur von Reyn suggested for the future to mail a copy of *The Texas Philatelist* with all membership applications. The cost could be prohibitively expensive. The costs of the additional printing need to be explored.

### **Adjournment**

Lyle Boardman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Arthur von Reyn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol G. Arndt  
Secretary

**TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL CONDITION**

| <b>Balance Sheet</b>        | <b>12/31/2004</b> | <b>9/15/04</b>          | <b>9/17/05</b>          |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cash & Bank Accounts        | \$18,571.22       | \$17,314.52             | \$16,330.35             |
| <u>Bulk Mail Deposit</u>    | <u>113.24</u>     | <u>347.94</u>           | <u>247.42</u>           |
|                             | \$18,684.46       | \$17,662.46             | \$16,577.77             |
| <br><b>Income Statement</b> | <br><b>2004</b>   | <br><b>At 9/15/2004</b> | <br><b>At 9/17/2005</b> |
| Income                      |                   |                         |                         |
| Membership Dues             | \$4,784.00        | \$2,835.00              | \$1,355.00              |
| Philatelist Advertising     | 792.20            | 442.50                  | 295.70                  |
| Interest Income             | 168.68            | 130.48                  | 155.02                  |
| <u>Miscellaneous</u>        | <u>0.00</u>       | <u>0.00</u>             | <u>0.00</u>             |
| Total Income                | \$5,774.88        | \$3,407.98              | \$1,805.72              |
| Expenses                    |                   |                         |                         |
| Auction Expenses            | 0.00              | 0.00                    | 0.00                    |
| Board Expense               | 228.98            | 100.00                  | 108.72                  |
| Bulk Mail Permit Fee        | 300.00            | 150.00                  | 0.00                    |
| Bulk Mail Imprint Fee       | 0.00              | 0.00                    | 0.00                    |
| Directory Expense           | 102.84            | 102.84                  | 0.00                    |
| Editor's Expenses           | 0.00              | 0.00                    | 98.23                   |
| Member Retention            | 10.05             | 5.60                    | 0.00                    |
| New Member Recruiting       | 869.81            | 869.81                  | 0.00                    |
| Prepare Texas Philatelist   | 3,459.92          | 2,812.00                | 3,015.42                |
| Secretary Expense           | 283.45            | 0.00                    | 81.19                   |
| Texas Philatelist Postage   | 703.84            | 575.74                  | 596.90                  |
| TPA Xmas Cover Contest      | 0.00              | 0.00                    | 0.00                    |
| Treasurer Expense           | 2.10              | .10                     | 11.95                   |
| <u>Miscellaneous</u>        | <u>0.00</u>       | <u>0.00</u>             | <u>0.00</u>             |
| Total Expenses              | \$5,960.99        | \$4,616.09              | \$3,912.41              |
| Net Income (Loss)           | (\$186.11)        | (\$1,208.11)            | (\$2,106.69)            |

**TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION  
FINANCIAL CONDITION**

| <b>Balance Sheet</b>            | <b>12/31/2004</b>  | <b>9/15/04</b>          | <b>9/17/05</b>          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>Cash &amp; Bank Accounts</u> | <u>\$18,465.05</u> | <u>\$18,120.61</u>      | <u>\$17,903.83</u>      |
|                                 | \$18,465.05        | \$18,120.61             | \$17,903.83             |
| <br><b>Income Statement</b>     | <br><b>2004</b>    | <br><b>At 9/15/2004</b> | <br><b>At 9/17/2005</b> |
| Income                          |                    |                         |                         |
| Donations                       | \$1,347.95         | \$319.95                | \$445.40                |
| Interest Income                 | 212.62             | 138.05                  | 169.08                  |
| Dividend Income                 | 150.03             | 150.03                  | 203.01                  |
| <u>Other Income</u>             | <u>0.00</u>        | <u>0.00</u>             | <u>0.00</u>             |
| Total Income                    | \$1,710.60         | \$608.03                | \$817.49                |
| Expenses                        |                    |                         |                         |
| Support for TEXPEX              | \$1,000.00         | \$1,000.00              | \$1,000.00              |
| Donations                       | 500.00             | 0.00                    | 0.00                    |
| Awards                          | 50.00              | 50.00                   | 50.00                   |
| TEXPEX Awards                   | 167.50             | 0.00                    | 69.50                   |
| Website Rental                  | 90.63              | 0.00                    | 115.40                  |
| Texas Philatelist Postage       | 703.84             | 0.00                    | 596.90                  |
| TPA Xmas Cover Contest          | 0.00               | 0.00                    | 123.81                  |
| <u>Treasurer Expense</u>        | <u>0.00</u>        | <u>0.00</u>             | <u>20.00</u>            |
| Total Expenses                  | \$1,808.13         | \$1,050.00              | \$1,378.71              |
| Net Income (Loss)               | (\$97.53)          | (\$441.97)              | (\$561.22)              |

Lyle Boardman, Treasurer  
September 17, 2005

A Report to the TPA: *The Texas Philatelist*  
September 16.2005

by Douglas Moss, Editor

- I have now finished editing two editions of *The Texas Philatelist*. Editing the journal has been challenging and rewarding.
- Currently I am using Printmaster 15 to publish the journal. I plan on upgrading to a more professional program for future issues. Adobe InDesign has been chosen to replace Printmaster.
- The journal always needs articles. There are enough articles on hand for the next two issues:
  - November-December 2005
    - Youth Cover Contest
    - Elias. My Journey So Far Part 2
    - Watz, Stampstories.World.Kids Greece Part 5
    - Crain, My First Zeppelin
  - January-February 2006
    - Deaton, Fifty Years of Texas Philatelic Remembrances part 6
    - Watz. Stampstories. World.Kids Postal Echoes Part 6.
    - Elias: Selling Stamps on eBay (Reprint from Mid-Cities Newsletter)
- Working to obtain new bulk mail permit for 2006
- Working to find a new printer in the DFW area (preferably the Richardson area)
- Goals as editor:
  - Increase Advertising Income
    - Dealers should consider advertising in *The Texas Philatelist* important part of their advertising budget (solicit advertising from dealers attending shows)
  - Encourage TPA members to submit articles for publication
    - Especially articles that feature Texas
  - Keep cost of journal down
    - Journal looks to be one of biggest costs for TPA
  - Explore changing format (increase page size of journal) to accommodate maturing readership
    - People have said that journal is difficult to read in current format.
    - Hopefully change in format will not significantly increase cost of journal.
  - Produce PDF version of journal to make to TPA members through website
    - All photos and illustrations in color.
    - Offer TPA members the option of receiving journal electronically instead of by mail.
      - Reduce membership cost if member only gets *The Texas Philatelist* electronically
  - Work with *Mekeel's & Stamps Magazine* and *US Stampnews*
    - Send journal to magazine to get publicity for journal and TPA
    - *Mekeel's (US Stamp News)* will give back \$5 for each subscription from TPA members
  - Explore the possibility of running an auction (donated items) where all proceeds go to the TPA.

**THE TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
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TO: Officers, Board of Directors of the Texas Philatelic Association

DATE: September 16, 2005

RE: TPA Website

1. For the period April 26, 2003 through September 14, 2005, there had been 7,461 visits to the TPA website “texasphilatelic.org,” which is an average of approximately 260 per month over the period. This number has not changed substantially in recent months.
2. Because selected content on the website and in *The Texas Philatelist* overlap, I suggest that the journal editor and webmaster share information in the following areas to widen dissemination of same and to eliminate duplicate effort:
  - a. Calendar of Events
  - b. TPA Chapter Meetings
  - c. Classified Ad Listings
3. I have again renewed and donated to the TPA/Foundation another year’s hosting fee and domain registration for the website, which will carry it through April, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur P. von Reyn  
Webmaster and First Vice President  
The Texas Philatelic Association, Inc.