

**TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

*"Friendship through Philately"*

111<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 14, 2007, 10:00 a.m.

Doubletree Hotel

Dallas, Texas

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The 111<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and Annual Meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association was called to order April 14, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. by President Arthur P. von Reyn.

**Officers and Board Directors Present**

Arthur P. von Reyn, President

Douglas Moss, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

Lyle Boardman, Treasurer

Carol G. Arndt, Secretary

Jay Stotts (2008)

R.M. Arndt (2008)

James Berryhill (2008)

Peter C. Elias (2010)

Denise Stotts (2010)

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Ralph Poor, seconded by Peter Elias, to approve and waive the reading of the minutes of the April 8, 2006 meeting. The motion passed.

**Necrology**

Bill McDaniel read the Necrology Report. There were 12 deaths of TPA members since the last meeting.

**President's Report**

The focus this past year has been to implement members' suggestions from the fall 2005 survey. *The Texas Philatelist* has been revamped, TPA membership directory reintroduced, partnered with Oklahoma Philatelic Society to allow TPA members to participate in their Sales Division, and held a special meeting at the 2006 Greater Houston Stamp Show.

**Secretary's Report**

The following figures represent our year-over-year change in membership:

Membership, April 16, 2006	387
<u>Membership, February 28, 2007</u>	<u>504</u>
<b>Net Gain</b>	<b>117</b>

The normal adjustment to the membership rolls for non-payment of dues and unknown address occurred two months earlier in 2007 than in 2006; consequently, the above figures best represent the change in membership.

**Membership Report**

Membership recruitment during 2006 included two mailings of *The Texas Philatelist* and membership applications to Texas APS members, copies of the journal and membership applications delivered to TSDA bourses in Dallas. During 2007 membership recruitment will include mailings of the journal and membership

applications to names on the TEXPEX mailing list; journals and application forms to TSDA bourses in Dallas, San Antonio and Houston; and, member recruitment tables at major stamp shows in Texas.

### **Webmaster's Report**

*The Texas Philatelist* is now available for download from the official TPA website, [www.texasphilatelic.org](http://www.texasphilatelic.org); new interactive features 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 12 months versus around 230-235 previously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Lyle Boardman, Treasurer, discussed finances (Attachment 1). There has been an increase in revenues which is due to an increase in members. There also was an increase in TPA Foundation donations which gave a plus balance.

### **Southwest Philatelic Foundation Report**

There was no report given.

### **The Texas Philatelist Report**

Since last February the journal has expanded to 44 pages. New regular features include "Texas Connection" and "Texas Cancels." Members are needed to write articles, send in "Letters to the Editors," submit free "Classified Bourse" ads, and local stamp clubs are encouraged to send reports for the "Chapters in Action" feature. A big thank you to Norman Cohen, Adventure Graphics, Dallas for printing the journal at such a good price!

### **Award Announcements**

The Forcheimer Philatelic Literature Award for the best article to appear in *The Texas Philatelist* during the calendar year 2006 will go to Charles Deaton. The Spalding Trophy Award for best recruiting effort by a member or chapter will not be awarded for 2006.

### **Next Annual Meeting**

The next annual meeting will be held April 19, 2008 at TEXPEX 2008, Doubletree Hotel, Dallas.

### **Adjourn**

Bill McDaniel made a motion, seconded by R.M. Arndt, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. Following this meeting, Rex H. "Jim" Stever will present a program entitled, "**Republic of Texas Postal History.**"

Respectfully submitted,

Carol G. Arndt  
Secretary