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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's been a busy spring and early summer, and I'm late again with my copy for the June *Bulletin*. Don't blame the editor for the *Bulletin* delay, blame me. (*although my medical problems further delayed this issue, ed.*)

The good news, of course, is the receipt by the membership of the March 2007 *Excelsior!*, the first issue by its new editor, David E. Williams. David sent the entire issue, ready for printing, to Drew Nicholson, Publications Chair, by June 21. I requested Drew give it production priority because of David's immediate need for articles explained in "Future Publications" on page 2 of his first issue.

Drew hopes to send the September 2006 *Excelsior!*, his final issue as editor, with this Bulletin.

I am personally very pleased with David Williams' initial effort as our journal editor and anxious to have not only a great variety of NY postal history articles coming to him soon, but also to have our "computer-heavyweight members" come forward in response to Bob Bramwell's article, "New York State Postal Routes (1847-1851)," beginning on p. 17 of the new *Excelsior!*. For a fairly recent member of ESPHS, Bob is making strong contributions.

Our 2008 annual meeting was held May 17 at the ROPEX Stamp Show in Rochester; the minutes of the meeting can be found on p. 5 of this *Bulletin*. George DeKornfeld and George McGowan were reelected Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, for two-year terms; Heather Sweeting and Frank Braithwaite were reelected for three year terms as Directors.

The third Director in the class with Sweeting and Braithwaite, Gerry Wiley, chose not to stand for reelection and David Przepiora of East Aurora was elected to a three-year term in Wiley's place. David, who recently moved to East Aurora, retired from the Cheektowaga Police Department last fall. He is currently President of the Cheektowaga Historical Association, collects Buffalo postal history, and serves as ESPHS Regional Representative for the seven-county Western NY Region. This will be his first time on the Society's Executive Board.

Gerald Wiley has been a faithful and dedicated Board member since May 1990. He seldom missed a Board or annual meeting, driving from Watertown to Albany, Canastota, Syracuse, etc. once or twice yearly until it was no longer possible for him to make the trip. He graciously shared with the membership his vast collection of NY postal history

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Herbert McNeal (Sept. 2007)

(concentrating on the northeastern counties), often giving away his CD-ROMs illustrating each cover he owned.

Gerry has been a regular contributor to our page in *Stamp Insider* magazine from the date of its inception, and will continue to do this. He is also staying on as our Regional Representative for the Northern Region (Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Franklin, Clinton, Essex and Hamilton Counties) until a replacement living in the region can be found. WHO WILL VOLUNTEER?

Thanks, Gerry, for all you did as a Board member for 18 years and for all I know you'll continue to do for ESPHS as long as you are able!

In other business stemming from our annual meeting, Treasurer George DeKornfeld on May 20 mailed to APS the third \$1,000 installment of our \$5,000 five-year pledge toward purchase and renovation of the Match Factory in Bellefonte, PA for the new APS/APRL headquarters.

The letter I wrote to *Stamp Insider* refuting John Nunes' claim that ESPHS was "fiscally able" to pay for Insider subscriptions for its members can be found in the July/August *Insider*, p. 43. Because I didn't think of it at the time I wrote the letter, it does not mention our remaining obligation (then \$3,000) on the APS/APRL pledge. I plan to write a letter for the Sept/Oct *Insider* to correct a statement about ESPHS by Editor Starkweather, and will include our remaining APS/APRL obligation in this letter.

The misleading statement about ESPHS by Starkweather in the July/August *Insider* occurs on p.6 where he makes reference to "discontinuance of society-provided subscriptions to the *Stamp Insider*." This implies that ESPHS has been paying for its members' *Insider* subscriptions for the past two years, when, in fact, it has not. John Nunes paid for the first year's subscriptions and John and I split the cost for the second year. When I declined to continue another year, John also dropped out. At that point the Society Board was asked, for the second time, to pay for *Insider* subscriptions out of Society funds, and again refused. ESPHS funds have never been used to buy *Stamp Insider* subscriptions for its members.

Starkweather's real intent with his remarks entitled "An Offer for ESPHS Members" on p.6 of the July/August *Insider* is to lure ESPHS members into writing postal history articles for *Stamp Insider* in exchange for free subscriptions. Saving \$4.50 isn't much of a lure; I suspect Starkweather is relying on the colorful graphics, slick paper and greater circulation of *Stamp Insider* as the real lure. Of course, ESPHS members writing NY postal history articles for *Stamp Insider* should also send them to the editors of our own periodicals, for publication in our *Bulletin* or *Excelsior!*. Serious research-oriented articles, long or short, should go to *Excelsior!*, while short, less serious, current news-oriented articles should go to our *Bulletin*.

Since all our members are no longer receiving *Stamp Insider*, the fact a postal history article submitted to *Excelsior!* or the *Bulletin* has already run in the *Insider* should not be a factor in deciding whether or not the Society will publish it as well.

On the subject of postal history articles, I had the good fortune to attend the APS Summer Seminar in Bellefonte June 22-26 and take the four-day course on Cultural Projects in Postal History taught by Society member Robert Dalton Harris and his wife, Diane DeBlois. It was a great experience, made so by Rob and Diane's extensive preparation for teaching the course and their use of genuine examples, passed around for all to see, as they spoke of their importance in the history of written communication.

The 17 persons taking the course not only learned more about the "stuff" of postal history, but gained a greater appreciation of "context" when writing about, or exhibiting, postal history. Two other ESPHS members beside myself were enrolled in the course: Keith Bantz of Middle Island, NY and John Flannery of Webster, NY.

My efforts at ROPEX to enlist enough volunteers to staff a Society booth at StampShow in Hartford, CT August 14-17 were unsuccessful, but I anticipate there still will be many of our members in attendance, particularly those living in the eastern areas of our State. This is by far the biggest philatelic event of the year. Please introduce yourself if I don't already know you and you recognize me from my name badge (required for admission to the show). Enjoy the show and the rest of your summer!

Al Parsons
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A Reminder: NEW WEBSITE FOR POSTAL HISTORIAN LAUNCHES

Richard Frajola, long time U.S. dealer and collector has begun a massive project harnessing the power of the Internet. Frajola recently announced an on-line database called "PhilaMercury: A Permanent Census of United States Stamp and Cover Images". At the current time the database is limited to pre-1900 covers, both domestic U.S. covers as well as foreign covers with a U.S. destination. Currently there are over 9000 covers entered into the database.

The site's address is: <http://www.philamercury.com/index.php>

EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING MAY 17, 2008

The 2008 Annual meeting of the Empire State Postal History Society was held Saturday, May 17, 2008 at ROPEX in the ESL Arena, Rochester at 1:00 P.M.

Alan Parsons, Society President, presided; John Cali, a Society Director, acted as Secretary.

Members present in person besides Parsons were Heather Sweeting, George deKornfeld, Bill Hart, Bob Davison, Dave Przepiora, Ann Triggles, Marvin Raphael, and John Cali. Members present by duly executed full discretion proxy were George Fekete, Ada Prill, Lawrence Laliberte, Drew Nicholson, Harold vonHagn, Donald Dolan and Fred Dykins, thus making the necessary quorum for the meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: John Cali, Committee Chair, placed the following names in nomination for those offices with terms expiring at the 2008 annual meeting: for two-year terms expiring at the 2010 annual meeting, George McGowan, Secretary, and George DeKornfeld, Treasurer; for three-year terms expiring at the 2011 annual meeting, Frank Braithwaite, Director; Heather Sweeting, Director and Dave Przepiora, Director, replacing Gerry Wiley.

With no other nominations being made, Bill Hart moved for the Secretary to cast one ballot for the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee, Ann Triggles seconded, and the motion was approved.

Parsons commented that Wiley had been a Board member for more than ten years and provided valuable counsel and service to the Society during this time. Since he was no longer able to get to Board meetings, he requested he be replaced.

BUDGET: Discussed at length, Treasurer DeKornfeld stated that he needed Drew Nicholson to supply additional data so that the budget might be approved. Bob Davison noted that the budget cannot be passed without all the data in hand. It was further noted that the Society had at least two more installments of \$1,000 each to complete its pledge of \$5,000 towards APS/APRL Project 1 (purchase and renovation of Bellefonte Match Factory for new APS/APRL headquarters) and that \$1,000 would be budgeted for this in 2008 and again in 2009. Motion by Sweeting, seconded by DeKornfeld, to have the Treasurer adjust figures as needed and send final 2008 budget for review and vote by Executive Board, approved.

MEMBERSHIP: DeKornfeld reported he had received approximately 120 renewals thus far as a result of our 2008 dues billing earlier this year. Since the Society Secretary was absent, there was no report on where our total membership stood (renewals + life members). In accordance with our By-Laws the Secretary had to send reminders no later

than July 1 to those members who have not renewed for 2008.

PUBLICATIONS: September 2006 *Excelsior!* to be issued by June. There were concerns about the issuance as usual. The new *Excelsior!* editor, David Williams, was preparing the March 2007 issue and hoped to have it in the mail before July 1.

AUCTIONS: Parsons reminded the members present that the current Society auction would close July 1. John Nunes, our auction manager, was unable to attend the meeting and provide any further information.

AWARDS: Parsons pointed out that John Lange had won the annual deLisle 4-page exhibit competition at our 2007 fall meeting, and would be receiving his award now if he were present. There has been a delay, however, in obtaining the award and it will be delivered to John when it is available.

STAMP INSIDER SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR ESPHS MEMBERS: Parsons reported he had written a Letter to the Editor of *Stamp Insider* refuting the claim by John Nunes in the May/June 08 issue that ESPHS is "fiscally able" to pay for *S.I.* subscriptions for its members. Parsons cited the need for the Society to keep its reserves intact to pay for publishing County postal histories and other NY postal history related works by its membership. He could also have mentioned the remaining obligation on our pledge to APS/APRL Project 1, but this didn't occur to him at the time

STAMPLESS COVER CATALOG UPDATE: Parsons reminded those present that postal history dealer Elwyn Doubleday, a Society member, had requested our NY postal history collectors review their holdings, compare them to the listings in the current stampless cover catalog, and report to him any additions or corrections. Elwyn is representing the U.S.Philatelic Classics Society; the USPCS will be publishing the next edition of the stampless cover catalog.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m. on a motion by deKornfeld, second by Sweeting, and duly approved.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Cali, Sec'y Pro Tem

**EXHIBITS OF NY POSTAL HISTORY ARE AN
IMPORTANT FORM OF ESPHS OUTREACH!
PLAN NOW TO EXHIBIT AT STEPEX 2008!!**

**EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
MAY 17, 2008**

A Board meeting of the Empire State Postal History Society was held May 17, 2008 immediately following the annual meeting.

Members present were Alan Parsons, Heather Sweeting, Bill Hart, George deKornfeld, Bob Davison, Dave Prezpiora, and John Cali

4) as at membership meeting

5) Spoke on timely reports for *Journal*

5 1/2) PUBLICATION COMMITTEE: Drew wishes to add members to his committee. Recommends oversight group. Bill Hart indicated that being the printer and editor one in the same and that there will be problems. Give him (Drew) until remainder of previously established scheduled for supply to everybody (recap to John Nunes). Watch out for weight for mailing as new postal rates have become effective.

Record Elliot as possible replacement.

6) Auction closing is July 1 with 150 lots. Audit next cost vs frequency regarding size 4x a year would not be cost effective as 50 lots 2x a year.

AWARDS: 4 Lindemore clocks. \$400 apiece. Delisle (wooden plaque) – too expensive. Also, Waterford engraving cheaper through Alan.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY for John.

9) COMMITMENT: Articles from board members. Also welcome outside articles.

10) Affiliate BOOTH: Host CT for staffing. Inquire with other affiliates.

11) Letter to SI explanation to John comments.

12) Recruitment: One membership. Alan sent new application for potential members.

13) Regional Representatives. Comments via Dave Prezpiora and Bob Davison.

NEXT MEETING: Bailey show or Elmira

DEKORNFELD WINS ESPHS AWARD AT ROPEX 2008; EXHIBITS NEEDED FOR STEPEX 08 IN OCTOBER

ESPHS Treasurer George F. DeKornfeld, an active exhibitor of Hudson, NY postal history, took Vermeil and the ESPHS award at ROPEX 2008 with his four frame exhibit entitled Hudson, New York Post Marks and Postal Markings 1794 to 1920.

DeKornfeld's exhibit has steadily grown from a single frame taking the ESPHS award and one of three golds at STEPEX, a regional show sponsored by the Elmira Stamp Club, in October 2005, to three frames taking Best in Show and Gold at STEPEX 2006 and silvers at WSP shows until PNSE (Philadelphia) 2007, when it reached Vermeil as a three-framer, 1794 to 1900. Since PNSE 07 it has grown to four frames and taken three successive Vermeils in 2008 WSP shows: Philatelic Show (Boston), ROPEX (Rochester) and NOJEX (Northern NJ).

The ESPHS Award for NY postal history exhibiting consists of a Small Lismore Waterford Crystal Clock suitably engraved with the Society's name, the name of the show at which it is awarded and the names of both the exhibitor and the exhibit. It is awarded if there are two or more NY postal history exhibits entered in the show, with the best one receiving vermeil or better in a WSP show, silver or better in a non-WSP show.

The other NY Postal History exhibit at ROPEX 08 was Corning NY Postal History Including DPOs Now Served by Corning Post Office, a five-frame display by Alan Parsons. It, too, received a vermeil, which meant the judges had to choose between two exhibits in the same medal level in awarding the ESPHS prize. Better to have SOME competition than none at all!

It appears that only one competitive exhibiting opportunity in New York State remains for the balance of 2008: Olean (OLEPEX) has cancelled its perennial fall show, Syracuse (SYRAPEX) is held in odd-numbered years only, and the Fall Mega Event in New York City does not have open competitive exhibiting. This leaves STEPEX, the Elmira Stamp Club's annual fall show, scheduled for October 17 and 18 at the Big Flats American Legion Post.

STEPEX uses the same 16-page frames typically found in WSP shows, and has up to 60 frames available. Frame fees are \$4 each, free for juniors. A jury of Federation-accredited judges (many also APS accredited) will award gold, silver and bronze medals and special prizes if criteria are met. Empire State's Waterbury crystal clock will be awarded to the best NY postal history exhibit if it rates at least silver and there are two or more NY postal history exhibits in the competition.

STEPEX 2008 needs exhibits! Now in its 33rd consecutive year, STEPEX welcomes both beginners as well as seasoned exhibitors. It is easily reached from I-86, Exit 49. An Exhibitor Information Sheet and Entry Form is available from Alan Parsons.

ESPHS WHITTLESEY AWARD GOES BEGGING

Having received a bequest in 1997 of \$2,000 under the will of John S. Whittlesey, and desiring to honor the decedent's memory in some meaningful way (he had been an active postal history collector and a member of ESPHS for many years), the Society Executive Board, at its meeting May 4, 1997, created THE JOHN S. WHITTLESEY MEMORIAL AWARD.

The purpose of the award is to honor an author, editor or compiler of a new publication adding significantly to the knowledge and/or understanding of some facet of New York State postal history. The award is not an annual event, but granted, as the occasion arises, for some outstanding effort.

The resolution creating the award directed the bequest be placed in an interest bearing or dividend paying account in a bank or other suitable financial institution, separate from the Society's general fund and kept so separated, under the custody of the elected Treasurer. Only the interest or dividends accruing on the account may be used for purposes of the award, making this a perpetual event.

Two individuals have been honored with the Whittlesey Award since its creation: Charles H. Sweeting in 1998 for his book "200 Years of Cayuga County, NY Postal History" and Heather L. Sweeting, his daughter, in 2002 for co-authoring with her father, "Oswego County, NY Postal History." In each case the award consisted of a suitably-engraved NY State-shaped plaque (similar to the award for the annual deLisle four-page exhibit competition) and a newly-published hardcover edition of a general-interest postal history reference work, complete with suitably inscribed bookplate.

A committee of two Society members, currently consisting of William H. Bauer and Alan Parsons, acts to implement the purposes of the Whittlesey Award. The committee has received no recommendations or other communications regarding the award for over six years. There are a number of worthy publications in progress; some are long overdue. It is time for our prospective authors, editors and compilers to GET INTO PRINT! The Whittlesey Fund is getting too fat for its own good, and the committee wants to make an award!

Do you have material for the ESPHS member's auction? Contact John Nunes for information

CALLING ALL 28-YEAR (OR LONGER) MEMBERS: HELP IS NEEDED!

ESPHS members have recently received a new edition of a 1980 Society publication entitled *New York State Post Offices Extant By County & Year, 1792-1969*. The 1980 edition was edited by the late Chester E. Wilcox, and the new edition, a reformatting of the 1980 edition, was done by Lawrence J. Laliberte, Production Editor for *Excelsior!* and an active member of our Publications Committee.

The new edition came about solely as a result of a short discussion at the Albany Regional Meeting in February; it is not the result of an ongoing project over a period of years. It happened when I took my copy of the 1980 edition to the meeting for part of a literature display. Drew Nicholson, our Publications Committee Chair, had never seen it before. It's been sold out for years and Drew felt our newer members were not even aware of it.

Drew and Larry put their heads together and offered, with full approval of those at the meeting, to do a new edition with Larry reformatting the layout to make the publication shorter in length and easier to use. I think Larry has succeeded very well in this regard. Larry and Drew wanted the new edition to go to the membership as a "freebie" because it was inexpensive to produce and they feel it has real value for postal history research and presenting postal history to local historical societies and historians.

John L. Kay and Chester M. Smith, Jr., in their seminal work, *New York Postal History: The Post Offices and First Postmasters from 1775 to 1980*, have a similar table (Table 1, page 11) but it is not broken out by counties. For the purpose for which it is intended, Wilcox/Laliberte is more useful for collectors of New York postal history.

It's been noted that the *Post Offices Extant* "breakout" by counties has resulted in listing post offices in counties before they were formed, and, as a corollary, presumably reducing the number of post offices actually existing in certain counties before they were made smaller in size by the formation of new counties. The 1980 edition makes no mention of this and the 2008 edition, since the editor confined himself strictly to reformatting, doesn't either.

A glaring example of this is Nassau County, formed January 1, 1899 out of Queens County (Kay & Smith, Table 3, p.13). *Post Offices Extant* lists Nassau County with offices beginning in 1802 (2) and growing thereafter until it had 50 post offices in 1898, the year before it was formed. In 1898 Queens is listed with 81 post offices, and in 1899, with 31. It appears there was a double listing up through 1898 of the post offices eventually ending up in Nassau County, and my presumption in the preceding paragraph regarding reduction of numbers, at least in this example, is wrong.

Did this double listing occur with other counties formed out of pre-existing counties? Schuyler County was formed April 17, 1854 out of Chemung, Steuben and Tompkins

Counties; Schuyler also is listed with a post office as early as 1802 and the number grew to 29 in 1853 and 30 in 1854. Between 1853 and 1854 Chemung lost seven post offices, Steuben nine, and Tompkins ten. The three losses don't quite add up to the number of post offices shown for Schuyler in 1853 (29) or 1854 (30), but this additional example further disproves my assumption about "corresponding reductions" in the post offices in the "mother" counties before their "offspring" were created.

Since my assumption is wrong, then what, if anything, was done about the yearly totals for the whole state? Did Chet Wilcox (Larry Laliberte used the same totals) add up the numbers shown across all 61 columns, NOT eliminating those shown for non-existent counties since those numbers were already shown in the "mother" county total? Apparently he did; I've added all 61 numbers for 1898 and the total comes to 3,759, the same amount arrived at by Chet Wilcox. The 50 post offices shown for Nassau County in 1898, before it was created, are also included in the 1898 post office count for Queens County, thus being double-counted for the 1898 statewide total.

Those who compare the yearly totals in Kay & Smith with those in Wilcox/Laliberte will find Kay & Smith invariably lower. The total in Kay & Smith for 1898 is 3,326, 433 less than the total in Wilcox/Laliberte. Obviously, more than double-counting of 50 post offices is involved, but at least the double-counting in Wilcox/Laliberte will explain some of the difference.

I can't fault Chet Wilcox and those who worked with him preparing the 1980 edition for wanting to include post office numbers for counties before they were created, and for not wanting to reduce the numbers in the "mother" counties correspondingly; but I do fault them for double-counting in arriving at the yearly totals (although it may have been inadvertent). I also fault them for not explaining their methodology in the introduction, and, if they knew they had double-counted, for not raising a red flag for those wanting to make use of the yearly totals.

WHY IS THERE SUCH A DIFFERENCE IN YEARLY TOTALS BETWEEN KAY & SMITH AND WILCOX/LALIBERTE??

Do any of our older members, those who have belonged for 28 years or more, recall any of the thinking, or process, leading up to the 1980 edition? Was anyone aware of the double-counting I've described? When Kay & Smith came out in 1982, did anyone point out the differences in the yearly totals and ask why? I've been a member since 1982, purchased #90 of 100 of the 1980 edition, but have no recollection of any concern among the members about the usefulness or accuracy of this publication. Please contact me if you have anything to offer (my addresses, phone #, on p. 2).
HELP!!

Alan Parsons

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