

# EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY



UNIT 28

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Sunday, December 2, 1973, Utica, N.Y.

The meeting will gather at the RANCH RESTAURANT, on Route 5, west of the city. Members are encouraged to assemble beginning at 10:00 A.M. for amenities, buying, selling, and trading. You can show how much the free meeting room is appreciated and plan to enjoy the pleasant dining room to eat. The business meeting will start at 1:30 P.M., followed by a slide show by Warren Stevens.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 1973 MEETING:  
Ranch Restaurant, on Route 5 west of Utica, N.Y.

Meeting called to order at 1:45 p.m. by President Bernadt. There were 21 members and four guests present.

Minutes of the meeting of September 23, 1973 were approved as distributed. The Secretary reported having mailed an application to the Postal History Society, Inc. for "associate membership". No acknowledgement or reply has been received. The President requested the Secretary to follow up on this. The Treasurer's report was then presented, approved.

President Bernadt announced the re-appointment of the Finance Committee (Bernadt, Seifert, de Lisle) and the Awards Comm. (Tuttle, Taber, de Lisle). The Treasurer reported that the Finance Committee had conducted the audit of his books and records for the years 1971-72 and 1972-73. A certificate of their propriety is on file in the Treasurer's records.

Cliff Tuttle presented a brief report on the Awards Committee activity and explained several of the regulations governing certificates and awards. At this point Director Stevens asked if the 1974 ROPEX-TOPEX committee had requested a trophy award. Tuttle replied there had been no application and when it is received it would be referred to the Executive Board.

President Bernadt announced the formation of the new handbook committee to work updating the Federal Post Office publication. Mrs. Emma Koberg will head this group, Lee De Graff will turn over all his unpublished material to her, at 295 Hamilton Street, Apt. 21, Geneva, N.Y. 14456 (and all members are urged to submit changes.)

Warren Stevens reported the slide program which he is producing is taking shape and he will request specific material to photograph for inclusion in the New York State postal history slide program.

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Director Ken de Lisle announced that the Society journal- EXCELSIOR- is ready for printing and should be in the mails before the end of December. The Executive Board has authorized a change in production of the monthly bulletin. Director Nick Todaro will take over as Bulletin editor, effective immediately. ALL BULLETIN MATERIAL MUST BE SENT DIRECTLY TO NICHOLAS TODARO, P.O. BOX 225, OSWEGO, N.Y. 13126, PLEASE!!!!

Under old business Ken de Lisle spoke of progress on the county post office project announced in the March Bulletin. Already 34 counties have been completed.

The Directors had discussed implementation of a question and answer column. A discussion followed and a decision made to proceed if enough interest is generated. Again please write the editor, Nick.

Some interest has been expressed in the past on the holding of a sectional meeting. The Executive Board has evolved a policy whereby this will be possible to those interested. If any group- sectionally- wishes to hold a meeting of members in their area they are welcome to do so. The responsibility for meeting place, date, time, etc., will be on the individuals calling the meeting. Full publicity in the Bulletin can be given provided timely notice is received by the editor. The same holds true for persons who wish to band together into study groups to tackle special projects or topics. Plan on three weeks lead time for insertion in the Bulletin prior the next regularly scheduled meeting.

New Business - Ed Fisk rose to mention ROPEX-TOPEX 1974, the Rochester N.Y. show which will next year host the American Topical Association convention. We will hear more of this as time goes on.

President Bernadt received unanimous approval of his suggestion of revised meeting format. - as outlined above for the December meeting. Everyone agreed that ALL bourse material must be put away during the business meeting and entertainment to allow undivided attention.

There followed a short exhibition and talk by Ken de Lisle on presentation of postal history material and styles of mounting, demonstrated by early Albany, N.Y. material. Included were letters in 1707 and 1710 carried up the Mohawk River by Indian courier, military mail between the colonial governor in New York and the commander of the Albany garrison in 1745 and 1746, early postal markings- manuscripts and straight lines - of Albany from 1782 to 1789. Also shown, with engravings of the writer, were letters of Aaron Burr, Alexander Hamilton, George Clinton while Vice-President, General Philip Schuyler and other prominent American Revolutionary figures.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. de Lisle  
Secretary