

EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY



UNIT 28

BULLETIN

JUNE 1977

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to announce that a Regional Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 5, 1977 at the Marco Polo Inn, Syracuse, N.Y. from 10:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. The Inn is located at Exit 35, New York State Thruway. A private room will be provided and dinner will be available. This meeting is for buying, selling, swapping etc. Give Nick Todaro your support by attending.

This is a large bulletin. Please read all the reports. Any suggestions for future undertakings would be appreciated. We urgently need Bulletin material.

Help the Treasurer have a nice summer by remitting your dues (\$5.00) if you haven't already done so. ***

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Lee S. DeGraff Fort Johnson, N.Y. 12070

Temporary committees and chairpersons are announced in the Bulletin

DIRECTORS

George J. Bernadt
Calvet M. Hahn
Emma G. Koberg
Eldridge M. Moore

David W. Prosser
Charles H. Sweeting
Harry S. Taber
Nicholas Todaro

Robert Waite, Sr.

The first three officers and the directors comprise the Executive Board.

Members are requested to keep this list handy and when writing on any matter direct their correspondence to the appropriate officer or committee.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER, May 1, 1976 to April 30, 1977

Reconciliation of cash for the fiscal year, as shown on the statement of consolidated funds on the next page, indicates a cash gain of \$434.01.

The breakdown by fund is as follows:

	<u>GENERAL OPERATIONS</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>	<u>LIBRARY</u>	<u>INVESTMENTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
INCOME	\$ 507.57	\$ 3.38	-	\$ 171.16	\$ 682.11
EXPENSES	<u>563.25</u>	<u>70.85</u>	-	<u>-</u>	<u>634.10</u>
SURPLUS	\$ (55.68)	\$ (67.47)		\$ 171.16	\$ 48.01
Dues and Fees In Advance, 1978-80					<u>386.00</u>
CASH GAIN					<u>\$ 434.01</u>

It is to be noted that our statements are on a CASH basis, as collected and deposited. Reference to last year's annual report shows 1977 - 78 dues collected in advance amounted to \$305.00 which offset the losses shown above for general operations.

The past year was the first one in which we have had little income from our publications, since nothing new was issued. The expense during the year was preparation and distribution, at no cost to the members, of the 1975 listing of active New York State Post Offices, plus the typing fees for a manuscript on the postal markings and history of Ontario County which should be completed and published this coming year.

No activity at all was experienced with our small library. Our new librarian, David Prosser, will acquire all of our holdings and notices on their use will be printed in future bulletins.

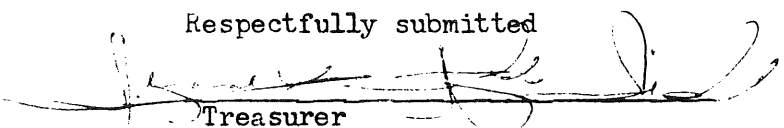
Members will note our principal expense continues to be printing and postage, the bulletin alone is 43% of our total costs. Editor Cal Hahn has obtained a real bargain on Excelsior printing, otherwise the printing expense would be much higher.

There will be continued efforts to hold costs to a minimum. The Treasurer will propose to the Executive Board the abolition of membership cards. There is a movement by several societies to save printing and postage costs in this card matter, some have already switched to a permanent one. It would seem to make sense to return a receipt for dues with the bulletin following payment.

The Treasurer would like to thank all members for their cooperation in sending the dues notice back with payment. It has made our job a lot easier and has alerted us to address changes not previously forwarded. Also, thanks to some of our members for their confidence in the ESPHS future. Several have paid 1978-79 dues in advance, one has paid through 1980. NOW, THAT'S CONFIDENCE.

Respectfully submitted

April 30, 1977


Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT - FISCAL YEAR 1976 - 1977

REVENUES:

Current Dues, 1976-77	\$ 295.00		
Fees	13.00		
Dues in Advance, 1977-78	365.00		
Fees in Advance, 1977-78	1.00		
Dues in Advance, 1978-79	15.00		
Dues in Advance, 1979-80	<u>5.00</u>	\$ 694.00	
Sales Publications	3.38		
Sales Miscell. (adlets, etc.)	<u>5.00</u>	8.38	
Net Auction Profit (1 Sale)	127.58		
Net Profit Interphil Bus Trip	41.99		
Refund Interphil Guarantee Fund	<u>25.00</u>	194.57	
Bank Interest	171.16		
Trans. from Checking to Savings	<u>900.00</u>	<u>1,071.16</u>	\$ 1,968.11

EXPENSES:

Printing: Bulletin	\$ 192.23		
Journal	26.21		
Address Labels	40.41		
Stationery	125.73		
Dues Notices	11.77		
NY State Post Office List	<u>15.85</u>	\$ 412.20	
Postage: Bulletin	80.21		
Journal	<u>33.60</u>	113.81	
Secretary's Expense (Incl. Postage)	42.55		
Award Committee	10.54		
Typing Fee, Ontario Co. Mss.	50.00		
NYS PO List from USPS	<u>5.00</u>	108.09	
Transfer to Savings from Checking		<u>900.00</u>	<u>1,534.10</u>
Cash Gain 1976 to 1977			\$ 434.01

RECONCILIATION OF BANK ACCOUNTS

Bank Balances: Checking Account, Bank of New York, Albany, 4/30/76	2,631.54	
Less held in escrow, bus trip payments due	(1,725.33)	
Savings Accounts, Bank of New York, Albany, 4/30/76	<u>2,698.21</u>	
	\$ 3,604.42	
Bank Balances: Checking Account, Bank of New York, Albany, 4/30/77	269.06	
Savings Account, Bank of New York, Albany, 4/30/77	4,483.45	
Less held in escrow, check not cleared	<u>(714.08)</u>	
	\$ 4,038.43	
Bank Balance Gain = \$434.01		

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

We welcome to membership Messrs. Bookhop, Cacchione and LaForce, whose applications were published in the April Bulletin.

With regret we publish the resignation of Barbara R. Mueller and record the death of long-time member DeWitt D. Wise.

The following are address changes or clarifications:

Beiderbecke, Edward	NOW 22 Lake Ave., Williamson, N.Y. 14589
Gracey, Lewis	102 Burns Terrace, Penn Yan, N.Y. 14527
Karlson, Frank H.	Box 12276, Sarasota, Fla. 33578
Landers, Frank	Box 138, Oak Forest, Ill. 60452
Laroff, Harold	P.O. Box 131, Monsey, N.Y. 10952
McGowan, Douglas R.	16 E. Main Street, Arcade, N.Y. 14009
Nunge, Richard	30 Hillcrest Drive, Potsdam, N.Y. 13676
Price, John M. Jr. M.D.	8 Woodland Place, Great Neck, N.Y. 11021
Rielle, Russell A.	Rte. 5, W. Seneca Ave., Canastota, N.Y. 13032

Application for Membership:

HYERS, EDWARD C. P.O. Drawer 10380, Bradenton, Fla. 33507

Full time postal history auction dealer in general postal history including all phases of cover collecting. Special interest in stampless and material dealing with the War for Southern Independence, early government flights and pioneers. Member APS #86875; SPA; AAMS; USPCS and others.

Attention of the members is called to action of the Executive Board at their annual meeting, noted elsewhere. Of particular interest is the new policy regarding membership cards. Henceforth we will issue cards to new members at the time of admittance. Renewal of membership will be acknowledged by return of the receipted dues notice. However, any member specifically requesting a current card will be sent one if asked for at the time of paying dues.

Members are further notified that a new membership listing will be prepared in the current year and all members in good standing will receive a copy. THOSE WISHING TO BE UNLISTED OR LISTED WITHOUT AN ADDRESS MUST NOTIFY THE SECRETARY IMMEDIATELY.

H&H Marketing has prepared two excellent slide shows, one on Colonial Postal History of New York State, the other a presentation of handstamped cancels of NY State featuring some rare and unusual examples. Kodak Carousel or projector accepting similar slide trays required, running time each 60 to 90 minutes. They have received acclaim from showings at the Collectors Club NY, INTERPOSTAL, Conn. PH Society and INTERPEX.

Both are available to members for regional meeting with the understanding postage and insurance will be paid both ways and that the accompanying text will be duplicated and handed out at the meeting. For further details write Cal Hahn, Chairman Publications Committee. Self-addressed, stamped envelope appreciated.

Addresses of current officers and committee chairmen are listed on Page 2 of this bulletin. Please help us to better serve you by corresponding with the appropriate person.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: May 1, 1976 to April 30, 1977

Membership in the Society stood at 119 members beginning the 1976-77 fiscal year. Since then we have dropped 12 due to resignation or non-payment of dues, one due to death and added 13 new names to the roster to remain at 119. Last year the gain was 7 members. Thus, while we have not lost ground the growth is very slow. Surely there must be more than 119 collectors of New York State covers and postal history - how can we attract them to membership? The Secretary proposes to bring before the Executive Board, at our annual meeting, a plan to print information sheets and membership application blanks for distribution next year. There are several ways to get them into the hands of collectors.

The Society held its annual meeting in May 1976 and there were general membership meetings in October and March. One auction was held in October; we deferred the spring auction to May counting on heavier attendance. Albany was the locale of one regional meeting, in January.

One issue of Excelsior was distributed in March. Contributions to the journal are the life blood of more frequent numbers. We have noted a few members DO write for other philatelic periodicals, Editor Cal Hahn would welcome correspondence regarding manuscripts for our use.

Supplement No. 5 to "Federal Post Offices of New York State 1792-1969" was distributed in February, while Supplement No. 4 to the "Manuscript Offices of New York State" went out in June, keeping these popular books up to date with the latest reported changes and new discoveries. We also distributed, at no cost to the members, the 1975 USPS "State List of Post Offices" for NY State, showing all active offices, branches, stations, rural stations, temporary summer offices, etc.

The membership roster was brought up to date with a supplement in June. Plans are in progress for a new listing soon. We have been distributing, from time to time, an alphabetical listing of discontinued railroad names (1968 data). Though county-wide in scope, the NYS collector can extract the information applicable to his or her collection.

Planned for 1977-78 publication is an authoratative work on the postal markings and history of Ontario County. This should be our most impressive offering since the monumental POST OFFICES book. The cost of production will preclude free distribution but members will be eligible for a nice discount.

Probably the outstanding event of the year was our bus trip to INTERPHIL '76. Our large, specially chartered bus carried an enthusiastic group to the show and back, the only regret for most passengers was the limited time in Philadelphia.

Again, I will repeat the statement made last year concerning membership news. We are most anxious to publish anything honoring our members - national, regional or local society elections, show awards, articles in other periodicals, in short any philatelic activity of our members. Just drop a line to Emma Koberg, to Bill Seifert or Ken de Lisle, your item will be published in a succeeding Bulletin.

Both the bi-monthly Bulletin and the journal, Excelsior, are forums for your use. If you have any contributions or comments, please write to the appropriate officer or committee chairman - see Page 2 for the list.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary

April 30, 1977

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING,
May 1, 1977 - Karratt's Restaurant, Utica, N.Y.

Meeting called to order at 1:30 P.M. by President Seifert, with 19 members and 2 guests in attendance.

The President called for any reports. Ken de Lisle presented the Treasurer's Annual Report and the Secretary's Annual Report, copies available for inspection. They will be officially printed in the June Bulletin. Motion made, seconded and passed that the reports be accepted.

The President stated the next order of business would normally be the election of officers but that because of absence of nominations, no election could be held. He announced action had been taken by the Executive Board to assure that this was not repeated. The President also announced his appointment of Nicholas Todaro of Oswego to fill an unexpired director's term.

President Seifert then briefly reviewed the matters brought before the Executive Board at the morning meeting and the results. He announced that more publicity was needed in the media and a publicity chairman will shortly be named. Publicity sheets and membership applications are on hand and will be distributed where they will be most effective.

The Executive Board authorized more aggressive effort in sale of publications on hand and approved a new policy on membership cards. The Board also approved of a publication exchange plan with other societies, to be carried out by the Publication Committee.

President Seifert also announced the physical transfer of the library contents to our new librarian, Dave Prosser. Listing of the contents, rules for lending, duplication, etc., are in progress and will be announced in a future bulletin.

Other matters discussed by the Executive Board, brought before the general membership included auction policy and the publication of the Ontario County post office book, which is definitely set for printing this year. The Executive Board has authorized the Secretary to contact the new owners of the Stampless Cover Catalog regarding the New York State listing before a new catalog is issued.

The President announced our new policy with respect to selling, exchanging and buying at meetings of the ESPHS. The Executive Board by unanimous vote agreed to enforce the prohibition on sales activities prior to any scheduled auction, but to move the auction to the forenoon, leaving the entire afternoon open. There will be no prohibition of bourse activities but such activities must be suspended during the conduct of the Annual Meeting. At all other meetings, there are no restrictions but the President is authorized to see that bourse action does not interfere with the conduct of a regular business meeting, which is usually of short duration.

Questions or comments from the floor were requested. There being none, it was moved by Anton Zahm, seconded by John Lange, that the actions of the officers and directors be ratified and approved. The motion passed unanimously.

President Seifert asked if there was any business from the floor. Nick Todaro called attention to the regional meeting scheduled for Syracuse and requested the President to place a notice in the bulletin.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING (Continued)

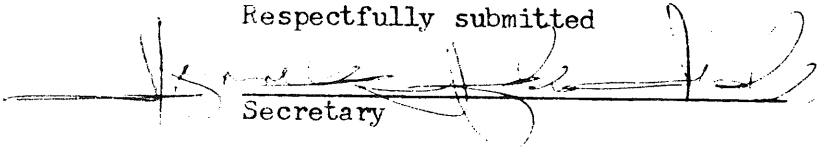
Cal Hahn asked for mention in the Bulletin of the two slide shows available, "Bicentennial Tribute" a presentation of Colonial Postal History and "Postal History, An Introduction" using New York State as an example. The Secretary promised to publish details under the current membership news.

President Seifert then closed the meeting with an appeal to all members of the ESPHS, whether present or not, to assist in making the Bulletin more useful. He asked that articles of any nature relating to postal history be submitted to the Publication Committee. They will make a decision as to whether the article be published in the Bulletin or in the journal Excelsior. Other matters for the Bulletin should be sent to Emma Koberg or the President or to the Secretary, preferably to Emma who is Bulletin co-ordinator, but please send relevant items or tear sheets.

There being no further business the President declared the meeting adjourned and thanked the members for their attendance.

Respectfully submitted

May 7, 1977


Secretary

- MEMBERSHIP NEWS -

Ken de Lisle acted as a Judge at the recent Boston show.

Bob Harris, George Bernadt, Bob Gallup, John Lange, and Bill Seifert all exhibited postal history at the Fort Orange Stamp Club of Albany during the past year.

Bill Seifert also was the guest sneaker at the Cobleskill Stamp Club banquet.

Lee DeGraff and Payson Dickerman are at home recovering from illness. Drop them a card.