



**EMPIRE STATE
POSTAL HISTORY
SOCIETY**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Alan Parsons

Eleven members and one guest were present for the annual meeting in Canastota May 2, barely enough for a quorum. Fortunately we were able to conduct the necessary business to wind up the fiscal year ending April 30 and get a solid start on the new fiscal year starting May 1.

EXCELLENT FINANCIAL HEALTH

Our financial health is excellent, thanks to John Lange's prudent management of our funds and careful control of our expenses. John was elected to a new two-year term as secretary-treasurer at the meeting, and deserves our heartfelt thanks for all he does for the society. Likewise deserving of thanks are the three directors with terms expiring at the meeting but willing to serve new three-year terms: John Cali, John Nunes, and Drew Nicholson. Each was duly elected to a term expiring in 2007.

Thanks also to Joe Rowbottom, our vice president, for making the arrangements for the meeting at Graziano's Casa Mia, to Gerald Wiley for the copies of his CD-ROM given to those in attendance, to Bill Hart and Joe Christofaro for bringing covers and postcards to sell at the meeting, and to Elwyn Doubleday for sending his New York stamped covers to sell even though he couldn't attend in person (he donated 10 percent of his sale proceeds to the society in appreciation for the free transportation his three cover boxes received; his donation came to \$11).

PROMOTION OPPORTUNITIES

At the start of the meeting, I spoke about the need for members to take advantage of opportunities to promote the Society and recruit new members. I asked that each member take a supply of our membership brochures to local club meetings, shows and bourses. These brochures are available from myself and from John Lange whose address is at the top of this page. My address is 809 Holley Road, Elmira, NY 14905, and my phone number is 607-732-0181.

In an e-mail I received from our Web master, Glenn Estus, on May 11, he told me we had received "about 125 hits on the initial ESPHS Web page" — www.esphs.org — since the article about our competition at ROPEX appeared in *Linn's Stamp News* May 10 issue with our Web address included.