

Minutes – December 9, 2012

Minutes of the December 9, 2012 Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs BoD Meeting held at the Cardinal Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History in Weston, Massachusetts.

Attendees:

Mark Butterline – Vermont Philatelic Society
Bruce Bolduc – Wachusett Philatelic Society
Chris Brouady - Waltham Stamp Club
Paul Bento – Eire Philatelic Association
Tim O’Shea – Springfield Stamp Club
Linda Gilmore– Chelmsford Stamp Club
Yamil Kouri – Philatelic Group of Boston
Dave Moiles – Clara Barton Stamp Club
Jeff Shapiro – Philatelic Group of Boston

There was a quorum of the BOD. The meeting was called together by President Jeff Shapiro. The meeting opened at 1:00PM with 8 members present plus Yamil Kouri.

Secretary’s Report:

Minutes of September 23, 2012 were distributed and approved with one revision.

Treasurer’s Report

- a) The Federation has a positive cash balance and all non-show outstanding bills have been paid.
- b) The 2012 show had a major positive cash balance.

Youth Activities

- a) Nothing new to report

Philatelic Show 2012

- a) The show was a financial success. We are in the black.
- b) We are still waiting for the medals to be delivered.
- c) All expenses have been submitted.
- d) Bruce was thanked for taking care of all the financial management related to the show.

Philatelic Show 2013

- a) Yamil Kouri spoke about plans to stage an early American postal history symposium and literature fair on Thursday, May 2nd and associated banquet on Friday, May 3rd at the Spellman. These activities would be in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Spellman Museum and 300th anniversary of the town of Weston. Yamil said this is not to detract from the show, rather it is to enhance it. Mark to inquire if Boxboro Holiday Inn hotel arrangement can be extended to include Wednesday, May 1.
- b) There will be no early admissions this year. The show will start at 10AM each day.
- c) There will be 4 dealers in the Federal Room.
- d) McCusker will come back as an auctioneer in 2013. This is in addition to Hugh Dougherty.
- e) The theme is “National Train Day”. The cachet and cancel design are already in process.
- f) Banquet fee will need to rise to \$35. For the \$5 increase in the fee, a ticket for a complementary drink to be provided.

- g) Societies with booths include: Society for Israel Philatelists, Society for Hungarian Philately, Ephemera Society of America (or Poster Stamp Collectors Club), Metropolitan Air Post Society, as well as the usual suspects (no booth, just meetings).
- h) Bruce to work out Federal Room schematic diagram. Bruce to work with Dave Libby on train layout dimensions.

Philatelic Show 2014-2015

- a) Classics Society will meet at the 2014 show and United States Stamp Society in 2015.

Boston 2026 Feasibility Committee

- a) The Committee members are Nancy Clark, Yamil Kouri, and Mark Butterline.
- b) The proposed location is the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC).
- c) BoD vote on proceeding with a bid to be held at the next meeting.

Futures Committee (exploring options for shows beyond 2015)

- a) Nothing new to report

Old Business

- a) A new club member form has been created by Mark Butterline and posted on the Federation website.

New Business

- a) Mark Butterline found the ByLaws of the Northeastern Federation. The ByLaws have not been changed since 1985. A preliminary discussion was started to find out a path forward to update the ByLaws to conform with "modern" trends.
- b) The ByLaws shall be referred to George Norton and Mark Butterline for necessary updates.
- c) The ByLaws shall be posted to the Federation Website.
- d) A discussion about the 2013 Budget was held. A motion was passed to model the 2013 budget off of the 2012 budget.
- e) A motion was passed to donate \$500 to the Federation Youth program as a supplement to the 2013 budget (i.e., \$1500 in 2013 vs \$1000 in 2012).
- f) A motion was passed to donate \$500 to the American Philatelic Research Library (APRL) specifically for media materials as a supplement to the 2013 budget (i.e., \$1320 in 2013 donations to APRL and Spellman vs \$820 in 2012 donations to Spellman).

Next Meeting

In March 2013 at the SOPEX show hosted by the Samuel Osgood Stamp club.

Meeting Adjourned – 2:50PM

Respectfully Submitted by Christopher Brouady, Secretary