

Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs Board Meeting – September 25, 2010

The meeting was held in Room B in the Cobb County Civic Center, Marietta, GA and called to order at 2 PM by President John Coles.

Attendees:

Athens: Ed Jackson

Atlanta: Doug Pavey, Don Laberteauz,

Birmingham/Huntsville: J. Robert Hamill

Charlotte: Kay Kahler, Gene Zhiss

Cobb: Charles O'Brien, Cass Rejent, Scott Mark, Roger Quinby, Linda Ames, John Coles

Colombia: Bill Mitchell

Georgia Postal History Society: Nancy Clark, Douglas Clark

Gwinnett: Bob Lieb, Mac Will

Huntsville: Arthur Cole

Jacksonville, Alabama: Parks King

Knoxville: Bruce Roberts, Ted Broadhead

Cape Cod: Nancy Clark

New Officers: John Coles thanked the nominating committee (Nancy Clark, Bruce Roberts, Cass Rejent) for submitting a slate of new officers. The 2011 officers, elected by affirmation, are:

President, Charles J. O'Brien III

Vice President, Roger P. Quinby

Treasurer, Cass Rejent

Secretary, Gene Zhiss

Nancy Clark expressed the gratitude of the organization for the work done by the outgoing officers, John Coles, Cass Rejent and Bob Lieb.

The new officers took their place at the head table.

E-Mail Addresses: Gene Zhiss will obtain the e-mail addresses of the new officers and John Coles will publish them on the website.

Dues Payment: Bob Lieb, outgoing Treasurer, noted that it was time for member clubs to pay their dues for the coming year and that a few clubs had not paid dues for the present year. Gene Zhiss will obtain the information and send the appropriate dues notices.

New Member: A number of individuals from clubs in the Southeastern U.S. including representative of the Warner Robbins, GA stamp club (35 members) Greer, SC (12 members) attended the show and expressed an interest in joining the Federation. John Coles will follow up.

Southeast Stamp Show 2011:

_Date: Is it the right time of year? Do we compete with other shows? Should we change to a February date?

Location: Is the Cobb Center the best location? Should we sign a contract?

Attract Societies: Must be in a hotel. Larger societies make their decisions several years in advance. Smaller groups may be a fertile area to pursue. Bruce Roberts has spoken with the Confederate Stamp Alliance.

Cost/Profitability: The Southeast show has operated at a loss in the recent past. A few individuals made generous offer to offset the shortfall

Roger Quinby and Don Labertreaux worked together and prepared a written recommendation for a venue for future shows. Roger is willing to make the written recommendation available to anyone in the club who is interested.

Charles O'Brien noted that the American Philatelic Society will hold their show in Atlanta in February, 2012 and suggested that the group consider postponing the Southeastern Stamp Show from 2011 until 2012 (the same philatelic year) and hold the Federation show in conjunction with the APS. Texpex held their show in conjunction with Ameripex a few years ago so there is precedent for this arrangement. Charles has contacted Ken Martin, Executive Director of the APS and has received a favorable, albeit informal response.

Linda Ames noted the difficulty she experienced in getting volunteers, particularly from many of the Southeast Federation club members, for the 2010 show.

Gene Zhiss suggested Charlotte as an alternative venue. It is held in a hotel with free parking. It's located near the Charlotte Airport. The club is willing to change the date of CHARPEX to a more suitable date for the Southeastern Stamp Show. If the APS arrangement does not work out, or as a future venue for the 2013 show.

A motion was made to move the date of the Southeast Stamp show from September 2011 to February 2012, combine with the APS show and establish a committee to examine the options for 2013. The Federation would pursue a new date for future shows, in late January, or early February, either two weeks prior, or two weeks after the Sarasota show to encourage dealers attending the Florida show to attend the Federation Show. 11 clubs voted in favor, one against. All four officers voted in favor of the motion. Charles O'Brien will follow up with the APS and report back.

It was suggested that we ask the APS if we can adopt the February date as a permanent date for the Southeastern Stamp Show. This would depend on conflicts with other shows.

A suggestion was made to elect a show chairman for the 2013 show. It was decided that this would be premature.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15PM.

Submitted by Gene Zhiss, Secretary