

Federation Member Club:

On the night of November 14, 2007, Scott Mark, chairman of the SESS held a telephone conference call to discuss the prior Show and planning for the 2008 Show. During this meeting, John Coles, President, announced that he had signed a new three-year web hosting service contract with a new provider at an increased, but more reasonable annual cost. He indicated that the prior space limitations should not be an immediate factor, since the new service provided over five times the storage capability of the prior web server. Accordingly, he indicated that there would not be any need to establish a fee-for-use of additional pages. He did wish to make it clear that if Clubs were storing items that had outlasted their usefulness, these items should be removed.

In that all four officers and a number of Clubs were represented on this conference call [such that a majority of the required Board was represented], John Coles asked that the proposed dues rate of \$35 be approved. There were no objections and this item was passed. The Treasurer was asked to send annual billings to all of the Member Clubs.

John Coles additionally discussed the third item of the proposal: an auction for the benefit of the Federation. There was a discussion about a proposal to hold an auction at the Fall APS show held in Charlotte, NC in January of 2008. It was determined that the timing of this event did not lend itself to our ability to present a quality presentation. In addition, it was the feeling that for those attending the Show, this should be an enjoyable experience and not work. Lastly, the need for contributions will be on ongoing and not just a one-time exercise. Accordingly, the Federation will hold monthly "online" auctions on the Federation website for ONLY members of Member Clubs, beginning on February 1st, 2008. Bidding would be done on a "blind" basis through a closing date via e-mails, and the declared winner will be presented with an invoice for won lots plus out-of-pocket shipping costs. Individuals wishing to donate marketable materials should send them to:

John Coles, President SFSC, 1540 Twin Bridge Lane, Lawrenceville, GA 30043

The donator will need to complete a donation certificate for such items donated and these will be eligible for consideration of a Federal income tax deduction (on schedule A). Thus, this activity can provide the Federation with an ongoing source of additional funding for its activities.

The conference call format is an excellent way for a geographically diverse entity to quickly communicate. All Member Clubs are encouraged to log on to future conference calls, and save some driving time. If you need to be notified about future calls, please contact me via e-mail or my cell phone (770)-300-0790 and we will get you the information.