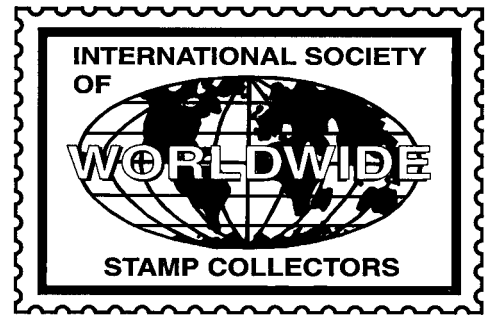


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President's Column

by **Randy Smith (#1111)**
ISWSC President

Happy spring! Okay, so when you're reading this, it will be closer to summer than spring. But I'm writing this on one of the first days of spring. And it's a gorgeous day in Minnesota – temperatures are in the 60's – one of the warmest days of this early spring season. Although our winter was pretty mild this year, the first few warm days of spring are always welcomed with open arms. While we're all probably itching to get to our outdoor activities for the spring and summer, let's not forget about our stamp collections!

As announced elsewhere in this newsletter, **Rick Simpson (#1703)** and **Ken Wills (#2150)** have been elected to the ISWSC Board. Now that elections are official, the new Board is holding its first on-line meeting. Based on the bios of all the candidates, I'm

sure we're going to have some great discussions and come up with new ideas to help promote and improve the ISWSC.

Speaking of idea, thank you to all who took the time to write a comment (or two!) on the ballot cards. Some ideas (e.g. put the e-mail address of candidates with their bios to allow for follow-up questions) have already spawned other ideas (e.g. include author's e-mail addresses with their articles in the newsletter) that will be implemented immediately. Other ideas will be implemented as suggested, while others will require Board discussion to determine if they can (or should) be implemented.

As always, the Board encourages members to submit suggestions, comments – even complaints, if necessary - to them (see mailing addresses and e-mail addresses on page 2). It is through your input that we can improve our society.

Happy Stamping!

Call for Nominations

We may have just wrapped up our elections for 2003, but it is already time to ask for nominations for positions to be elected at the end of this year! Nominees are needed for the following positions:

President: This person presides at all meetings of the ISWSC and its Board. He/she performs all duties incident to the office as described by *Robert's Rules of Order* and recommends such action as he/she believes will increase the effectiveness of the organization.

Secretary: This person keeps a permanent record of all society Board of Director proceedings, including Board meetings and votes. The Secretary also attests to all legal documents of the Society and performs other duties as requested by the Board and/or the Executive Director.

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Vice-President for Charitable Programs: This person serves as Chairperson of the Youth Program and assumes other responsibilities as assigned by the Board. This person also serves in place of the President, should the President be absent or unable to serve.

Elections for these two-year positions will be held in November 2003. To express your interest in a position (or to obtain more information), please contact Randy Smith (#1111), ISWSC President, or Tony Zollo (#856), ISWSC Executive Director. Nominations must be received by September 1, 2003.

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Robert McKenzie, 70 Artist, Engineer

By Emma Stickgold

Globe Correspondent — 12/26/2002

Robert McKenzie, an artist and engineer who helped build the New Jersey Turnpike and expand New York's John F. Kennedy Airport, died Dec. 16 from complications of lung cancer at the Mary McCarthy House in East Falmouth. He was 70.

Nicknamed "Papa Skosh" because of his regular use of the word skosh — a small unit of measurement often used by the theater community — Mr. McKenzie was an engineer by day and an artist by night.

After earning a bachelor's degree in engineering from Yale University in 1954, Mr. McKenzie served for five years in the Navy.

When he returned, he worked at several large engineering firms that sent him around the world for work on projects. When JFK Airport was expanded in the late 1960s, Mr. McKenzie helped determine how much earth needed to be removed to make room for the new terminal and runways. He also helped design launch platforms for NASA's Mercury program in Florida, and worked on repairs to the Suez Canal.

Moving to Falmouth in 1974, he built stage sets for the Falmouth Theatre Guild for such shows as "Li'l Abner" and "The Music Man." He also built furniture at home, often mentoring friends of his youngest son, Matthew, in construction projects, teaching them to shingle a house, for example. This group of friends, dubbed the Skosh Organization, would gather at his Falmouth home to come up with solutions for construction dilemmas.

"He could be reserved at first; but, for instance, he was a clerk at the 1st Precinct [polling place in Falmouth], and people were telling me how funny he was there," his wife, Carol Slaughter McKenzie, said yesterday.

In addition to his wife and son Matthew, of Lee, N.H., Mr. McKenzie leaves three other sons, J. Carl Bohnert of Falmouth, Allen Bohnert of West Roxbury, and Andrew of Brookline Village; a sister, Claire M. Darrow of Georgetown, Maine; and four grandchildren.

A burial service was held Monday at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

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Dues/Advertising Policy

Dues Information:

Single/Dealer/Club membership: \$12.00*

Youth membership (under 18): \$10.00*

Family membership (up to 4 persons in one residence): \$19.00*

*Plus 250 large commemoratives for the Youth Program or equiv. donation in US\$. Dues above are for one year and include six newsletters per year. You may sign up for three years at a time. For an application or further information send SASE or IRC to: ISWSC, P.O. Box 150407, Lufkin TX 75915-0407, USA. *There will be a \$2 per year discount if the renewal is received at least one month prior to the current expiration date.*

Advertising Policy:

For reasons of accountability, only members of the ISWSC, APS or ASDA may place ads. All ads dealing with philatelic concerns are acceptable. We reserve the right to edit out objectionable language. Advertisers are expected to respond to all inquiries, so be sure you can handle the responses before you offer to trade, buy or sell. If you have a bad result from answering an ad, contact the Editor. We will try to resolve the conflict.

Display Rates (Camera Ready*) per insertion:

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Half page: \$40.00**

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Per column inch: \$5.00

Six repeat insertions of the same ad for the cost of five ads (one free). We will also offer a two-sided insertion for \$125 per issue.

*Camera Ready means ready to paste up or scan and print. Reductions and typesetting extra.

**Discounts for three or more insertions of same ad. Yearly display rates available. Write to ISWSC past president Tom Fortunato (see p. 2) for special rates.

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First 30 words, including name, address, and ZIP code are \$3. Additional words are 20 for \$1.

NOTE: State abbreviations = one word; "P.O. Box 1234" = two words; ZIP code = one word.

Make all checks payable to ISWSC in U.S. funds. Send text and payment for ads to the Editor. All addresses can be found on page 2.

Stamp Answer Person Sought

Do you like helping people learn more about stamp collecting? Do you enjoy sharing your knowledge with others? If so, you are the person we're looking for!

The ISWSC is seeking a member to serve as the Stamp Answer Man (or Woman!). This person is responsible for replying to people who submit questions via our internet site. Questions range from basic stamp collecting questions (Where do I start? How much is this stamp worth?) to more advanced topics (How do I detect a watermark on my stamps?). The Answer Person need not have all the answers themselves, but should have the ability to track down answers and reply to the questions in a timely manner. For a sample of actual questions and responses, please visit our website at www.iswsc.org, then click on the Stamp Answer Man link.

If this position sounds interesting to you, or if you would like more information, please contact Randy Smith.



Election Results Announced

The results of the ISWSC elections are in! Congratulations to **Rick Simpson** and **Ken Wills** who were elected to serve on the ISWSC Board for the next two years. A total of 174 ISWSC members participated in the election. The final vote totals are as follows:

Rick Simpson (#1703)	117
Ken Wills (#2150)	99
Andrew Titley (#2366)	70
Noel Routley (#1610)	59

David Paul (#59) also received one write-in vote. Thank you to all the candidates who were so willing serve in these important positions! Another big thank you to **Gary Ellis (#2227)** who served as election chairperson!



Whatzit?

by **John D. Pruitt (#121)**

In my column for January-February I asked for help on Great Britain Scott #295 with the overprint S-E-E-B, one letter in each corner. Boy, did I get help! No fewer than six members responded, for which I am most grateful.

The letters stand for South East Electricity Board, now known as Seeboard, an electric power company in London. Kenneth Wills (#2150) noted that in London in the CE60s his electric bill came with this stamp on it. This would be consistent with others, opinions that these stamps are the equivalent of perfins, to avoid employee pilferage. Other writers, however, thought they were revenue or "receipt" stamps.

A member sent me a large envelope of stamps to identify. One was this, picturing the collection of rubber sap. The second character at the top is found on all Japanese stamps, and here we have a World War II Japanese occupation stamp. If you look at the "Illustrated Identifier" at back of the Scott Catalogues, you will find in



the "Oriental Inscriptions" the various occupied country names illustrated. This one is Malaya N35. As a collector of postally-used stamps only, I have found all Japanese occupation stamps hard to get.

"Plan sur de Valencia" stamps frequently show up in mixtures. Unfortunately they are not listed in Scott. My internet search ultimately revealed they are postal tax stamps compulsory on all mail from the city of Valencia. The proceeds are used for a huge project to rechannel the Turia River to prevent flooding in the city. The new channel is south (sur) of the city.

If you have stamps that need identification, please send photos or photocopies to:

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