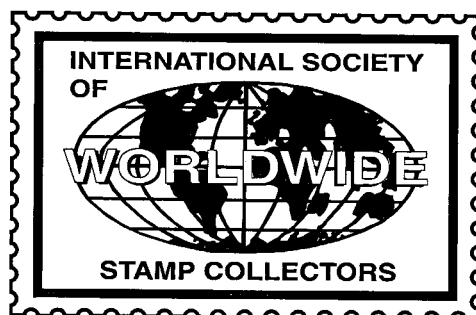


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President's Column

by Randy Smith (#1111)
ISWSC President

Fall is a season of change! As I look out my window, the leaves in Minnesota are currently changing to bright reds, oranges, and yellows. Nights are getting cooler and furnaces are being kicked into duty after lying dormant since last spring. Let's just hope your stamp collections haven't been lying dormant that long, too!

At the ISWSC, change is in the air, too. Some changes were expected, and some were not. The expected change happens each year at this time as elections are held to determine the new composition of the ISWSC Board of Directors. Please see the election article elsewhere in this newsletter for complete details concerning the election, voting procedures, and statements from the candidates.

The unexpected change is the resignation of Tony Zollo (#856) as Executive Director of the ISWSC. Tony took on the Executive Director position while he was serving as ISWSC President, filling a void when Carol Cervenka (#498) was taken ill. Since that time in 1999, Tony has volunteered countless hours on behalf of the ISWSC, performing such duties as processing new memberships and renewals, handling correspondence, filing insurance claims, managing ISWSC finances, and literally being the day-to-day heart of the ISWSC. Tony has served us well and his leadership will be deeply missed. A copy of Tony's resignation is printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Tony's pending departure as Executive Director leaves a big gap that needs to be filled quickly. Tony has graciously agreed to work with the new Executive Director to ensure a smooth transition, however he would like the transition to occur in January 2005. A separate article is included in this newsletter detailing the responsibilities and time commitments involved in the Executive Director

position and instructions for expressing interest in the position.

In addition to the Executive Director's position, a member is also needed to fill the Vice President of Public Relations position. Tom Fortunato (#379) continues to cover these responsibilities, however he has already served the maximum number of years allowed as stipulated in our bylaws. Looking forward, new candidates will also be needed next year to serve as president, secretary, and Vice President of Charitable Programs as those currently serving in the positions will also have served their maximum allowed time in office.

Obviously, the ISWSC is at a crossroads. The ISWSC exists because of the dedication and hard work of its members. I am confident that this tradition will continue and individuals will step forward and express interest in these leadership positions, shaping and caring for the ISWSC for the years to come. I look forward to hearing from you.

Happy Stamping!



Meet the Candidates

Each year at this time, the ISWSC holds elections for Board of Directors positions. To help ensure continuity, the president, secretary, and vice president positions are elected to two year terms beginning in January of even numbered years and two director at-large positions are elected to two year terms beginning in January of odd numbered years.

Although the races are not contested this year, it is important that the membership vote to show your support of the candidates and to ensure a valid election. (According to our bylaws, one tenth of the membership must vote for the election to be valid.) Space is also provided on the postcard ballot (enclosed) for you to share your thoughts, comments, or concerns about the

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*Please remember that the Editor does not mail
out The Circuit. If you have any questions about
your Circuit mail service, please contact Randy
Smith, Tom Fortunato or Tony Zollo. Thank you!*

Meet the Candidates

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ISWSC. To ensure all members have adequate time, all ballots must be postmarked on or before January 15, 2005 to be considered valid.

Below are short write-ups of the individuals seeking election to the Director At-Large positions which will commence on January 1, 2005. Please take a few moments to read the write-ups, then cast your ballot today!

Duncan Koller (#2154)

I am 58 years old and began collecting when I was 10. I am a retired Colonel from the USAF (28 years) and have just retired from a second job as a high school teacher (6 years). I should now have plenty of time to devote to my hobbies.

I graduated from Oregon State University with a BS in Zoology and also hold an MA from Chapman University and an EdD from Univ. of Southern Calif. While on active duty with the Air Force I served on a number of executive boards and committees in community and educational organizations. My only publications are a couple of articles in military publications relating to military operations strategy.

I started out as a world-wide collector but then specialized in Germany and Great Britain. As those collections matured, I rediscovered the fun of world-wide collecting. I'm an APS member and joined the ISWSC in 1999. My main area of interest now is postally used stamps of the world prior to 1950.

I am interested in serving on the board to give back something to the hobby I have enjoyed all my life. I am concerned about the perception that interest in philately is declining and that ISWSC and APS membership is falling. As baby-boomers (like me) start to retire I see an untapped source of new collectors. Youth programs must also be continued. I stand willing to work hard and explore new ideas to bring our hobby to a new generation of collectors.

Ken Wills (#2150)

I have been collecting used worldwide stamps for about 50 years. Retirement from my technology research position with American Airlines and Sabre started a few years ago, but I still don't know where the time goes.

I have served as treasurer, secretary, and chairman of the Bank of America Philatelic Society, and First Vice President of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club (of Arlington and Irving in NE Texas).

I have had the pleasure of getting to know many ISWSC members as Swap Circuit Manager of the Small/Definitive Circuit for the last four years. My wife considers herself a stamp widow – one better than a golf widow as she knows where I am!



Dues/Advertising Policy

Dues Information:

Single/Dealer/Club membership: \$12.00*

Youth membership (under 18): \$10.00*

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*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:

Full page: \$75.00

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Per column inch: \$5.00

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

Classified Rates per insertion:

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.

From the Director

by Anthony Zollo, MD (#856)
ISWSC Executive Director

To All ISWSC Members: It was in November 1999 that, as ISWSC President, I also assumed the role of Executive Director from Carol Cervenka when her health would no longer allow her to continue. In the ensuing five years, I have managed the day-to-day business of the ISWSC.

However, as my professional and personal life gets busier and busier, I am afraid I must pass the baton to a new Executive Director. I therefore request that the ISWSC Board Directors solicit a member to take over this responsibility in January 2005.

I will of course work with the new Director to make the transition as smooth as possible. I have enjoyed the past five years and it has been a pleasure to work with all of you. I thank you for the support you have shown during my tenure and I am certain the new Executive Director will enjoy similar support.



Director Needed

The ISWSC is in need of a member who wishes to make a significant impact on the society by serving as its Executive Director. Some of the responsibilities of the Executive Director are as follows:

- Receive and process membership applications (new and renewals)
- Maintain membership records (including processing address changes, etc.)
- Maintain forms and stationary (applications, membership cards, renewal letters, etc.)
- Record and deposit dues, fees, and other funds which may come to the ISWSC
- Maintain the checking Paypal accounts and reconcile the monthly statements
- Quarterly produce budget report, balance sheet, and Income/Expense report
- Read and respond to correspondence (using both the USPS and e-mail)
- Monitor the security of ISWSC assets involved in the various ISWSC programs
- Maintain the records and archives of the

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Stampshow 2004

A number of ISWSC members met this August in Sacramento, California, site of Stampshow 2004. Hosting the hour long meeting was Tom Fortunato, former ISWSC president (#379- Rochester, NY), who took the photo of the following attendees:



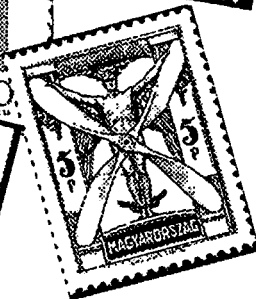
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