

## AGM - RPSC President's Report

As I conclude my second full year as President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, I do so with a grateful heart. We, as a society, are a vibrant, stable and financially secure organization. We are administered by a remarkable group of dedicated individuals who give some much of their time to help guide our historic society. So, as I begin my third and final year as President of The RPSC, I would like to do so by offering thanks to all of those who give so much to this society.

1. Thank you to Lee Ann Stewart who is the public facing, heart and soul of the RPSC. Lee Ann is the person you call when you have questions or concerns, and these are always greeted with friendliness and professionalism. Lee Ann is a consummate professional and we are very lucky to have her on the team.
2. Thank you to our journal editor and webmaster Robin Harris for his ongoing oversight of our societies' most public-facing assets.
3. Thank you to RPSC Treasurer John Sharp and RPSC Vice President Peter MacDonald for being the steadying hand on the rudder throughout the year. Both of these gentlemen bring a tremendous wealth of corporate and administrative experience to their roles on the board and we are a more stable and balanced organization because of them.
4. Thank you to the RPSC Board of Directors for their tireless efforts to guide our society throughout the year. Each member of the Board brings a special skill to their seat and this along with our recent re-structuring, have enabled us to move more quickly and with greater effectiveness as an organization.
5. Thank you to Lisa Tam and Alan Hills, who continue to administer, plan and present the societies' Stamp Panels and Stamp Talks programs. These programs are much beloved by philatelists across the globe and continue to attract new viewers monthly.
6. Thank you to Longley Auctions who generously underwrites the cost of the Stamp Talks and Stamp Panels as our sponsor.
7. Thank you to past-president Ed Kroft who continues to generously serve as the RPSC's legal advisor and our International Exhibiting Liaison.
8. Thank you to Joel Wiener who administers the RPSC Judging program, which includes not only the assigning of judges to various shows, but also the enlisting of apprentice judges in training.
9. Thank you to past-president, Sam Chiu who continues to offer guidance and act as a sounding board for ideas and questions.
10. Thank you to retiring Director Joe Trauzzi for his service to the Board and the RPSC over the past six years. Joe was the guiding force behind the development of the Stamp Talks and Stamp Panels programs, and they would not exist without his years of dedicated service.

11. Thank you to our friends in the FQP who graciously agreed to partner with us on Royal 2025 FILEX, when it became necessary to find an alternative venue for this year's Royal.

#### 2024-2025 the year in review

There is much for us to be proud of as a society. Here are the highlights for the year:

1. The RPSC celebrated Royal 2024 in Fredericton, NB, with a very successful exhibition administered by Dianne Earl and Rob Lunn.
2. The 2025 Royal took place in Montreal in April 2025 in collaboration with the FQP and as part of FILEX 2025. This was the first joint project in a number of years mounted jointly by the FQP and the RPSC. It was in every sense a great success and we look forward to working together with the FQP going forward.
3. The RPSC became an affiliate member of the FQP in early 2025, as part of the Board's plan to help build a collaborative and supportive network between philatelic societies across Canada.
4. The RPSC has held three special Zoom symposia over the past year:
  - a. The Joint Postal History Symposium with The Postal History Society of Canada, which took place in November.
  - b. 'Philately 101: An introduction to philatelic research' was held in the October of 2024, with presentations by Gregg Redner, Rob Faux and Harold Krische.
  - c. 'Philately 101: Different ways to collect' was held in May of 2025, with presentations by 9 presenters on the different ways one can collect.
5. The RPSC has secured the dates for the next two Royals (2026 – Kitchener/ Waterloo & 2027 – Calgary) with expressions of interest shared for 2028.
6. Board Member Dianne Earl has been working for over a year on a new document designed to assist those who are planning to host or may be interested in hosting a Royal.
7. A working group has begun developing a manual of policies and procedures for the various roles on the board. This will assist us in making the board run more efficiently going forward.
8. The Board is in the process of developing a succession plan for expected vacancies on both the Board and the Executive. This is not a replacement for elections, which will still be called as necessary, but rather as a way of ensuring that the leadership of the society is provided for in a stable and planned manner

Respectfully submitted,

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