

Record of Decisions

Executive Meeting, 11:00 a.m. Monday, 25 February 2013
at VGG Foundation, 10 Summerhill Avenue, Toronto ON

1. *Greetings & Welcome*

George Pepall welcomed David Oberholtzer, Frank Alusio and Robert Timberg.

Regrets – Garfield Portch

Guest – J. Edward (Ted) Nixon, VGG Foundation (for item 7 below)

2. *Executive Manager*

Robert Timberg was formally welcomed to The RPSC as Executive Manager.

3. *Appointment of Meeting Secretary*

Robert Timberg agreed to act as secretary. He will be put forward for appointment to the Board of Directors at the board meeting at the 2013 Royal in Winnipeg for a term ending in 2014.

4. *Approval of Agenda:*

The proposed agenda was amended to add several matters.

Motion to approve the amended agenda – Carried.

5. *Approval of Record of Decisions dated October 17, 2012.*

Motion to approve – Carried.

6. *Financial and Membership Update*

David Oberholtzer presented the interim financial report. He noted the Society will record a surplus for 2012 due to receipt of the federal Publications Assistance Grant. He explained the work underway to allow members to make payments to the Society through PayPal. He also presented the membership report. Approximately 25% of members and several chapters have not yet renewed for 2013 and are being contacted. The 2013 budget assumes a net decrease in membership of 40.

7. *VGG Foundation*

Ted Nixon joined the meeting to discuss several matters, Philaprint Inc. and the federal Publications Assistance Grant, translation of articles in TCP, and support services provided by VGG to the Society. He will provide the relevant agreements re Philaprint to David Oberholtzer for review. The possibility of placing translations of TCP articles (whether English to French or French to English) on the Society's web site was explored but no decision was made. The Society's office at VGG may need to be relocated to another room in view of the needs of VGG, and the time spent by VGG staff on Society matters was raised.

8. *Medals Order and Arrangements*

The President read an e-mail report from Peter Butler on medals that are being sold to the Edmonton National Stamp Exhibition, and to ORAPEX.

9. *Conventions*

Edmonton 2012: Payment of the \$1,000 fee to the Society has been received, the final report has not. The President will follow up again.

Winnipeg 2013: The President will provide feedback on their budget, which is breakeven.

Halifax 2014: There is nothing new to report since the last report.

2015: No group has stepped forward to date to offer to host the Royal.

10. *Nominating Committee*

The President provided a report from Peter Butler, Chair of the Nominating Committee. There will be no election at this year's Royal. There are 7 openings on the Board of Directors and 7 returning Directors.

11. *TCP*

The work of contract ad manager David Morrell to obtain additional advertising in TCP was noted. The importance of keeping to TCP publication deadlines was also noted if additional advertising is to be secured. Note also item 7 above for several matters respecting TCP.

12. *Bilingual Renewal Letter and Web Site Renewal Letter*

Translations of both letters have been obtained.

13. *Chapters Including 50 Year Chapters*

The President advised that the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club will continue, and that there is some interest reported in Sault Ste Marie and Timmins about starting clubs.

He advised also that the Kamloops Club has inquired about a 1 year trial membership in the Society. After discussion it was agreed to waive their membership fee for their first year in the Society provided they commit to report in writing to the Society at the end of the first year on their efforts to build their club.

Motion to approve – Carried.

Five chapters are more than 2 years in arrears in paying their membership fees. Registered letters will be sent to each requesting that all arrears be paid within 30 days otherwise their membership in the Society will cease.

Motion to approve – Carried.

How best to recognize 50 year chapters was discussed extensively. The President agreed to devote one of his Chapter Chatter columns in TCP to it.

14. *International Liaison Committee*

Jim Taylor, Chair of the Society's ILO Committee, has been very active in the few months he has been in the position. He raised with the President the question of his successor. His question is a good one as it raises the issue of succession planning generally. Frank Alusio agreed to work on a succession planning matrix covering the Society's key positions.

It was noted that the ILO Committee is larger than Society guidelines. The President will discuss with Jim Taylor.

15. *Registration of French Name of RPSC*

The President will follow up with the Society's legal counsel Craig Pinchen on this matter.

16. *John Walsh Book Proposal*

Discussions with John Walsh have ended.

17. *RPSC Sales Circuit*

The President has received an e-mail on behalf of the Ottawa Philatelic Society and the RA Stamp Club concerning the RPSC sales circuit and particularly the increasing cost of shipping circuit books by Canada Post which, it is said, is making the circuit books financially unattractive. The President will respond and report back.

18. *Adjournment*

Motion to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. – Carried.

Record of Decisions
Between October 17, 2012 and February 25, 2013

1. *Appointment of International Liaison Officer*

That Jim Taylor be appointed the new International Liaison Officer of The RPSC, effective immediately, and be requested to form an advisory committee to coordinate the Society's international liaison affairs.

Motion to approve – Carried (October 30, 2012).

2. *Medals for Edmonton Exhibition*

That The RPSC sell 55 medals for the 2013 Edmonton National Stamp Exhibition at a cost of \$15.00 each, and that a letter be sent to TAPE requesting a subsidy of \$440.00 for such medals.

Motion to approve – Carried (February 7, 2013).

3. *Executive Manager*

That Robert Timberg be appointed Executive Manager of The RPSC.

Motion to approve – Carried (February 7, 2013).