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Quarterly Newsletter of The International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors

President's Message Election Results

I apologize for the delay of this issue of *The Circuit*, so as to include any election results, and the implications they might have. First, all measures passed overwhelmingly. Of immediate concern is the dues measure which increased the dues to \$5.00 (plus 250 different stamps) annually. This becomes effective April 1st (1987).

The Board of Directors has been expanded to a maximum of nine voting members, which is to include immediate past officers, plus appointed members to serve concurrently with elected officers. If you are interested in becoming an appointee, please let your elected officers know. The Public Relations Officer will be appointed rather than elected. The office will be in charge of elections and election procedures, effective January 1, 1988. In the future, any changes to the bylaws (revisions or additions) will require a 75% vote of all those balloting. Positions of Public Relations Officer and Editor will be appointed or confirmed by the Board of Directors, who also may appoint the Director of the Stamp Exchange as well as Sales Circuit and Mail Auction Managers, etc. Decisions by the Board of Directors may be overturned by a simple majority of the full membership upon request to the Public Relations Officer by a 10% petition of the membership, which would place the measure on the ballot.

And finally, the choice of the LOGO for ISWSC was Logo # 3.



I hope these changes will give greater flexibility to your Board of Directors to better serve the membership. I wish to personally thank all those who responded to the post card appeal - and to all of you - for taking part in this election.

••• Aubrey Dunne, President.

ISWSC Links With APS and COPO

"We are pleased to advise that the APS Board of Directors, at their Annual Meeting on August 19, approved the application of the International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors as APS Affiliate 151." Such was the letter received, accompanied by a *Certificate of Affiliation* that gave ISWSC affiliate status. Among other advantages, APS will distribute -- at no cost -- any literature pertaining to ISWSC at all APS stamp shows.

We have also aligned ourselves with the Council of Philatelic Organizations -

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• C.O.P.O., which provides a communication network among stamp organizations.

Congratulations to both these organizations and our own society. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

••• Aubrey Dunne (# 1)

Vice President Reports on Programs

First, I must apologize to y'all for not having a column in the last issue of *The Circuit*. I was on an extended vacation swing of nearly 8000 miles through the western and midwestern states and missed the deadline completely. As it turned out, I had plenty of time on my return, but that is hindsight. I contacted several members in my travels and had a few good swap sessions. I attempted to contact our Canadian members in the Vancouver area while attending Expo 86, but was unsuccessful; too bad.

The flow of stamps is continuing to come in to me in great style. Our membership is really holding up that end. The outgo is another story. I have not had a request for stamps from a new youth group since April 1986; that's almost a year. (We do get repeat requests from several members and non-members who are very active with youth, such as Ariel Poling (# 76.) I realize that our PR man has been very busy with his profession and working on the club logo in his spare time, but how about hearing from the rest of the membership? Each of us should be helping in getting the word out locally. We have members in nearly every state on every continent. Why am I not hearing from teachers and others working with youth groups? Surely there are some youngsters collecting stamps somewhere in the world!!! I also have a supply of Linn's *Stamp Collecting Made Easy* that were donated by our past editor and now publisher, Rita Kallal (# 26). These are sent along to those requesting stamps and information, along with Ariel Poling's article on "One Way to Organize a Junior

Stamp Club."

A note to those of you sending me stamps. I have been receiving some envelopes of stamps with postage due. It seems that there is a thickness criteria at USPS as well as weight. (Thanks for the info, Ken. Bet a lot of members didn't know about this "rule.")

I have had a number of questions concerning what types, countries, and etc. of stamps we want to receive as the required part of ISWSC dues. Rather than respond to each individually (which I don't have the time or money to do), I'll try to answer these questions from time to time in this column. Any country is acceptable, but please don't send me 100, 200 or more of one kind of stamp as some have done. Please make it a maximum of ten of a kind, and remember, the requirement is 250 different. Upon receipt, I put all stamps in a large bag or box and mix them up, but 100 of the same kind tend to stick together and one group may receive 20, 30 or more copies of Queen Elizabeth or President Eisenhower.

The stamps sales circuit is now in business and Roger Bergeson (#132) has books available right now for you to make selections from or blank books in which to mount your duplicates for sale.

And one last item, Kudos to Rita Kallal for her year of service as editor of *The Circuit* and her willingness to continue as publisher.

••• Ken Jenkins, Vice President (# 15)

**Become a part
of the Omni Exchange*,
if you haven't already.**

Contact Hal or Tom:

**Hal Clarke (# 47)
Box 353
Sharon, TN 38255**

**or
Tom Allison (# 42)
Box 252
Wilmette, IL 60091**

*The Official ISWSC Stamp Exchange

Secretary-Treasurer's Report for January - March 1987

First, I thank all the members who mailed in their ballots from the last newsletter. Enough voted so we won't have that problem again. Aubrey is giving you the results elsewhere in this issue.

We have just enrolled member # 276. After dropping those members who failed to renew we now have 228 paid up members and our treasury balance is \$727.87.

The following members are dropped for non-payment of dues: # 91, 93, 94, 95, 96, 100, 111, 112, 113, 115, 118, 119, 124, 125, 127, 128, 135, 136 and 139.

The Club is sorry to report the resignation, due to ill health, of Julia Dailey # 174. We wish her the very best.

The club acknowledges with thanks the following donations:

Poole (# 33)	\$ 4.00
Sherwood (# 58)	1.00
Voight (#186)	1.00
Wickens (# 267)	4.00
Futrell (# 2)	3.00
Brightman (# 231)	5.00

Now a long overdue note of explanation. The club was officially formed in April 1984 with 78 Charter members who had indicated a willingness to our founder, Aubrey Dunne (# 1) to support such an activity. While the sequence of their response to Aubrey's appeal is shown by their membership number, they all have the same initial date (arbitrarily) as their actual membership did not start until that month (April 1984) and dues, for example, became due two years later. Their original application forms were not dated. Since then I have dated all memberships.

One other point that has confused many. Our dues have, since inception, been \$6.00 plus 250 stamps for a 2 year membership. Beginning April 1, 1987, dues will be \$5.00 plus 250 stamps for a 1 year membership. Of course, those paid in advance are covered and those paying for more than one year in the future are "insured" against any future dues raises for the period covered. (Remember: The new dues rate becomes effective April 1, 1987.)

Some members are concerned by the 250 stamp donation part of the dues. As you know, these are provided to young collector groups to encourage their interest in our hobby. They can be mint, used, or CTO (Cancelled-to-Order). The term "different" was used to imply: "Don't send 250 used US 22¢ Flag over Capital." or "Don't send a full sheet of foreign one centavo definitives.", etc. It is certainly not meant as a bind on any member who does his or her best with the end view of helping youngsters in mind. The end objective is to help the youngsters have as many different stamps as possible and to spark their interest in stamp collecting; so send as many different as you possibly can, but a few duplicates are okay.

Next, some miscellaneous administrative items:

a. Please don't send stamp donations for the club to Herb. It costs the club money to send these on to Ken. An unnecessary step and expense.

b. Marion Poole (# 33) has discontinued the exchange she was running. How about you ex-members joining our Omni Exchange. (Write Hal # 47 or Tom # 42.)

c. It's always the high point of my day when the mail comes. The nice stamps used by many, the interesting stickers and rubber stamps, sometimes cachets, and once in awhile, a real eye-catcher. Like, for instance, a cover from Joellen Lee (# 104). The return address stamp said, "Center of the Known Universe"-- Philomath, Oregon! And here all along I've thought it was New Braunfels, Texas!!

d. Please all note that Esther Fraats (# 75) has two addresses: a summer one in Susquehanna, PA and a winter one in Naples, FL.

e. Futrell (#2) and Edwards (#117) are unable to trade with other members at the present time, but expect to be able to later.

f. All roster and membership changes have been incorporated into the new roster included with this issue of *The Circuit*. The plan now is to provide one to each member annually on renewal of membership plus updates in each newsletter. With the new dues rate we can afford this now. And by the way -- if you want six newsletters a year instead of four, write and tell your editor so

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one of each stamp. Now I don't even dream of it -- but I still think it is fun to fill in the spaces in my 1940 album and also add some recent and interesting pretty stamps." (Note: Egon is treasurer of the Danish American Heritage Society.)

Wright (# 273) ___ "Will be pleased to correspond and exchange stamps worldwide! stamp for stamp or catalog basis. I do not collect First Day Covers, cards or postal stationery. Languages: English, Spanish, French."

IMPORTANT:it's **RENEWAL** time for members who joined January to March 1985: # 140 & 142 to 153. Please send your \$5.00 dues for one year renewal to Herb (# 31) and your 250 stamp donation to Ken (# 15). **Don't forget to renew! Do It Now!!**

••• Herb Holland (# 31)

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Sales Circuit

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For further information contact:

Roger J. Bergeson (# 132)
1814 Viking Ave.
Albert Lea, MN 56007
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Ralph Chapin (# 158), PO Box 641, Batavia,
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(# 198) 305 Caliente Drive, San Leandro, CA
94578, USA. If you want more information
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A year ago I ran a small ad in the ISWSC paper. Because of that I was and am successful in a "Lot" sales operation.

How it works: You send me your name and address and I'll send you a flyer about once a month. I usually send 3 times and quit if you don't order. (But very few don't order.) The "Lots" cost from about \$5.00 up to \$80.00. They are collections, counter pages, bulk lots (sold by quantity), and the like. The material is written up and you just order by lot. I must be doing something right because I have not YET had a complaint in 7 months! Material is priced very low; much is 12% to 15%. Several dealers buy from me month after month, so there are some real steals to be had. Of course everything is returnable if you are unhappy.

To see some flyers, just send your name and address to:

DAVID L. CRESON
230 Dune Crest, Unit # 3
Monterey, CA 93940

The Editor's Line _____

An introduction is in order. I'm Arlene Futrell. I've collected stamps for about 53 years --- since I was about 9 --- with "time out" for college and baby-tending years. I agree with all of you that collecting worldwide doesn't make for a lot of completion, but it surely makes for a lot of fun and information. I was hooked when a neighbor's child started to collect. Near that time I overheard my mother say to one of her friends, "Oh, she's interested in stamps, but she'll get over it." Never have!

It still is a very vivid memory how thrilled I was when a California collector, the son of one of my parents' friends, sent some of his duplicated to his Dad to give to me. I hope that the stamps we give to kids thrill them as much. And, from the reaction of my Ben Franklin Club when they are given stamps, I'm sure the thrill is the same. They have a great time, and I thank you for your part in it. The Ben Franklin program is a good one. Most of you wouldn't be able to have a club,

but maybe you could make yourself available to speak to kids, answer questions, etc. A lot of the leaders of Ben Franklin Clubs are teachers who know little about stamps. There is a lady in our area who, when she sees me, says, "Hi -- remember me? -- I'm the advisor you had to tell what a stamp hinge is!"

I have enjoyed reading the letters you have written in past newsletters. Lunch as usually been late the day my Circuit arrives!

In the last issue, Sue Hoover (# 9) suggested that a form that we might duplicate and send to other worldwide collectors be printed in *The Circuit*. Herb Holland is including it in this issue. Use it. Send them out to any worldwide collector. I just got a letter this week from a collector who said he had sent to Herb for information at my suggestion. I'm convinced that there are more general collectors than some people might think. We need to contact all whom we can about the club.

One member wrote that he thinks articles and letters to the editor should not take the place of advertising.

Dave Creson (# 170) wrote to say how great the response was to his ads. We like to hear that!

My husband and I are taking a week of our vacation time now. I think this has been the year of everything piling in on many of us! We will see some of our children and grandchildren and also we will see Norwood's parents.

If any of you are traveling in western Pennsylvania, we'd enjoy having your stop if we are here. Ken Jenkins and his wife might stop this spring. We look forward to that. Herb and his wife stopped a couple years ago, and it was a good time.

It's a little late for New Year's resolutions, but I'm going to suggest one anyway: Write an article or letter to the editor!

Thank you, Rita, for your year as editor and printer. And thank you for printing *The Circuit* again this year.

••• Arlene Futrell, Editor (# 2)

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