

BIOLOGY UNIT ANNUAL MEETING 2013

The Biology Unit held its annual meeting in the Main Street Armory at the National Topical Stamp Show in Rochester, New York on Saturday 18 May 2013. President Alan J. Hanks convened the meeting at 10:00 A.M. Other officers in attendance were the Secretary-Treasurer, Christopher E. Dahle, and Directors Jack Congrove, Lois Herrmann, and Frederick Skvara. Four other Unit members were present: Dawn Hamman, Jeff Hayward, Marcos Iglesias, and Charles Vaughn. Van Siegling from the ATA Board and Larry Rausch from the Rochester Philatelic Association attended as guests.

There being no outstanding old business, President Hanks opened the floor for discussion. The first topic involved the publication of *Biophilately*. The editor discussed the need for articles and the on-going indexing project for past issues. The ATA Board has proposed holding a literature competition for all the study unit journals at the next NTSS.

Also mentioned was the availability of the on-line version from the Unit web site. Chris Dahle, who serves as the web master for the Unit web site, asked for any recommendations for improving it.

Chris Dahle delivered a summary of the Secretary-Treasurer's Report (see page 80). Currently the Unit has a significant amount of funds in savings, but with the decline of membership, we are expending more each year than we take in. This is despite the fact that several members have provided donations during the past year in addition to their annual dues.

The Unit presented membership award certificates to members who have belonged to the Unit for 60, 50, and 40 years. We have two 60-year members: Dr. Carl J. Bajema and Dr. Beverly S. Ridgely who both joined the Unit in 1952. Two 40-year members were present to receive their certificates in person: Charles Vaughn and Alan Hanks. The others will receive theirs in the mail. See below for a listing of other membership awards.

Van Siegling gave a short presentation on the ATA and the support it provides to the study units. The ATA is one of the few philatelic organizations that is growing in membership.



The last order of business was to complete the nomination of candidates for election to the Unit officer positions. All incumbents agreed to run again. Jack Congrove nominated Larry Davidson for the vacant Vice-President position seconded by Alan Hanks. The board announced that ballots would be enclosed with the June 2013 edition of *Biophilately*. Members are to select their choices and return the ballots to the Unit Secretary not later than 15 July 2013. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

50-year Members

Alan L. Steffen (1955)
Donald P. Wright, Jr. (1956)
Patricia E. Byrnes (1957)
Joseph L. Fibel, Jr. (1960)
Byron H. Bratlie (1962)
Roberta Glatz (1963)

40-year Members

Dr. Merrill W. Foster (1966)
Dr. George Griffenhagen (1968)
A. Ronald Law (1969)
Harold E. Walker (1969)
James L. Skaptason (1969)
Alan J. Hanks (1969)
Dona Jaquet (1970)
Roland K. Littlewood (1970)

Leslie R. Adler (1971)
Ellen B. Kritzman (1971)
Maurine Bouzek (1971)
Dorothy L. Truhon (1971)
Charles R. Vaughn (1971)
Peter A. Willmann (1972)
Dr. Don Ahshapanek (1972)
Harriet W. Brown (1973)