

## SECRETARY-TREASURER'S CORNER

If you have not yet paid your membership dues for 2015, please send them as soon as possible to the Secretary-Treasurer, Chris Dahle at: 1401 Linmar Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.

### TREASURER REPORT

The Unit treasury has a healthy quantity of assets. However, this year our expenditures greatly exceeded our income. This was due in part to our donation of \$1,286.42 to the ATA to pay costs associated with the publication of the *Insects of Stamps* handbook (HB164) by Donald Wright, one of our members.

You may not be aware, but the ATA is operating under a very tight budget and they do not have a lot of money to fund all the things they would like to accomplish.

Despite this one-time expenditure, our expenses involving printing and postage alone exceeded the amount of our income. There are two ways that each of the members can help to move our net from the red to the black.

One way is to add a donation when you send in your dues. We would also like to remind those who are life members that they can also continue to contribute. One method that provides an advantage for those members who must make mandatory withdrawals from IRAs or retirement plans is to make a direct transfer to the Unit treasury.

Another way to help is to take electronic delivery of the Unit journal instead of receiving a printed copy by mail. Not only will this reduce our costs for printing and postage, but it will also enable you to get a copy of each edition as soon as it is published.

Thanks to the following members who provided donations this year: Adler, Applebaum, Arias, Bono, Brunt, Burch, Clark, Congrove, Douglas, Eichler, Eyster, Freytag, Greve, Grimstad, Hamilton, Hamman, Hanks, Harrison, Herrmann, Herzog, Kavalecs, Mauney, Mirando, Moravec, Nystuen, Prince, Reineke, Setterberg, Sheppard, Stragnell, Svoboda, Vaughn, Wongpakdee, Yagi.

<b>Assets:</b>	
Checking	\$17,569.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,569.96</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Credit card fees to ATA	\$9.75
PayPal charges	\$13.58
Domain name	\$14.95
Website Charges	\$101.49
Post Office box rental	\$76.00
Postage Canada	\$94.02
Postage Foreign	\$444.60
Postage U.S.	\$753.20
Printing	\$1,320.05
Supplies	\$100.11
Sales tax	\$93.44
Handbook publishing	\$1,286.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,307.61</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Dues	\$1,329.00
Donations	\$475.00
Reprints and publications	\$30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,834.00</b>

### NEW MEMBERS

There are no new members to report for this period. Let this be a call for each of you to go and recruit someone. The Biology topic is immensely popular. It is likely that someone in your local club is a collector of something related to zoology or botany. Sign them up.

### REINSTATEMENT

Welcome back.

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