

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The last edition of the year offers an opportunity to reflect on the activities and accomplishments of the past twelve months as well as to remind us of the obligations and pursuits facing us in the upcoming year.

This year we had the pleasure of attending several stamp shows including the World Stamp Show in New York and the APS StampShow in Portland, Oregon. Due to the WSS, the annual National Topical Stamp Show was not held this year, but will be back next June in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. As usual, there will be lots of interesting activities and plenty of philatelic material to see. Please make plans to attend.

The start of a new year means that your annual dues are payable. See the notice on page 253 for details. As always, we are grateful for additional donations and I am looking at you Life Members.



Larry Davidson, our long-time Vice President, has decided to resign from his position on the board of the Biology Unit in order to concentrate on other activities. He will continue to be a member of the Biology Unit, and to promote the Unit while serving as an ATA Ambassador. The members of the Unit Board are very grateful for his contributions and efforts on behalf of the Biology Unit and wish him the best.

Of course, this vacancy means that we need a replacement. If you are interested in serving on the Unit Board, or would like to nominate someone to fill the position, please contact Alan Hanks, Chris Dahle, or me. See the inside cover for contact information.

In related news, our long-time Associate Editor for Ichthyology, Kris Lindstrom, has decided he wishes to retire from that position, so I am looking for someone to take over for him. If you collect the fish, or related topic, certainly you must maintain some sort of want list to keep up with the available issues. All you need to do is share it with our other readers. Please contact me if you can help in this area.

Finally, the end of year holidays are here and I wish all of you a terrific holiday season and a safe and prosperous new year.

Jack R. Congrove

Answer to the bonus question on page 237 of the previous issue: These states are contiguous. You can take a road trip through every one of these seven states without crossing the border of a different state.

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