

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S CORNER

NEW MEMBERS

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. The Biology Unit welcomes the following new members:

1882 Donald Lobmeyer, Wichita, Kansas

rhinos

1883 Tim Hodge, Virginia

birds of prey, tea

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of May 2017, there are 144 members of the Biology Unit.

There are still many members who have not paid their 2017 dues. The following are in arrears for two or more years: **Bratlie, Braun, Burch, Byrnes, Crane, Das, Davis, Holland, Mahaffey, Matveev, Miguelgorry, Moravec, Norman, Samford, Schoen, Vassuer, Vaughn, and Zimmerman**. I will soon be removing members who are two years or more in arrears in payment of dues. There have been three new members in the last 12 months. Two life members and one regular member have resigned. One of our life members died during the year.

The table below summarizes income and expenses over the past year.

Assets: (as of 1 May 2017)	
Checking	\$10,252.58
Total	\$10,252.58
Expenses:	
Credit card fees to ATA	\$3.50
PayPal charges	\$5.61
Domain name	\$14.95
Website charges	\$101.49
Post office box rental	\$0.00
Postage Canada	\$173.52
Postage Foreign	\$498.78
Postage U.S.	\$856.57
Printing	\$1,811.85
Supplies	\$109.08
Sales tax	\$101.65
NTSS Sponsorship	\$350.00
Advertising in NTSS program	\$35.00
Total	\$4,062.00
Income:	
Dues	\$1,226.16
Donations	\$363.92
Total	\$1,590.08

Expenses are about the same overall as last year \$4,062 this year and \$4,070 last year. However, printing and postage costs are higher. This may reflect larger issues of *Biophilately*.

Income from both dues and donations is lower than last year. We appreciate donations from the following members: **Bono, Brunt, Hoppe, Herzog, Jones, Kavalecs, Law, Mauney, Noyce, Nystuen, Phipps, Setterberg, Shore, Stansfield, White, Wongpakdee, and Wright**. We thank you all.

BIOLOGY UNIT MEETING

The Biology Unit will hold its annual meeting at the National Topical Stamp Show (NTSS) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at 10:00 AM on Saturday, 24 June 2017. Ordinarily this is a social meeting and we do not discuss detailed business matters. The NTSS show runs 23–25 June at the Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel. See page 95 for more information about the show.

BIOLOGY UNIT ELECTIONS

Alan Hanks has decided to step down from the President position. Because the Vice President position has been vacant for some months, he will remain in office until we elect new officers to fill those positions.

The By-laws say that the term of office will conform to the fiscal year, which is 1 January through 31 December. The Constitution says that the Board members can appoint replacements in the event that neither the President nor Vice President is able to serve.

Therefore, in accordance with both documents, the Board will appoint the election winners to fill out the remaining terms of these offices and they will start their official terms on 1 January 2018.

The Board has received the following nominations for officer positions:

President: Laurie J. Ryan, Cincinnati, Ohio

Vice President: Glenn G. Mertz, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Secretary-Treasurer: Christopher E. Dahle, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Laurie J. Ryan has been a member of the Biology Unit since 1999, and was the Unit Treasurer from 2004 until 2010. She is currently serving as Secretary of the American Topical Association. She collects the following topics: hedgehogs, ermine, fish, and endangered species.

Glenn G. Mertz has been a member of the Biology Unit since 1987. He is currently the Associate Editor for Ornithology, a position he has held since 2006. He collects the following topics: birds and insects.

Christopher E. Dahle has been a member of the Biology Unit since 1982 and was the Unit Secretary from 1998 to 2010. In 2010, he took over the combined position of Secretary-Treasurer and has served in that role since then. He is currently the Associate Editor for Botany, a position he has held since 1995. He is also a Director on the Board of the American Topical Association. He collects botanical topics.

A ballot is attached at the last page of this edition.

The Unit Constitution says we must give 30 days after the announcement in *Biophilately* for balloting by mail. Please submit your completed ballots no later than 15 July 2017, to the Secretary-Treasurer, Chris Dahle at 1401 Linmar Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.

You can e-mail a copy of the completed ballot to: chris-dahle@biophilately.org