

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S CORNER

ANNUAL MEETING

The Biology Unit will hold its annual meeting at the joint APS StampShow-National Topical Stamp Show (NTSS) in Omaha, Nebraska, at 11:00 AM on Saturday, 3 August 2019. Ordinarily this is a social meeting and we do not discuss detailed business matters. The StampShow-NTSS show runs 1–4 August at the CHI Health Center Omaha. Admission is free.

NEW MEMBERS

There were no new members during this quarter. 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 Secretary did send complimentary issues of *Biophilately* to new ATA members who listed a biology topic in Topical Time, inviting them to join the Unit.



NEWS OF NOTE

NATIONAL TOPICAL STAMP SHOW

Our parent organization, the American Topical Association (ATA), is again taking advantage of a wonderful opportunity to partner with the American Philatelic Society (APS) to hold its annual National Topical Stamp Show (NTSS) on 1–4 August 2019, at the CHI Health Center convention center in Omaha, Nebraska. The NTSS is an APS sponsored World Series of Philately (WSP) national-level exhibition.

The APS is handling arrangements for the show, except for the ATA President's Reception, the ATA after-show tour, and volunteers to work at the ATA booth. Those desiring to attend must submit forms and pay associated fees to the APS.

To view the latest show information, go to the APS website (<https://stamps.org/stampshow>). Check the website frequently for updates.

1. The show page gives dates, hours, show location, and hotel information as well as links to various forms.
2. **Hotel Reservations:** Click on the link *Make your show reservations online with the Hilton Omaha*.
3. **Pre-Registration:** *Pre-Registration ends on 10 July 2019*. Completing this form will generate a name badge to be picked up at the Registration Desk. The badge will include both your APS and ATA membership years. By completing this form online, you help reduce administrative time and the possibility of spelling errors. The PDF version of the form includes options to purchase event tickets.
4. **Exhibitor Information:** Entries were due by 15 May.
5. **Dealer Information:** A showroom floor plan is at this link: <https://stamps.org/Portals/0/Show%20Floor.pdf>.
6. **Purchase Tickets:** The following events are included: APS/ATA Celebration Banquet. On-the-Road Course(s), and Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop. Tickets for the ATA President's Reception and Monday tour are available on the ATA website.
7. **Society Booth Information:** The Biology Unit will hold their annual general meeting at 11:00 AM on Saturday, 3 August 2019, in room 212.
8. **Volunteer Information:** All ATA members are encouraged to volunteer with the APS. Click on the Volunteer Task Descriptions" link to read about various volunteer options. If you volunteer for a total of eight hours at the show, you are eligible to receive a free ticket to the Celebration Banquet (a \$60 value). The ATA booth also needs volunteers and since the Biology Unit is helping to sponsor this booth, we share the responsibility for operating it. Check the ATA website (<http://americantopicalassn.org>) or contact Vera Felts to sign up.