

## SECRETARY-TREASURER'S CORNER

### MEMBERSHIP

These members who were two years in arrears in their dues have been dropped from the membership roll: **Bogart, Collins, Foster, Hamilton, Hodge, Radnell, Russ, Stansfield, and Uicker**. The current membership of the Biology Unit stands at 122, but this will fall to 113 if all the listed members below are dropped. In 2000, there were 249 members.

The following members are only paid through 2018, and thus are one year behind in their dues. They will be dropped from the roll if the Treasurer does not receive payment in a timely manner: **Cohen, Drago, Law, Lloyd, Moynihan, Palazzo, Rosche, Vaughn, Wasilov, White, and Zimmerman**.



### 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:

- 1893 Robert Cagna, 4405 Chandler Dr. N, Wilson, NC 27896 animal rights, welfare, conservation, sanctuaries  
 1894 Van Wallach, 4 Porter Park, Cambridge, MA 02138 snakes (4)  
 1895 Koenraad Bracke, Baerdonckstraat 83, BE-9230 Wetteren, Belgium owls, bird song, woodpeckers, godwits (5), spiders, insects (7)  
 1896 Robert Brew, Acton, MA trees (2)

### UNIT ELECTIONS

The Biology Unit will hold its election of officers in September. The deadline for voting is 30 September 2019. A ballot is enclosed with this edition of the journal. Please complete the ballot and send it to the Secretary, Chris Dahle. You can send it either by regular post, or by email. Here are the addresses:

Chris Dahle email: [chris-dahle@biophilately.org](mailto:chris-dahle@biophilately.org)  
 Biology Unit Election  
 1401 Linmar Dr. NE  
 Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

The following are candidates for re-election:

President:	Laurie Ryan (Ohio)
Vice President:	Glenn Mertz (Pennsylvania)
Secretary/Treasurer:	Chris Dahle (Iowa)
Director:	Jack Congrove (Washington)
Director:	John Pereira (Massachusetts)
Director:	Fred Skvara (New Jersey)
Director:	Don Wright (Wisconsin)

## TREASURER'S REPORT

We are still running a deficit, although the past year we have reduced it by \$390.81, from \$1,702.54 to \$1,311.73. Publishing the journal is still our biggest expense. Printing costs have risen from \$1,506.11 to \$2,008.42. Total postage costs have dropped from \$1,309.27 to \$1,035.97. We did not subsidize the publishing of an ATA handbook this year. Income increased by \$340.56, while donations dropped slightly.

## ELECTRONIC JOURNAL DISTRIBUTION

At the annual general meeting of the Biology Unit during the show in Omaha, the matter of distributing the journal as a PDF file via email or the website was proposed and discussed.

Currently, we distribute the journal either as a print copy by regular post, or as download files from the Unit website. The files on the website are separated by column subjects. There is no overall file that contains the complete journal issue.

The journal files are divided for two primary reasons. First, many members are only interested in the new issues section that pertains to their topical area and do not want to have or download the entire document.

Second, the file that contains the entire journal is typically large, though not so large that it exceeds the usual limit for standard downloads or emails. Even so, many members do not want to deal with a file of such size.

The advantages of distributing the entire document as a PDF are many. First, it would save a significant amount of expense if we reduce the quantity of print copies and the postage associated with mailing them. Second, members would be able to receive their copy of the journal as soon as it is released and would not have to wait for it to be printed and mailed.

Third, while the print copy is in black and white except for the cover page, the PDF copy would be in full color.

Of course, as with every situation, there are some disadvantages. First, if the member wishes to have a hard copy, they would have to print it themselves and that costs paper and ink, not to mention time and effort. Second, electronic subscriptions are lower than print subscriptions, so the dues the Unit receives would be reduced. We have made no cost analysis to see if the reduced costs would offset the reduced income having no idea how many would opt for electronic distribution, so that is unknown currently.

Also, we would continue to offer the print version to members who wish to have it, or have no access to receive an electronic copy.

Please provide us with your views on this proposal. You can write to either the Editor, or the Secretary via letter or email. The addresses are shown on the inside cover.

<b>Assets (as of 31 May 2019)</b>	
Checking	\$7,212.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,212.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Credit card fees to ATA	\$3.50
PayPal charges	\$9.21
Domain name	\$13.95
Website charges	\$101.49
Post Office box rental	\$96.00
Postage Canada	\$139.63
Postage Foreign	\$263.49
Postage U.S.	\$632.85
Printing	\$2,008.42
Supplies	\$121.51
Sales tax	\$162.49
ATA handbook publishing	
NTSS booth sharing	\$50.00
Entry fees, literature competition	
Extra mailings	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,602.54</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Dues	\$1,781.31
Donations	\$509.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,290.81</b>