

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S CORNER

DUES

Thank you to those of you who have renewed your membership. There are fifteen members on my list who have not renewed since 2017. They will be dropped before the June journal. Please send your dues, or let me know if you wish to resign. You can pay your dues using PayPal to the account *dues@biophilately.org*, or by sending a check to me payable to the Biology Unit. See address on inside cover.

ANNUAL MEETING

It is perhaps not too early to make your plans to attend the annual general meeting of the Biology Unit that will take place at the National Topical Stamp Show (NTSS) in Omaha, Nebraska, at 10:00 AM on Saturday, 3 August 2019. Ordinarily this is a social meeting and we do not discuss detailed business matters.

After last year's immensely successful joint show in Columbus, Ohio, the ATA again this year will be partnering with the American Philatelic Society to host another combined StampShow-NTSS. The featured study unit this year will be the Cats on Stamps Study Unit. Although it has not yet been announced, the US Postal Service will certainly be issuing some new stamps at the show and there will be dozens of dealers and hundreds of exhibits to see.

The show is scheduled to run 1–4 August at the CHI Health Center Omaha convention center. Admission is free. For details, see the show information at the APS website: <https://stamps.org/StampShow>.

APS SUMMER SEMINAR

Summer Seminar on Philately is a once-a-year opportunity to expand your philatelic knowledge and meet others who share your passion and interests. All courses are led by philatelic experts who are accomplished writers, exhibitors, experts, dealers, and specialized collectors. The seminar offers both two-day and four-day courses and will be held at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, on 24–27 June 2019.

Although none of the courses this year specifically relate to Biology topics, there are some that are of interest to topical collecting in general such as "Collecting and Exhibiting Picture Postcards" and "Worldwide Fakes and Forgeries." Other courses deal with philatelic research, stamp technology, and various aspects of exhibiting. See the APS website for the course catalog and registration: <https://stamps.org/Learn/Courses/Summer-Seminar>.

NEW MEMBERS

There were no new members in the current 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.**

NEWS OF NOTE

BIOLOGY UNIT WEBSITES WIN AWARDS

Our Unit website (www.biophilately.org) received a score of 70 points in its class, which was good for a Large Silver Medal in the Italia 2018 Philatelic Literature Exposition held in Verona, Italy, 23–25 November 2018.

The Paleontology website (www.paleophilatelie.eu) operated by our Associate Editor, Michael Kogan, received a score of 81 points, which merited a Large Vermeil Medal, in the same literature competition.

Congratulations to our Webmaster, Chris Dahle, and to Michael Kogan for their well-deserved awards.

The Stamp Active Network website (www.abps.org.uk) in the United Kingdom won the Best in Class award. You can find a list of all awards at: <http://expo.fsf.it/italia2018/documentazione/Resultsbyclass.pdf>.

