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have to realize that Tester represents not only Montana but a number of Western and rural legislators from both parties who are troubled over the slower mail ser-

vice that Donahoe established. She'll also have to address the same concerns of big mailers who are part of Del Polito's organization. ■

APS selected Boston to host international stamp show in 2026

By Michael Baadke

The American Philatelic Society has selected Boston, Mass., to host the international stamp show that will take place in 2026.

As the national stamp collecting organization in the United States, the APS is responsible for making the location selection.

During its Feb. 12 board meeting at the APS Ameristamp Expo in Riverside, Calif., the APS board heard a presentation by one of its own directors, Yamil Kouri, on the benefits of selecting Boston for the site of the international show that is more than 11 years away.

The show is scheduled to take place May 23-30, 2026. It will be the next international show in the United States after World Stamp Show-NY 2016 at New York City's Jacob Javits Convention Center, May 28-June 4, 2016.

Also participating in the Boston presentation were Mark Butterline, Nancy Clark and Jane Pritzler of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

Kouri identified five main requirements for the host city to

provide: a good location, a show theme, a base of support, an experienced committee, and finances.

The timing of the show will correspond with the 250th anniversary of the United States, Kouri noted, and the significance of Boston in the nation's struggle for independence will provide a thematic backdrop for the international show.

The show will take place at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in the city's Seaport district, close to Logan International Airport. The venue is also near numerous Boston tourist destinations.

The show is supported by the Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs, Kouri said, which has dedicated \$10,000 to secure the convention center.

Following a discussion period, APS immediate past president Wade E. Saadi moved to grant Boston auspices for the 2026 show. Saadi is also president of World Stamp Show-NY 2016.

The motion passed unanimously. ■

New Zealand decreases delivery days

By Denise McCarty

Later this year, New Zealand Post will begin a transition to an every-other-day mail delivery system for standard mail.

The proposed change in the delivery schedule was first announced in 2013, and official implementation will begin this July, according to a Feb. 12 press release from New Zealand Post.

In the press release, New Zealand Post's Mail and Communications Chief Operating Officer Ashley Smout confirmed that "standard mail will be delivered every second day to households in urban areas starting from July in larger towns and cities, and rolling out to smaller centres over two years."

Smout said, "The way we plan to roll out these changes means we will continue to meet our delivery targets for standard letters. We're confident customers will see very little, if any, difference

in the services they receive from New Zealand Post as a result of these delivery changes. This is a priority for us.

"Our target of 95 percent of standard mail delivered within three working days remains, just as it is now. Six-day-a-week deliveries will continue for priority mail and courier parcels, so people should still check for mail every day."

Before July, the alternate delivery days will be tested in parts of Auckland.

Smout said: "We're making these changes in response to people sending fewer letters. Our analysis shows the average household receives letters just three days a week."

According to a report by Sophie Ryan in the Feb. 12 issue of the *New Zealand Herald*, the changes will cost 400 letter carriers their jobs, 300 on July 1 and the other 100 later. ■

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