

Minutes – May 4, 2014

Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes of the May 4, 2014
Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs Board of Delegates Meeting held at the Boxboro Holiday Inn
during Philatelic Show 2014 in Boxboro, Massachusetts.

Attendees:

Mark Butterline – Philatelic Group of Boston
Bruce Bulduc - Wachusett Philatelic Society
Chris Brouady - Waltham Stamp Club
Dave Moiles – Clara Barton Stamp Club
Jeff Shapiro – Philatelic Group of Boston
Paul Bento – Eire Philatelic Association
Tim O’Shea – Springfield Stamp Club
Linda Gilmore – Chelmsford Stamp Club
Jack Miller – Waltham Stamp Club
Michael Imbruglia – Rhode Island Philatelic Society
Nancy Clark – Cape Cod Area Philatelic Group
Michael Mead – Cape Cod Area Philatelic Group
Norm Shufrin – Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History
John Bereuter – Manchester Philatelic Society
Joseph Signor – Chelmsford Stamp Club

There was a quorum. The meeting was called to order by President Mark Butterline. The meeting opened at 1:00PM with representatives from 11 member clubs present.

The following slate was elected unanimously:

Director – Tim O’Shea

Director – Paul Bento

Director – Joe Signor

Meeting Adjourned – 1:10PM

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Chris Brouady - Waltham Stamp Club
Dave Moiles – Clara Barton Stamp Club
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Linda Gilmore – Chelmsford Stamp Club
Jack Miller – Waltham Stamp Club
Michael Imbruglia – Rhode Island Philatelic Society
Nancy Clark – Massachusetts Postal Research Society
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We do have a quorum of the BOD. The meeting was called together by President Mark Butterline. The meeting opened at 1:10PM with 15 members.

Secretary’s Report:

Minutes of March 9, 2014 were approved with some minor typographical changes.

Treasurer’s Report

- a) The Federation has a positive cash balance and all non-show outstanding bills have been paid.
- b) All associated costs related to Philatelic Show 2014 will be paid upon receipt of invoices.

Youth Activities

- a) A group of kids came from Connecticut. There were about 30 kids in total that visited the Youth area and participated in Philatelic activities. As a Federation we will continue to encourage attendance of Youth collectors.

Boston 2026 Update

- a) The APS has discussed a timeline for the 2026 Show and Ken Martin is in the process of being created. The RFP will need to be approved by the APS Board. At the Hartford National Show the APS will speak with groups that are interested in hosting the 2026 International Show.
- b) A decision on where the show will be held in February 2015 at the APS Winter (Riverside) Show.
- c) The Boston 2026 Board has been working on a draft proposal. If you have a question concerning the Federation’s proposal please contact Mark Butterline.

Philatelic Show 2014

- a) There was a First Day Cover Ceremony on Friday of the show. This was a 2014 reissue of "Where Dreams Blossom".
- b) Sixty-nine (69) dealers were in attendance as well as two Auctioneers. The dealers were very pleased with their sales and attendance. There remains a sizeable waitlist.
- c) There were some suggestions on improving signage inside the hotel to direct traffic to the other rooms besides the large hall.
- d) Richard Sheaff designed the first day cachet.
- e) The show theme was the Car/Ford Mustang 50th Anniversary.
- f) The exhibitors, in general, were pleased with the show. There was a concern that solidifying exhibits soon enough to ensure all exhibits are detailed in the show program.
- g) There were more than 600 paid attendees at the show.
- h) Nancy Clark reports the Spellman Symposium was a great success. This takes place in conjunction with the Philatelic Show. They are in discussions to possibly make this Symposium an annual event.

Old Business

- a) Club dues have been out of date for some time. Because of the small amount of the dues, it was moved to suspend dues from member clubs. The Federation will have to modify its by-laws in the future to make this change permanent. Clubs will continue to be asked to provide up-to-date contact information.
- b) Mark Butterline has filed a Form 1024 with the IRS. This will make us an official 501(c)(4) provided the IRS approves our application.

New Business

- a) BOD (2 year term until 2016) – Tim O'Shea (Springfield Stamp Club), Paul Bento (Eire Philatelic Association), Joe Signor (Chelmsford Stamp Club) were approved for terms on the Board of Directors.
- b) The weekend of the WALPEX show has been changed to October 18th-19th. This is one week earlier than normal and was due to ASDA scheduling the Mega Show the last weekend in October.
- c) The hotel presented the Federation with a 2017 Show contract. It was moved that the contract be signed, however, we continue to have reservations about the location of the show. The Futures Committee will be re-activated and asked to find a suitable place for 2018 and beyond.
- d) It was moved and approved that we accept the Federation member application from the Massachusetts Postal Research Society.

Next Meeting

September 14th at 1PM at the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History in Weston, MA

Meeting Adjourned – 2:45PM

Respectfully Submitted by Christopher Brouady, Secretary