

**Minutes of the Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs Board of Delegates Meeting of the May 7, 2023  
held at the Regency Hotel in Boxborough, Massachusetts**

Attendees:

Paul Bourke – Philatelic Group of Boston  
Jeff Shapiro – Club de 495  
Michael Imbruglia – Rhode Island Philatelic Society  
Norm Shufrin – Spellman Museum  
Norman Doucette – USCS Old Ironsides Chapter  
Dave Kent – USCS Nathan Hale Chapter  
Dave DuBois – CCPG  
Alan Barasch – Boston 2026  
Christopher Brouady – Waltham Stamp Club  
John Bereuter – Manchester Philatelic Society  
Linda Gilmore – Chelmsford Stamp Club  
Tim O’Shea – Springfield Philatelic Group  
Lawrence Norris – Boston 2026  
Jessica Leuschner – Waltham Stamp Club  
Sherwood Norton – Waltham Stamp Club

There was a quorum of the BOD. The meeting was called to order by President Michael Imbruglia. The meeting opened at 1:00PM with 15 members.

Election of Officers

Nominate Officers (Slate):           President: Michael Imbruglia – RIPS  
  Vice President: Norm Shufrin – Spellman Museum  
  Secretary: Christopher Brouady – Waltham Stamp Club  
  Treasurer: Mark Butterline – Club de 495

There was a motion to Nominate the slate, was seconded and approved unanimously.

Motion to Elect the Officers – passes unanimously.

Election of Board of Directors

Nominate Board of Directors (Slate):

**Directors – Class of 2025**

Tim O’Shea – Springfield Stamp Club  
Jessica Leuschner – Waltham Stamp Club  
David Ball – Philatelic Group of Boston

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Motion to Elect the Board of Directors – passes unanimously.

Motion to close the Board of Delegates Meeting – approved and closed at 1:05PM.

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Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2023 were reviewed. No changes, motion to accept is approved.

Treasurer

Mark is absent due to covid. There are some concerns with show profitability this year given fewer patrons and dealers due to various reasons, including health.

Old Business

- a) We found a frame storage solution that has Boston 2026 manage/warehouse the Federation Show frames, given their sale to Boston 2026 at the end of the show.

New Business

- a) Greater Boston Philatelic Society has been accepted into the Federation
- b) Maine Philatelic Society has been accepted into the Federation
- c) Union River Stamp Club has been accepted into the Federation
- d) We should add a “Member Benefits” section on the Federation Website
- e) Reminder – Spellman Museum Symposium will be September 7, 2023... all virtual
- f) WALPEX will be Oct 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>
- g) GASS will be in Hartford, CT in August 2024
- h) Michael mentioned there is one of the best stamp collections in the country at the John Hay Library on the campus of Brown University. He informed the members that the Rhode Island Philatelic Society and Brown University would like to host a reception for interested attendees of Boston 2026.
- i) Norm said that Spellman is working on arranging some joint activities with the John Hay Library.

Philatelic Show 2023

- a) We wanted to express our appreciation for all the show volunteers.
- b) 170 frames, including invited
- c) ASDA, APS, and Kellerher eblasts were done
- d) Show Theme was King Charles Coronation
- e) All Dealers have paid
- f) Show Program was printed by Kelleher and was a success

- g) We had a successful auction at the show by House of Zion
- h) Banquet went well – Attendance ~30
- i) ~500 attendees – a bit less than last year.
- j) We had just a few families with children show up on Saturday and Sunday

#### Philatelic Show 2024

- a) We are not confirmed yet to be at the Boxborough Regency
- b) We need better signage as well as improved advertising for the show
- c) We have a new Admissions Chair, Todd Ganzer from the Greater Boston Philatelic Society
- d) Would like at least one additional major society. AAMS is scheduled for 2024.
- e) Need to develop a formal eMarketing campaign

#### Communication

- a) With the exception of our meeting at Philatelic Show, Video/audio conference for each Federation meeting will be available.

#### Boston 2026

- a) Awards... working on narrowing down who will be supplying the awards
- b) Lawrence gave an update on the B2026 frames. Lawrence will make them available for WALPEX
- c) Progress has been made on securing a major dealer presence at the show
- d) The local USPS folks at Philatelic show have asked to participate at Boston 2026. They have Mark's contact info so they can coordinate with the USPS at the national level.

#### Next Meeting of Boards of Directors

Sunday, September 24, 2023 on Zoom

Meeting Adjourned – 2:10PM

Respectfully Submitted by Christopher Brouady, Secretary