

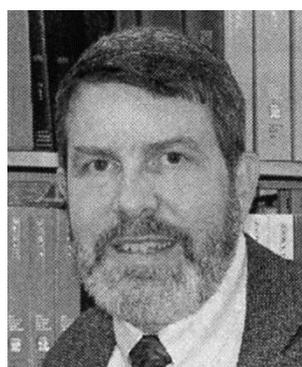


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IAP Members



David L. Straight
R.I.P.

Loss of David L. Straight

It is with sadness that we have heard of the passing of David L. Straight of St. Louis. David, an IAP member, well-known philatelist and researcher passed away on 12 October 2012. David was a wonderful gentleman and a major philatelic volunteer. Most certainly the press will be filled with memorials written by close friends and colleagues.

Classics Society Leaders

In July, the US Philatelic Classics Society elected a new class of Directors and new officers. No few than

five of the new officers are IAP members. These include the new President, **John Barwis**, the Vice-President **Dwayne Littauer**, Treasurer **Michael Plett**, Secretary **Steve Pacetti** and Assistant Treasurer **Mark Schwartz**. In addition, IAP Board member **James Allen** was elected to the USPCS board.

It is clear that members of this prestigious organization understand the possibilities that forensic analysis bring to understanding the open questions relating to classic US philately.

We wish them all a successful tenure in office.

Eubanks Takes 2012 C of C

This year, the Champion of Champions competition, held at Stampshow in Sacramento, included no fewer than eight(!) exhibits by IAP members. These included **Santiago Cruz**, **Gordon Eubanks** (2), **Alfredo Frohlich**, **Richard Malmgren**, **Mark Schwartz** (2) and **Chuck Wooster**. When the dust had settled, Gordon Eubanks' exhibit *First Federally Issued Postage Stamps* was triumphant. A hearty congratulations to Gordon on a job well-done.

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John Barwis
New USPCS President

Symposium At Hand

The *First International Symposium on Analytical Methods in Philately*, organized by IAP and hosted by the National Postal Museum, is less than a months away at this writing.

A number of final manuscripts and Power Point presentations have already been submitted,

and, as our schedule shows, there is both a rich and diverse group of papers that will be presented.

The final count shows that we will have 50 attendees from six countries. The program includes 15 formal papers, two panel discussions, a group brainstorming session intended to identify future research topics and a work-

shop that will allow attendees to perform testing on items that they bring to the Symposium.

Extensive coverage of the Symposium will appear in the *Analyst* and our web site:

www.AnalyticalPhilately.org

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Mark Schwartz
Candidate for IAP
Director

Mark Schwartz Nominated to IAP Board

IAP member Mark Schwartz of Philadelphia is the sole nominee to the IAP Board of Directors. If elected, he will replace founder, patron and director **Robert Hisey**. **Bob** has retired and assumed a role as Emeritus Director and consultant to the board.

The position of director requires experience as a senior manager in industry or a full professorship at a university. It also requires a strong interest, and ideally experience, in a scientific discipline. All nominees will be reviewed by the current Board to insure their suitability.

An electronic ballot will be sent to members in early December and the results announced by the end of the year.

Mark was born and raised in the Boston area and received degrees from M.I.T. (1966, B.S., Chemistry); Indiana University (1969, MS Organic Chemistry); and

Drexel University (1980 MBA Marketing).

His career was spent at Smith, Kline & French Labs / SmithKline Beckman / SmithKline Beecham / GlaxoSmithKline. He worked for 37 years as a research chemist (nine years); in various positions in U.S. Marketing Operations (19 years), ending as Group Director, Oral Antibiotics; and in Strategic Planning within R&D (nine years) retiring in 2007 as Group Director, Global Product Strategy.

His philatelic collecting interests focus primarily on the U.S. postal history of Boston and Essex County, Mass; the NY Postmaster Provisional; and transatlantic mail. Mark has exhibited both single and multi-frame exhibits since 2008; his 10/8 frame Boston exhibit has competed in the C of C three times. He has written articles for the Chronicle of the U.S. Classic

Postal Issues, the Collectors Club Philatelist; the American Philatelic Congress Book; the India Post, and the Massachusetts Spy.

Mark is a member of the American Philatelic Society; the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society (as Asst. Treasurer); the Postal History Society; the Carrier & Locals Society, the Collectors Club of New York, and the Greater Philadelphia Stamp & Collectors Club. He serves as a member of the boards of the Philatelic Foundation; the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society; the Postal History Society; and the Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition.

Clearly, Mark has the professional and philatelic experience that is perfectly suited to membership on the IAP Board of Directors.

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New Equipment Added to NPM Lab

Tom Lera, Winton Blount Chair of Research at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum (NPM) announced the addition of a new piece of non-destructive equipment to the growing NPM analytical lab.

It is the Testing Machines Inc. model 49-76-01-0001, a precision micrometer suitable for measuring thin sheet materials such as paper,

board, tissue paper, and cardboard. The measuring range is 0.000-1.250 mm with a resolution of 0.1 micron. The anvil diameter is 0.630 inch with a contact pressure of 7.3 PSI and conforms to TAPPI T-411 standards.

The micrometer features a large digital display, auto zero, motorized auto cycling, and a serial port for data

communications to graph master software with results exported to Microsoft Excel.

The NPM Research Lab is open to all. Contact Tom Lera to discuss your needs:

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