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NOTICES

BUFFPEX 2012 MARCH 3 – 4, 2012

This early spring (OK, late winter) event will again be held at Pvt. Leonard Post VFW, 2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, NY ESPHS will hold a Membership Meeting on Saturday March 3rd. Mark your calendar. Get details at www.buffalostampclub.org

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Further to the notice published in June 2011 *Bulletin*, members who consigned material to the failed General Auction #123 are advised that this is FINAL NOTICE to *identify and claim* your consigned material. The time to do so is extended from this year end until *Feb. 15, 2012*.

(See Minutes of Board Meeting, Page 3)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Another year has passed and that means members need to put that check in the mail for your annual dues. Your membership is important to the society to maintain our status, publications and awards. The dues are a bargain for Excelsior alone. Don't delay; do it today.

Speaking of Excelsior this is a good time to thank our editors and publications committee for another year well done getting out a quality publication on time for both *Excelsior!* and *Bulletin*. I know our members appreciate your efforts, so thanks again.

Your society board held a meeting in November at Syracuse in conjunction with SYRAPEX. It was a good meeting and we were able to decide some issues. One was the schedule for our future meetings, which is a continuation of the past schedule. We will meet in March at BUFFPEX in Cheektowaga, in May at ROPEX in Rochester and November at SYRAPEX in Syracuse. Our annual membership meeting will also be held in May at ROPEX. Mark your calendars.

Al Parsons has volunteered to coordinate the Sweeting Award competition, which will be held in at STAMPSHOW 2013 in Columbus Ohio. Members are encouraged to begin preparing their New York State postal history exhibits for this event. This is a good time to show your covers and represent your society in competition.

Best wishes to all for a merry holiday season and a prosperous new year. I hope Santa brings you the cover you have been looking for to add to your collection.

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Secretary's Membership Report

No Changes To Report

ESPHS BOARD MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 12, 2011

Minutes Provided by Heather Sweeting

A meeting of the Officers and Directors of the Society was held as scheduled during SYRAPEX on November 12, 2011. In attendance and constituting a quorum were: John Cali, Bob Davison, George DeKornfeld, Drew Nicholson, Al Parsons, Dave Przepiora, Heather Sweeting and Maris Tirums. Attending the concurrent Fall Membership Meeting were Tom Auletta and Bill Hart.

President David Przepiora read the minutes of the Annual Meeting held at ROPEX in May, which were duly approved. Treasurer George DeKornfeld reported good news for the Society: that investment income has increased this year and that the costs of moving and regenerating the ESPHS web site (esphs.us) were less than projected. DeKornfeld will make a presentation of 2011 results at the Cover Mania meeting in Albany.

Drew Nicholson spoke on behalf of the Membership Secretary, saying that total paid memberships at that time were 120 and that a "final letter" had gone out to unpaid members. *Editor's note: about 15 lapsed members responded with payment, so total membership now stands at 135.* A discussion about offering Life Memberships for a lump sum dues payment took place. After discussion, Al Parsons moved that a Prepaid Life Membership be offered at a price to be determined. The motion was seconded and, with one abstention, approved. After additional discussion, Bob Davison moved that Prepaid Life Membership revenue be taken into income in the year received rather than spread over a number of years. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Drew Nicholson then presented a report for Publications. No advertising has been purchased for either Society publication, nor have there been sales of Society publications so far in 2011. Drew accepted into inventory copies of publication stored by John Cali and will prepare an accurate tally of all publications available in inventory.

As Awards Manager, Drew also reported that he has several items lined up to use as awards, such as Tin Plate, and that these items only need engraving. Heather Sweeting suggested a particular engraver.

Dave Przepiora reported that a gentleman in Washington has been helping with the redesign of the ESPHS website at no charge, and that satisfactory progress is being made. Dave's priorities are to create a private "members domain" and a "cover gallery" where members may display covers and descriptions.

The final topic of the meeting was George DeKornfeld's report on material consigned to John Nunes' "failed" Auction #123/124. Some of it has been claimed by Consignors, and DeKornfeld stated that a final notice will be placed in Bulletin advising that after a reasonable last chance for consignors to come forward the remaining material would be put into a general auction to be conducted by ESPHS. Bill Hart volunteered to group material into lots for the general auction.

