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SESCAL corner

Volunteers are always needed

SESCAL was a great success this year. We had our new auctioneer, Regency Superior. This is a fine company to work with.

The show hosted The Eire Philatelic Society and the American Society of Polar Philately. Both organizations had a very good turnout.

Many people do not realize that SESCAL has ongoing bills through the year. It is necessary to store the frames in six boxes, which takes several hundred dollars a quarter. We are also saving money to replace all six storage boxes. The boxes we have are well over 15 years old and must be replaced. We only hope we will have the money saved to obtain replacement of the frames. It is a problem, but our frames were replaced from the international show in San Francisco 1996.

We are looking for volunteers for the SESCAL

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Federation to vote on change to bylaws regarding officers

By **Bill O'Connor**

President, FPCSC

At the Oct. 8 meeting of the Federation in Los Angeles, a committee was formed to draft a revised section of the bylaws of the FPCSC. This was done so that more members could run for the various elected positions.

A three-member committee — Dick Willing, former president of the Federation; Jim McGuigan, president of the Poway Stamp Club; and Bill O'Connor, current president of the Federation — was established.

The section of the bylaws, Article III, Section B, presently reads:

“Qualifications. The President-Elect and Vice-President must have served a full term as President of one of the member clubs and must be members of the board at the time of nomination. The Secretary and Treasurer may be

any member in good standing of any member club at the time of nomination.”

There is no mention in the bylaws of the president of our organization. The assumption was that all future presidents were to come from the ranks of the vice-president and president-elect. That will not happen this time.

The proposal of the committee is to change the above section to read as follows:

“Qualifications. The President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer must be in good standing of any member club, have served a full term as members of the board of the Federation, President of their respective clubs, elected to a position in their respective clubs, or nominated by their respective club for any posi-

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Federation to meet at SANDICAL

The Federation will meet at SANDICAL at 2p.m., Saturday, Jan. 28. A key item of business will be a proposal to amend the bylaws concerning officers' qualifications (see story above). For details on SANDICAL, see the story on page 2.

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About us

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tions of leadership in the Federation. The term of office is considered to be two years unless otherwise indicated."

It is hoped this will allow former presidents and elected officials of the various clubs to participate. In addition, if a club wishes to formally nominate a person to any position in the Federation, that will be permitted. Remember, the Federation exists for all member clubs, and your participation is vital. A representative of the various clubs must be present to vote at the next meeting. A majority

vote at this meeting will determine the fate of this proposal.

The vote for this change will occur at the next Federation meeting during SANDICAL, Saturday, Jan. 28, at 2 p.m. Please plan to have your representative present to vote.

For any additional questions or comments, please contact me by e-mail at conocon@aol.com, by phone at 760-723-7372, or by mail at 3803 Foxglove Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028.

Dick Willing, Jim McGuigan and Bill O'Connor thank your for your consideration on this matter.

SANDICAL comes to San Diego in January

SANDICAL 2006 will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the first issues of Sweden, Norway and Finland Jan. 27-29 (for show details, see the box in column 2).

The show expects to have 35 dealers, the U.S. and Mexican post offices, 200 frames of exhibits, free stamps For beginning collectors and youth, appraisals and more.

In addition to the Federation meeting, the following groups have scheduled meetings at the show:

National meeting: Scandinavian Collectors Club.

Regional Meetings: U.S. Philatelic Classics Society meeting of Chapter Number 2, Canal Zone Study Group, MEPSI, and Military Postal History Society.

The awards banquet will be Saturday, Jan. 28, at The Butcher Shop, 5255 Kearny Villa Road, San Diego, telephone: 858-565-2272. A no-host cocktail hour starts at 7 p.m. with dinner at 8 p.m. The menu is prime rib or

At a glance ...

WHAT: SANDICAL, .

WHEN: Friday, Jan. 27, to Sunday, Jan. 29.

WHERE: Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego. To reach Al Bahr Shrine Center by car, take Route 163 to Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Go west to the first stop light. Turn North on Kearny Mesa Road. Look on the left for a small Al Bahr Temple sign at the right side of the Hampton Inn.

HOURS: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

ADMISSION: Free admission, parking.

FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION:

Check the SANDICAL Web site at <http://www.sandical.org/>.

grilled swordfish, vegetables, salad, breads, desserts, coffee or tea. Reservations are required, and tickets are \$42 per person, including dinner, tax, and gratuity.

Reservations may be made by calling call Norm Magneson at 619-222-4757 or Jerry Santangelo at 619-463-8336.

Block of inverted Jenny traded for Z Grill

Two major U.S. rarities, a plate block of the Inverted Jenny airmail stamp and the 1868 1-cent Z grill stamp, have been traded.

The new owner of the Inverted Jenny block is Don Sundman of Mystic Stamp Co., and the new owner of the Z Grill stamp is Bill Gross, who is reported to now have the only complete collection of 19th century U.S. stamps.

Sundman posted the following letter on the Mystic Web site at <http://www.mysticstamp.com/jenny.asp>:

"Hi, I'm Don Sundman, stamp collector and president of Mystic Stamp Company. Today I'd like to share some exciting news.

"As youths, many stamp collectors make trades to improve their collections. However, Mystic Stamp Company's recent trade — a one-to-one exchange of two of the world's greatest philatelic rarities — is a land-

mark in the history of stamp collecting.

"Mystic traded its 1868 1¢ Z Grill for the only 1918 24¢ Jenny Inverted Error Plate Block in existence. With a combined value of \$6 million, these stamps may be the most valuable objects in the world in terms of weight. To put it simply, the Jenny Invert Plate Block is America's greatest stamp rarity. Only one exists!

"Mystic acquired America's rarest postage stamp, the 1¢ Z Grill, at auction in October 1998. As President of Mystic, I paid a record price for this rarity — \$935,000. And that's because I thought the stamp was worth much more! Only two of these stamps exist ... and one is a permanent part of the New York Public Library's collection. While Mystic owned the 1¢ Z Grill it was featured at many important stamp shows, and the stamp-collecting public was given many chances to view this

national treasure.

"The plate block of 24¢ Jenny Invert Errors that Mystic traded the 1¢ Z Grill for recently made headlines around the world when it sold at auction for \$2,970,000. It too is a one-of-a-kind treasure. Unfortunately, stamp collectors haven't been allowed to see the stamp since Interphil '76. Now that Mystic owns the Jenny Invert Plate Block, we'll be exhibiting it at major stamp shows. And I hope that means you'll get the chance to America's greatest stamp rarity.

"Sincerely,
"Donald Sundman
"President, Mystic Stamp Company"

An article on the Virtual Stamp Club Web site (http://www.virtualstampclub.com/stamp_trade.html) quoted Gross as saying that he needed the Z Grill, which also is shown on the new American Philatelic Society

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committee.

We require someone to buy and handle the awards. Marion Bowman has been doing this activity with her husband. Anyone who volunteers will not have it dropped on them. There will be a working with Marion over a period of time.

There is an opening for the position of treasurer.

None of these positions is

overwhelming. There are other areas which one can join in the effort to help put SESCAL together. It must be remembered if you have an area where you work you do not have to do someone else's work. There are many areas one can participate in. In addition the committee is composed of very nice people.

COME AND JOIN US.

— **Wallace A. Craig,**
SESCAL chairman



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credit cards, to complete his U.S. collection.

Gross is a bond trader, the Virtual Stamp Club article said, and the Z Grill completed his 19th century U.S. collection.

Charles Shreve, president of Shreves Philatelic Galleries, said Gross will exhibit the Grill at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington next spring.

"This is an incredible, historic accomplishment. Not even the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington has one of everything," said Shreve, who represented Gross first in his purchase of the plate block

and then in the trade with Sundman.

"This is the world's greatest trade," Sundman said.

"The Z Grill is so-named for the embossed grill patterns in the paper used in certain early U.S. postage stamps," explained Sundman.

In 1918, collector William Robey purchased a sheet of 100 of the first airmail issue, a 24-cent stamp showing the Curtiss JN4-H biplane, at the main Washington, DC, post office for \$24, and noticed that the airplane was upside down. The clerk said he hadn't noticed, because he didn't really know

what an airplane looked like, but he'd take them back and give Robey another sheet if he wanted.

Instead, Robey kept the sheet and a week later, sold it for \$15,000.

An explanation

This issue is a little later than it should have been because the editor was notified of the January meeting late.

No minutes of the previous meeting were received to print in this issue.

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