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President's message Welcome to the new chairman of SESCAL

We welcome Carl Shaff II as the new general chairman of SESCAL. Although Carl has jumped in with guns blazing, he will have some large boots to fill. Fortunately, Wallace Craig, general chairman for 15 years, agreed to stay on as assistant general chairman. Carl, Wallace and many volunteers have worked long and hard to bring us SESCAL 2007.

SESCAL will soon be here! It will be Oct. 12-14 again at the Radisson at LAX Hotel. The theme celebrates Pacific Lighthouses. Eustaquio Kirby has once again produced an excellent cachet and cancels that will be available at the show. Regency Superior Auctions is planning a two-day sale of over 2,500 lots to be held at the show. The bourse and exhibits will again be in the Main Ballroom. There will be about 240 frames of exhibits. As Carl mentions in his message, Youth Activities are back.

The hard-working members of the Ventura County Philatelic Society found a new venue for VENPEX. It was held the weekend of June 9-10 and was a great success. The dealers were pleased with the turnout and sales. Exhibits were limited by the small area the hotel assigned for the exhibits. It is important to recognize that there were several first-time or returning exhibitors

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Federation to meet at SESCAL

The next Federation meeting will be at 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13, the second day of SESCAL (as shown on the SESCAL Web site; check closer to the show to be sure of that time).

SESCAL 2007, the 63rd annual Stamp Exhibition of Southern California, sponsored by the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California, will be at the Radisson Los Angeles Airport Hotel, 6225 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 12, and Saturday, Oct. 13, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14.

The show theme is Pacific Lighthouses, and a show cachet (see column 2) and a special cancel will be available.

Other special events at the show include auctions by Regency Superior with more than 2,500 lots; Arizona Philatelic Rangers dinner; SESCAL award banquet; and regional meetings of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, American First Day Cover Society, Iran Philatelic Study Circle, COPAPHIL: Colombia/Panama Philatelic Study Group, Plate Number Coil Collectors Club, U.S. Philatelic Classics Society and the Postal History Foundation/Arizona Rangers.



The show hotel is the Radisson at LAX, which offers special rates to those attending more than one day of SESCAL. Details are available at the SESCAL Web site, www.sescal.org.

Lists of dealers and the exhibits should be available on the Web site by the time this issues arrives.

SESCAL at a glance

WHAT: SESCAL 2007.

DATES AND HOURS: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12-13; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 14.

FEDERATION MEETING: 4 p.m. Saturday.

WHERE: Los Angeles Airport Hotel, 6225 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles.

ADMISSION: Free admission, validated parking.

THEME: Pacific Lighthouses

FEATURES: Bourse, exhibits, U.S. Postal Service, United Nations Postal Administration, meetings and seminars.

WEB SITE: <http://www.sescal.org>

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SESCAL chairman's corner**Welcome to 63rd annual show**

On behalf of the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California and the SESCAL Committee, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 63rd Annual Stamp Exhibition of Southern California — SESCAL 2007.

This year, we welcome the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, the American First Day Cover Society, the Iran Philatelic Study Circle, the Colombia Panama Philatelic Society, the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club, the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society and the Postal History Foundation/Arizona Rangers. All those visiting the show are encouraged to attend their meetings. I wish each of the societies a very successful meeting and look forward to their continuing support of SESCAL in the future.

SESCAL 2007 provides visitors an opportunity to view some of the finest philatelic exhibits in the country, and the Grand Prize winner will compete in August of next year in the Champion of Champion competition in Hartford, Conn.

SESCAL offers one of the largest and finest bourses on the West Coast. It provides collectors the opportunity to choose from an outstanding variety of material from a diversity of interesting areas. As always, the

United States Postal Service and the United Nations Postal Administration are here to present their material. One of the important efforts this year has been to re-establish a Youth Activities Room to help promote our hobby.

This year, we are again pleased to welcome Regency Superior Auctions to SESCAL. It is an honor to have this outstanding auction house join us. It will hold two auctions at the show. The auctions will start on Saturday, Oct. 13, beginning at 6 p.m. and on Sunday Oct. 14, at 10 a.m. The lots will be available for viewing from Thursday through Sunday in the San Jose Room.

As a "rookie" general chairman of SESCAL this year, I want to thank the committee chairpersons along with their committee members, as well as the numerous others who have helped make this SESCAL happen. A special thanks goes to my predecessor, Wallace Craig.

Be sure to visit society tables and the Federation club table and to attend as many meetings as time permits. Again, welcome, and enjoy yourselves at SESCAL 2007.

— Carl Shaff,
SESCAL General Chairman

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at VENPEX.

Please join POWPEX in their show to be held at the Al Bahr Shrine Center on Kearny Mesa Road in San Diego. This yearly stamp show is put on by the Poway Stamp Club and will be held on Nov. 10-11. The theme will be Pacific Lighthouses. They always put on a fun show! Try not to miss it.

A great number of people are involved in making our club shows a success. A sincere thanks to all of them for their unselfish dedication and their aiding the stamp collecting community. New volunteers are always needed to help these shows continue. Please contact the respective show General Chair-

man if you can help in any way. No help is too small!

The Federation has begun several new efforts. Carl Shaff has been attending member club meetings to help them understand what the Federation is and how we can better work together to benefit all member clubs. We will be increasing interaction between the Northern California Council and the FPCSC to promote our clubs and shows. New Web site efforts are discussed elsewhere.

We hope to see all of you at SESCAL next month!

— Jerry Kasper,
President

See you at SESCAL and POWPEX

Minutes of the Jan. 27, 2007, and June 9, 2007, meetings of the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California

Jan. 27, 2007

The winter Federation meeting was called to order by FPCSC President, Jerry Kasper at 2 p.m. The meeting was held in the Hampton Inn Conference Room in conjunction with the SANDICAL Stamp Expo 2007.

Members and guests present:

Charlotte Gulsby, FPCSC Secretary, Beach Cities Stamp Club

James McGuigan, POWAY Stamp Club

Les Lanphear, FPCSC Past President

Werner Helms, Long Beach Stamp Club

Waltraud Helms, Long Beach Stamp Club

Joan Hastings, FPCSC Treasurer, Beckman Stamp Club

Gene Hastings, Beckman Stamp Club

Wallace A. Craig, SESCAL Chairman, China Stamp Society

Richard Willing, PSLA, FPCSC Past President

Carl Shaff, PSLA President, new SESCAL Chairman

Jerry Kasper, PSLA, FPCSC President

Jean Kasper, PSLA

Howard Green, PSLA, SESCAL Exhibits Chairman

Betty Green, Guest, SESCAL Banquet Chairman

Minutes:

The minutes from the June FPCSC meeting were distributed and discussed. A few minor corrections were made and the minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

A copy of the treasurer's report was distributed by Joan Hastings. There is a positive balance.

An independent reconciliation of the books for the prior year is required by the FPCSC by-laws. The books did reconcile without problem.

The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Special Business:

At this point, the meeting deviated from the normal flow. Carl Shaff II was introduced. He has volunteered to

be the general chairman of SESCAL effective immediately. Following a brief statement by Carl, his appointment as general chairman was approved by acclamation. Wallace Craig will continue as assistant general chairman.

Old Business:

SESCAL:

Although normally SESCAL issues are covered in a separate meeting, Carl asked that we discuss SESCAL issues as part of the Federation meeting.

Jerry expressed appreciation to all SESCAL Committee members, both those present and those absent, for their efforts at making SESCAL 2006 a success. We will have challenges this next year, which we should be able to handle.

There were a few problems with SESCAL 2006, notably those resulting from the sudden change in hotel rooms due to the forced move from the Main Ballroom to a smaller room. Dealers had to be located in two of the usual meeting rooms and the exhibits in the other three. The result was fewer dealers and fewer exhibits. Replacement meeting rooms were provided outside by the swimming pool.

Several of those at the meeting expressed general dissatisfaction with the Radisson Hotel and its staff.

The continuing need for new members on the SESCAL Committees was discussed. Suggestion was again made that our Committee members attend local club meetings and push why their members should help at SESCAL.

New Business:

A committee was appointed to look into alternate locations for SESCAL 2007 and 2008. The members are Jim Bowman, Howard Green and Wallace Craig. As General Chairman, Carl Shaff is an ex-officio member.

It was announced that the Ventura County Philatelic Society will resurrect VENPEX for 2007. The show will be held the weekend of June 9 and 10. The old location for VENPEX is no longer available and a new one has

been chosen for this year.

Jerry and others encouraged all to strongly support the VPS in any way that we can. It would be most positive for this show to back on the schedule.

It was moved and seconded that we support VENPEX 2007 by holding our spring/summer Federation meeting on June 9 in Oxnard. The approval was unanimous. Jerry will make arrangements and will announce the time and place via e-mail and phone.

Ed Field has agreed to be Society Coordination Chairman and will try to get a major society for SESCAL 2007. Regardless, he will make sure that we have society conventions for the following years.

Wallace Craig has reached an agreement with the APS concerning use of the SESCAL frames at the winter APS meeting, AMERISTAM-PEXPO 2007 to be held in Riverside. In return, up to one box (25 pairs) of damaged frames will be replaced by undamaged frames upon return to us. The APS will pay all charges related to their shipment to and from Riverside. The APS will attempt to repair our damaged frames and put them into use.

The frame storage boxes are becoming worn. Pentti (Ben) Lapalainen, a collector in the Los Angeles area, has offered to look at the boxes and provide us with a cost for their repair. Jim Bowman will coordinate with him re: access to the boxes.

The president thanked the SANDICAL Stamp Expo and Committee for their efforts with SANDICAL and for hosting our winter meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by the president at 2:50 p.m.

June 9, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by FPCSC (Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California) President Jerry Kasper at the home of Lois Evans de Violini in Oxnard, Calif..

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More on minutes ...

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Members and guests present:

Lois Evans-de Violini, Ventura

James McGuigan, Poway Stamp Club

Bill O'Connor, FPCSC Past President, Eire Philatelic Association

Joan Hastings, Treasurer, Beckman Stamp Club

Wallace A. Craig, China Stamp Society

Richard Willing, PSLA, FPCSC Past President

Marian Bowman, Conejo Valley, Simi Valley

Jerry Winerman, MEPSI, Scandinavian Collectors Club

Gerry Winerman, Co-chairperson Admissions SESCAL

Jim Bowman, Simi Valley, Conejo Valley

Werner Helms, Long Beach Stamp Club

Howard Green, PSLA, SESCAL Exhibits Chairman

Betty Green, Guest, SESCAL Banquet Chairman

John Weigle, Ventura County Philatelic Society; Editor, Federation Reporter

Larry Parks, United States Postal Stationary Society

Sally Parks, Guest

David Leeds, PSLA

Carl Shaff, PSLA President, SESCAL General Chairman

Carolyn Weber, Ventura County Philatelic Society

Ken Weber, Ventura County Philatelic Society

Gene Hastings, Beckman Stamp Club

Helen Long, Ventura County Philatelic Society

Pentti (Ben) Lappalainen, Guest

Jerry Kasper, PSLA, FPCSC President

Jean Kasper, PSLA, FPCSC Acting Secretary

The president thanked Lois for hosting the FPCSC meeting at her home and the Ventura Philatelic Society for hosting VENPEX.

Minutes:

The notes for the minutes from the

last meetings were passed around for information only. They had not been typed and edited. Therefore, they were not submitted to the meeting for approval.

It was announced that the current secretary, Charlotte Gulsby, will be resigning. We need a new secretary who is willing to serve a two-year term.

Treasurer's Report:

A copy of the treasurer's report was passed around. There is a positive balance.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business:

Frames: This is an open item:

We need to verify that the frames were exchanged by the APS after the Riverside show. Carl Shaff said that he thought this was done. Jim Bowman said that the screws and screwdrivers had been returned.

Literature Exhibits at SESCAL:

The APS has been notified that there will be no literature exhibits at SESCAL. It is up to the SESCAL committee whether or not to have a literature exhibition. If there is literature submitted the committee can opt to have a competition.

Future Shows and Dates:

There was a lot of discussion re: future shows locations and dates. We are stuck at the Radisson for 2007 and 2008 with no guarantees re: the ballroom. Jim Bowman looked at the Hacienda Hotel, which has a good location, but it is too small and has no elevator. A suggestion was made to look at hotels near the Burbank Airport (Bob Hope Airport). The committee will look into these hotels.

Web site:

The Web site has been updated. It is the key place for member clubs to get information. Carl Shaff is in the process of visiting all of the Federation member clubs. He would like two backups to help with club visits. Betty Green asked how many clubs are in the Federation. There are currently 25 members (down from 34).

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be during the SESCAL show. Date, time and location

will be in the SESCAL program. A suggestion was made to have it at the APS show in Portland. Carl asked for a show of hands re: those going to Portland. The number was close to a quorum. It was decided to keep the meeting at SESCAL.

New Business:

Federation Issues:

Carl Shaff has tried to get a list of the Federation clubs. He has been to six club meetings. Will try to get to others. We need to get people to visit the clubs.

Carl stated that we need to provide the clubs with something: networking and contacts. We need to communicate that we are here: what can we do for you?

There will be a Federation table at SESCAL. Information re: the Federation and its clubs will be available. In order to draw people to the Federation table the Parking stamp will be moved from the registration table to the Federation table (right next door).

We need to get a newsletter out to the member clubs, and they need to get information back to the Federation to spread information re: philately in Southern California. Hopefully, the Federation Newsletter will have philatelic content. Maybe even have an online bulletin to all members before meetings. Federation must coordinate information presented so that several individuals are not sharing information alone.

It would be nice to have universal membership between clubs. We could visit club meetings and increase awareness of the Federation.

Sharing of Resources:

It would be nice if Southern California shows could/would share resources between shows, e.g., stamps, literature, people, etc. The primary discussion about sharing resources related to how the area of youth philately is addressed at the different shows. The Ventura club does a Youth Stamp Fair. Ken Weber told us about the Fair and said that it would be nice to share resources for this event.

Meeting was adjourned by the president at 1:50 p.m.

Looking back at 15 years of SESCAL

By Wallace Craig

Immediate Past SESCAL chairman

It seems as though it was yesterday when I wrote my first SESCAL article for the Federation Reporter. That was 15 years ago. I will say there were a lot of ups and downs over this period. Fortunately, there were more ups than downs. I became good friends with a lot of people I never knew before SESCAL.

The committee I took over was first rate in everyone. There have been those who dropped out like Dulce Apgar, a great lady whom I will always fondly remember as 100 percent nice. Dulce suggested her replacement, namely Helen Long, whom I knew of but not well. Helen took over the show program and has been great. I contend the SESCAL program is one of the top show programs in all 36 APS shows.

When I started, I took over from Jim Bowman, and was I green. Jim was the show chairman and knew where everything was. If I called him once, I must have called him hundreds of times. When I started, I really did not know him well and his wife, Marian, less. Before Jim stopped being SESCAL chairman, Marion was the awards chair, and now her husband worked with her in the awards area. Both became great friends.

One can not forget Bob de Violini. As you all know, he passed away and created a big hole in the work being accomplished for SESCAL. He was the one who ran around putting his finger in any hole in SESCAL where a problem would come up.

Louise Christian took over as secretary of the judges and did an outstanding job until her eyes gave out, and she could not see well enough to continue. This, of course, created a real hole in the committees required. We lucked out, with Lois Evans de Violini volunteering to take over this committee. She has been able to take over the effort without a ripple. We really lucked out again with this fine lady.

Then we have had several husband

and wife teams who really served SESCAL at a very high level. Werner and Waltraud Helms both were great in keeping me straight. Werner for years was an outstanding bourse chairman, and Waltraud did an outstanding job as banquet/food chairwoman and later in taking over with the finance position when we had the Thompson affair. She would never let me get out of line no matter what. When it became time for her to leave, I will admit I really did not know what to do. Then I received a suggestion: Joan Hastings to take over as financial chair for both the Federation and SESCAL. I really believe it was a great choice. She took over and put everything on the computer and was off and running and kept our finances straight. In addition, she is nice to work with.

Then we needed a new exhibits chairman, and I was told there was a great guy who would be an outstanding man for the job. At the time, I really did not know him. I found out he was a brother Mason and a very good organizer. He took over the position and has been great from the day he started.

When Waltraud Helms wanted to step down as banquet/food chairwoman. I did not know what to do. Along came Betty Green, who volunteered to take over. I really did not know her well because he collected and she put up with it. I had seen her and met her. She took over, and there was no change in the smooth operation in the banquet area.

When Werner Helms had to step down as bourse chairman, Jerry Winerman stepped in for a few years. He did very well in filling out the position for a few years and then moved over to admissions chair. But here we go, two for the price of one. We not only got Jerry but also his wife, Gerry, to work admissions. Together they have the committee humming.

I will always be thankful for the effort of Dr. Larry Parks for his period in running the literature exhibits. This area needs help, and anyone out there

who would like to work in this area, please contact Carl Shaff. I am sure he would love to talk to you.

With the transferring of Jerry Winerman to admissions, the position of bourse chairman needed to be filled. We were lucky to have Steve Pattillo volunteer for the position. I personally have known him since he was a little boy going to the Orange County Stamp Club. He has taken over and done a fine job. In addition to the bourse, he has given advice on advertising. For an old man seeing a boy growing up and turning into a fine gentleman really makes one feel good.

There have been others who have stepped forward, such as Jerry Kasper as Federation President taking over as the webmaster for SESCAL and working with Jim and Marion Bowman in awards. We also have another ex-Federation president, Bill O'Connor, who has worked in set-up, coordinating cachet and helping in some areas of publicity.

There are other volunteers who keep the Federation's show, SESCAL, running. I can not thank all of you enough for your help. If I were a better writer, I might say it better, but please believe this has been an interesting, fun-filled 15 years. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Now let me leave you with a philatelic story.

The one real bright spot is I am being replaced by a great guy, Carl Shaff. Unlike me today, he has great ideas and I agree 100 percent in his direction. I'll be around to give him all the help he requires from me.

One SESCAL after it was closed, a number of people who dismantled the show were eating. The conversation got around to a stamp collector who was to get married and what he should do. One lady, who was a stamp collector, said, "Don't you think a guy should tell a girl that he is a stamp collector before he marries her?"

One of the other ladies, who was

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5-year plan proposed for Federation

(This story is condensed from the June issue of the Ventura County Philatelic Society newsletter. — Editor)

A five-year plan for the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California was discussed at its meeting at VENPEX on June 9.

The meeting was held at the home of Lois Evans de Violini, a VCPS member who has been active in both the Federation and its annual show, SESCAL.

No action was taken on any parts of the plan, but the ideas will continue to be reviewed, the board decided, and some of the work might go to committees.

Some of the major ideas, from an e-mail from Jerome V. Kasper, Federation president sent before the meeting, include these, many of which were submitted by Carl Shaff, the new SESCAL chairman:

- Attempt to bring clubs that have dropped their membership in the Federation back into it and to attract Southern California clubs that have never joined.

- Consider some kind of universal

membership in Federation clubs (a member of one is a member of all).

- Share club newsletters (both online and hard copy) and membership lists.

- Consider a relationship with the Philatelic Society of Los Angeles, which has the IRS nonprofit designation that allows it accept tax-deductible donations.

- Develop a master Federation list of Southern California collectors, not for sale but for club use and for networking.

- Prepare lists of dealers and exhibitors to help SESCAL exhibits and bourse chairmen fill slots.

- Share resources and volunteers for most activities.

- Establish Federation committees for an exhibitor mentor program.

- Seek out collectors who are not members of area clubs with the idea of focusing their collecting towards exhibiting.

- Make the Federation and SESCAL Web sites more useful to clubs and collectors.

Stamp collecting in Southern Cali-

fornia is alive and well, Shaff said, but both SESCAL and the Federation are anemic. Collectors and clubs, if they're even aware of the Federation, don't understand its purposes or see much reason to support it, he said. Federation officers and representatives should attend meetings of all member clubs and deliver the message: "We are here — what can we do for you?"

The goals of the continuing effort would be to develop new collectors, new clubs, new exhibitors and new volunteers for the clubs and the Federation.

By sharing news of programs and activities and how clubs perform them, all clubs could take ideas that apply to their communities or use them as a basis to develop their own plans, Shaff said.

He also vowed to have a youth activities area at each SESCAL. Another idea for SESCAL is to have preprinted name cards which would also list club affiliations and collecting interests. The idea is to try to connect visitors who don't know about Federation clubs with those who do and to allow people with similar collecting interests to meet — and possibly form a new club.

Federation clubs to be offered Web presence

By Jerry Kasper

Federation president

The Internet is ever more important to stamp collecting and stamp collectors. Major societies and philatelic groups all have Web sites informing their members and prospective members of what they have done and will be doing.

Several of our Federation member chapters have their own Web sites.

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not a stamp collector, said, "It would not give her a clue. When my husband brought his father's stamp collection home all I thought was how cute. Believe me, it gives you no clue as to what is coming up."

Links to these can be found on the Federation Web page, <http://www.sescal.org/fedclubs.htm>. We are currently establishing details and procedures to provide a free Web page to ALL of our member clubs desiring such a page.

Your group can use this to get your message out to people in nearby locations or philatelic areas of interest. Those searching the Web will find your Web page and be able to contact you using e-mail addresses and/or contact telephone numbers on the page.

Please check the above page to make sure the current information is correct. Meeting dates and contact information often change, and we may not know of them. You may already have a Web site unknown to us.

Please tell us of any changes or additions by using my contact information

on our Web site.

Already available are the last six years of the Federation Review. Although the summary page is undergoing revision, you can use it now. Soon, current Federation Reviews will be available on the Web site.

We'll always mail one copy to the member club representative, but your members can see what is going on simply by going to our Web site.

Contacts have begun between our Southern California Federation and the Northern California Council. Its Web site has much excellent information. The plans include joint links between our two Web sites and better promotion of club shows held in our respective regions.

Please tell us about things that we could do to help increase your membership!