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SESCAL bounces back in 2013

After a terribly frustrating 2012 show that was marred by the booking of a large New Age convention on the SESCAL weekend, SESCAL bounced back in 2013 with a show that drew many compliments from attendees and dealers. The main complaints seemed to revolve around the location — many people don't like to drive anywhere near LAX — and problems with Wi-Fi connections that occurred in parts of the bourse area. Much of the credit for the success of the show goes to Fred Gregory, who was named bourse chairman early in 2013 and worked hard — or, as some dealers put it, twisted many arms — to attract new and repeat dealers and rectify problems that arose in 2012. Gregory is off to a good start on the 2014 bourse, with signed contracts from several dealers. (Watch the SESCAL website, www.sescal.org, for

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SANDICAL plans 31 dealers, 192 frames

SANDICAL 2014, which bills itself as San Diego's Premier Stamp Show, will be Friday-Sunday, Jan. 24-26, at the Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego. Show hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

The show will have a 31-dealer bourse with dealers from Arizona, California, Oregon, Arizona and Texas, and 192 frames of exhibits. It is an APS World Series show.

Other attractions include seminars, programs and meetings; the U.S. Postal Service and United Nations postal officials; door prizes; free appraisals and the awards banquet on Saturday evening.



the show website at www.sandical.org. The reservation

which is adjacent to the Al Bahr Shrine Center, is the Hampton Inn, 5434 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego; phone 858-292-1482. The show rate is \$95 per night with a two-day minimum, according to

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Carl Schaff II, center, shows his Distinguished Service Award, which was presented by Jean Kasper, left, and Betty Green, right, the 2013 recipients.

Schaff receives Federation's Distinguished Service Award

Here is the text of the announcement as read by Green:

“Jean Kasper and I want to thank the federation for selecting us last year for the Federation Distinguished Service Award. It was a surprise and an honor to be included in such great company.”

“After some thought, Jean

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information as more dealers sign up. He hopes to have even more dealers in 2014.

Several complimentary posts on the show appeared in comments on Richard Frajola's message board (www.philamercury.com/board and search the archives):

From Gordon Eubanks: "The show was extremely well managed and the hotel a real upside surprise. Not just nice but nice people all around.

"The exhibit room was well lit and comfortable but not large so if you want to exhibit at the show next show get applications in early!!"

From Stephen T. Taylor (UK): "Fred deserves most of the credit for the 'turnaround' of SESCAL — huge improvements compared with the last time I had a booth there 5 years ago: great hotel, easy parking, large ballroom with wide aisles and a very attentive event manager ensuring everything went smoothly. Boothholders even received free buffet breakfasts and packed lunches ... WESTPEX needs to start worrying about keeping a hold of the 'best show on the West Coast' title."

From Charles E. Cwiakala: "Great job on the SESCAL show! I've been attending that exhibition for the past several years, and this

year the management of the entire event was by far the best ever."

Credit also goes to Melissa Sealy, the federation's main contact person at the LAX Hilton, who went out of her way to work with us before and during the show to head off issues before they arose.

Attendance

SESCAL registration has varied over the years. The results for the past four years are 2013, 716; 2012, 588; 2011, 725; and 2010, 622.

2013 palmares

Here are the awards presented at SESCAL 2013.

SESCAL Gold medal

The awards are listed by medal level, and grouped by subject area. Although major awards are shown at the top, all special awards are listed with the exhibit.

The awards for single-frame exhibits are listed separately by medal level.

Philatelic Jury: Michael Dixon, chairman, Portland, Ore.; Colin Fraser, Woodstock, N.Y.; Robert Hohertz, Northfield, Minn.; Matt Kewriga, San Francisco, Calif.; Wayne Menuz, San Jose, Calif.

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and I came to the same conclusion for this year's choice.

"This person is 'hard working, very honest and a good person.' (A quote from Silvia.) He/she is a big believer and a supporter of cancer research. This person has three children, a grandchild and one more on the way. He/she was born in California, went to school locally, and went on to college. Military service in the Air Force came next. Once told he/she could argue for or against anything, the decision was made to go for a law degree.

"There has been some travel in his/her life. Mexico, Canada and even Hawaii.

"He has been a stamp collector for too many years to calculate. He has done a lot for the hobby of stamp collecting. He is a member of PSLA and has held office in that club for many years.

"When SESCAL was in need of new committee members, he stepped up and volunteered to be the show chairman of SESCAL.

"I'm sure you've put the clues together and come up with the name of Carl Shaff II. Carl has brought a unique style of leadership to the SESCAL show.

"When we first met Carl, his hair was darker and in a pony tail. Silvia likes this hair style better!

"It gives Jean and me great pleasure to honor Carl with this year's Federation Distinguished Service Award."

We all extend our congratulations to Carl and thanks for his work as SESCAL chairman..

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deadline is Jan. 3. Mention SANDICAL when making a reservation.

The France and Colonies Philatelic Society, the only North American Organization devoted to the philately of France and her colonies, will meet during the show.

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Open Competition

Single Frame Competition

Federation Grand Award and Gold: The United States Imperforate Issues of 1851-1856, Gordon Eubanks.

Also: American Philatelic Congress Award; American Philatelic Society Medal of Excellence: Pre 1900.

George Bennett Memorial Reserve Grand Award and Gold: U. S. Departmentals, 1873 to 1884. Lester C. Lanphear III.

Also: SESCAL Back of the Book Award; United States Stamp Society Statue of Freedom Medal.

Single Frame Grand Award and Gold: The Postal Markings of Newbury and Newburyport, Mass. during the Stampless Period: 1755-1855, Mark S. Schwartz

Single Frame Reserve Grand Award and Gold: Processing Graf Zepelin and Hindenburg Passenger Mail 1928-1937, Dickson Preston.

Gold

Hawaiian Postal Cards and Envelopes: Kingdom, Provisional Government, and Republic Issues, Eric A. Glohr.

Stamp Taxes in Nevada 1863- 1873, Michael Mahler.

The Origin and Evolution of America's First Express Company — Harneden's Express. Roland H. Cipolla II.

Also: Lynne Warm Griffiths Memorial Award, United States Philatelic Classics Society Medal.

Hawaii Foreign Mail to 1870, Richard Malmgren.

Also: Postal History Society Award

AQ Lettersheets of the Republic of Venice and their Watermarks, 1608-1797. Art Bunce.

Also: American Philatelic Society Research Medal; American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors: Creativity Award; United Postal Stationery Society Marcus White Award.

Postal Rates During The Gold Yuan Era: The Chinese Hyperinflation of 1948-

49, Hugh Lawrence.

Also: American Philatelic Society Medal of Excellence: 1940-1980; Michael Rogers Best Asia Award.

Mazatlan — The Classic Period 1856-72, Marc E. Gonzales.

The Magnificent Covers of Ejgil J. S. Halvorsen, Bob Lewin.

Also: WESTPEX Merit Award: American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors: Title Page Excellence Award.

Vermeil

The Philatelic History Of U.S.S. Macon, Allen Klein.

Machine Vended Postage Labels Of USA (1989-2012), Deepak Haritwal.

Also: American Philatelic Society Medal of Excellence: Post 1980.

Afrique Occidentale Francaise 1943-1960. Stephen Tucker.

Foreign Air Mail Route 14: 1935-1941, William Drummond.

U.S. Stamps of 1869 Bearing Colored Cancels, Edward Field.

Also: United States Cancellation Club Award.

Philippines: 1950 Franklin D. Roosevelt Commemorative, Richard Miggins.

Postal Inflation in the Canal Zone, Dickson Preston.

Also: SESCAL Chairman's Merit Award; American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors: Gold Award of Honor.

Germany 1934 Airmail Issue: James W. Graue.

Also: American Philatelic Society Medal of Excellence: 1900-1940; American Air Mail Society Gold Medal.

Silver

U. S. S. Macon Lost at Sea, Allen Klein

Sino-American Postal Routes 1880-1948, Lan Qing Zhang.

Pre-Christian Armenia and Temple of Garni, Igor Grigorian.

Also: American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors: Novice Award; American Topical Association: First Award; Most Popular Exhibit Award sponsored by National Stamp Dealers Association.

M.S. Gripsholm: Swedish Liner, Mercy Ship, Louis Fiset.

Also: Ephemera Society Award.

Canadian Mourning Covers, 1842-1975, Art Bunce.

The 1865 Newspaper and Periodical Issue, William E. Mooz.

Mail Between USA and France 1939-1945, Louis Fiset.

Also: American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors: Gold Award of Honor; Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award.

The Life and Career of the Aircraft Carrier USS Lexington CV2 1928-42, Mel Dick.

Single Frame

Vermeil

Peru's 12 Centavos Issue of 1905, John Wynns.

U.S. Penalty Clause Mail Use Outside the 48 States, Lester C. Lanphear III.

Also: United Postal Stationery Society Single Frame Award.

Silver

Short-Paid TransAtlantic Zeppelin Mail, Dickson Preston.

Hi-Value Securities & The U.S. Supplementary Registry Service of 1932, Edward Field.

"The Complete T. rex," Fran Adams.

Also; American Topical Association One-Frame Merit Award; American Topical Association: Second Award.

Jamaica: The 1901 Llandoverly Falls Issue: a Study of the Rates and Usage, John Wynns.

The Nikolayev Provisionals of Late 1922, Randy Woodward.

Silver Bronze

Ryukyu Islands Lettersheets & Aero-grammes, Kenneth and Carolyn Weber.

The Charter of the United Nations, Fran Adams.

SESCAL 2014

The dates for SESCAL 2014 are Friday-Saturday, Oct. 17-19 at the LAX Hilton.

Minutes of the Oct. 5, 2013 Federation meeting

The meeting was called to order by Federation President John Weigle at 2:10 p.m.

John announced that he hopes to have a procedure book for every chairman's office outlining their duties. Hopefully, this will make the job easier for any new incoming officer. John will follow through with this by giving each chairman a request for their job description.

Betty Green moved that the minutes from the SANDICAL meeting be approved as read in the newsletter.

Lois Evans seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

John made a request for a volunteer webmaster for the SESCAL site. Jerry Winerman will check to see if someone he knows would be interested in doing the job. He will get back to John.

John thanked all the SESCAL chairmen for the good job they were doing for the show. He especially thanked Fred Gregory, as bourse chairman, and Ed Kawasaki, as societies chairman, for stepping up and taking on such important tasks.

John also hopes to reach out to the local clubs and get them to update their club information and contact numbers. He hopes to strengthen the ties between the federation and clubs.

Old business: None

New business:

John announced that we need a vice president willing to move up to federation president. Any volunteers or suggestions would be appreciated.

John would like to have an email address or a contact person for each club to be able to send out email blasts to the clubs keeping them informed about what is happening in the federation.

Les Lanphear announced that POWPEX is the weekend of Oct 12.

Another goal of the Federation is to have a club table at SESCAL, where clubs can have fliers announcing any upcoming meetings, events and shows in their areas. This would mean getting volunteers from the clubs to man the table.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Betty Green, recording secretary

Sign-up Sheet

Federation meeting at SESCAL, Oct. 5, 2013

Name	Club
Jean Kasper	PSLA
Betty Green	SESCAL Cmte.
Howard Green	PSLA
Gerry Winerman	SESCAL Cmte.
Jerry Winerman	MEPSI
Lois Evans	Ventura/ISJP
Jerry Kasper	PSLA/Board
Carolyn Weber	Ventura/VCPS
Ken Weber	Ventura/VCPS
William Miller	PSLA
Edwin Kawasaki	PSLA/ISJP
Les Lanphear	Phil 25
	Past President
Carl Shaff II	PSLA
John Weigle	VCPS/Federation President
	SESCAL Cmte.
Fred Gregory	PSLA
Steve Radell	SESCAL Cmte.
Nathan Gutsu	

What follows are notes, not minutes, from the SESCAL meetings of Oct. 6 and the meeting with Melissa on Oct. 7 taken by John Weigle.

Carl Schaff discussed how the SESCAL and federation officers can communicate and said that email seems to be the best solution because of the wide area the federation covers (Fresno to San Diego and the coast to the Inland Empire). There was a debate over whether emails should go to select members of the SESCAL committee, depending on the subject matter, or to every SESCAL staff member, no matter what the subject is so everyone will be equally informed. The majority of those present preferred that the emails, with a few exceptions, go to all SESCAL staff members with a few exceptions. Carl said his general policy has been to watch email exchanges when issues develop and let the committee chairmen solve them if possible. If not, he'll step in. In 90 per cent of the matters that have come up, he has read, considered and watched the emails and seen the issues solved without him.

Vice President Ken Weber has agreed to help develop a volunteers program for SESCAL and the federation. Carl said

he'd like to have an ambassador from each federation club with an identifying badge on the floor at SESCAL at all times to help with questions. He'd also like to have a club table at SESCAL with information about all the clubs — when and where they meet, how to contact them and special activities they have. A first step to this would be every club preparing a one-page flier about the club with the basic information. One sheet could be made part of a display or binder on the table, and the others would be available for attendees to take with them.

Carl would also like to develop a program so spouses of attendees and dealers could have activities to attend while the collector spouses attend the show.

Some other matters discussed:

The banquet committee needs to know about dietary issues before the night of the dinner so special food will be available.

An email blast to committee members about six weeks before the show might be helpful so we're sure who will be staying at the hotel. Rooms for active committee members and their spouses are paid for by SESCAL, Carl said.

Howard said that the funding for help with frames was a big help in setting up and tearing down (as was learned when the show ended). Carl said the labor was paid for by PSLA. The workers were used at the door, to help with the frames and at unloading. Scouts again removed and replaced the bottom screws in the frames at set up and also assisted in the takedown.

Betty said more volunteers are needed at the registration table.

Ed said society meetings went well, but more signs are needed.

Bill said one-eighth page ads (instead of one-fourth page) were placed in the Los Angeles Times and several community newspapers. The standard ads and story were in Linn's.

Bill Miller has the 2013 signs. Bill O'Connor, who could not attend this year, has the 2012 signs.

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President's corner ...

First and foremost, my thanks and congratulations to the many people who made SESCAL 2013 such a success. I had a limited idea of what's involved in putting

on a stamp show because of my experience with the Ventura County Philatelic Society's VENPEX, but that was nothing compared to the details and behind-the-scenes activities at SESCAL.

Fortunately, we have an experienced group of chairpersons and two new people — Fred Gregory, as bourse chairman, and Ed Kawasaki, as societies chairman — who had to learn a lot in a short time and managed to pull it all off.

Another reason for our success is

Melissa Sealy, the senior event manager, at the LAX Hilton, who helped us understand hotel policies and the reasons for them and led all of us through the information she needed to help make the show a success.

Again, thank you all.

Club information

Less successful were attempts to collect contact information for all the clubs in the federation so we can keep in contact. The club list at www.sescal.org and in the show program should be valuable recruiting tools, but only if the information is correct. And the information can't be correct unless the clubs keep us up to date. Please, please check the listings for any clubs you belong to and let us know if changes are needed. Send them to me at jweigle@vcnet.com.

Insurance

Vice President Ken Weber is looking into the possibility of a blanket insurance policy for the federation and member clubs but has had little response from member clubs. If you're interested, or even if you're not, please let Ken know at ken_weber@att.net. He needs to know one way or the other so he can determine whether to keep working on the project.

Newsletters

Again, I'd like to share news of member clubs with other member clubs. Please add me to your mailing list (hard copy or email) for your club newsletters. Send the email versions to me at jweigle@vcnet.com or the hard copy versions to me at P.O. Box 6536, Ventura, Calif. 93006-6536.

Thanks.

President's corner



Weigle

More on minutes ...

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The hotel allowed signs in the elevators to the parking areas during part of the show, although they were unexpectedly removed early on Sunday. The hotel limits the number of signs allowed for any event. One suggestion was to include the words "stamp show" with or instead of "SESCAL."

There were questions, but no decisions, about whether the SESCAL and federation meetings should be combined or separate and what time they should be held (one suggestion was to meet later in the day rather than at 2 p.m.)

Fred announced he can't be at SESCAL next year but is working on the bourse and is training an assistant, Nathan Gutsu, ngutsu@fpcu.org; work phone: 714-671-2519; mobile phone: 562-659-1348.

We were reminded again that audio-visual equipment is our responsibility, not the hotel's, and that arrangements need to be made in advance for it.

We need dedicated loading docks for the dealers on Thursday and Sunday.

Notes from the Oct. 7 meeting with Melissa:

Dates, insurance, floor layouts, including for the meeting rooms, etc. need

to be sent to Melissa to check and provide to the hotel staff members who need them.

A-V equipment includes flip charts, and all of it is the responsibility of SESCAL, not the hotel. Anything provided by the hotel increases the amount we play the hotel.

Speakers should be asked in advance what, if anything, they need and if special seating arrangements are needed.

Ads were suggested in the AAPE and ASDA magazines, Linn's and Mekeels.

The federation is a 501c (4) organization.

Please feel free to forward this issue to any individuals and organizations you think might be interested, and please share the information with members of your clubs. Thank you.