

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Note there are some changes in the address information for some editors and officers listed on page ii.

Effective at the annual Unit meeting, Lois Herrmann resigned as Unit Director. President Hanks has appointed Mr. John Pereira of Massachusetts (BU1813) as acting Director to fill this vacant position pending a vote by the membership in accordance with Article 4, Section 3a of the Unit Constitution. Accordingly, attached with this edition of the journal you will find a mail-in ballot to enter your vote. Please mark your selection and return the ballot to the Unit Secretary, Chris Dahle, 1401 Linmar Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402, to arrive no later than 15 November 2014.

This issue is without four of our regular New Issues columns. I am still looking for an associate editor to take over the Herpetology column. I was unable to produce it for this issue because I have been busy with preparations for the upcoming SEAPEX show. Dr. Schultze informs me that he had so few new issues for the Paleontology column that he is saving them for inclusion in the next edition. I am unsure about the Ichthyology and Invertebrate columns as I have not received responses from those editors.

In the Secretary-Treasurer's section, you will find a listing of members that we have dropped from the roll for various reasons during the past year. You will also see that we have acquired three new members. Despite the loss of several members, our membership has been increasing over the past two years. Please make it a point to promote the Biology Unit to your local clubs and to other collectors you meet. There is nowhere else collectors interested in the Biology topic can find in a single place, the information we publish in *Biophilately*.

This issue has a few more articles than usual. Partially this is due to the absent regular columns, but also it is an effort to increase the quantity of editorial content and non-checklist information. We recently entered the journal in the ATA Unit publications literature exhibition at NTSS 2014 where it received a Silver award (see page 146). This is gratifying, but as editor I would like to incorporate some of the jury's suggestions for improving our publication and we have always been cited for having many checklists in lieu of more variety since even before I became editor.

This edition begins a four-part article by Vladimir Kachan from Belarus on the world of butterflies and moths. We also have another article from Dr. Vic Eichler on amphibian subjects by well-known authors. In addition, there are two articles about happenings at the National Topical Stamp Show this past June in St. Louis.

I am sad to report the passing of three of our Life Members (see page 149).

Finally, for those of you who can attend, I would like to include a personal plug for our upcoming SEAPEX stamp show, which will be held in Seattle 12–14 September. We will have more than 20 dealers, 144 frames of exhibits, a first day of sale ceremony for the Fort McHenry stamp, and many chapter meetings and presentations. Admission and parking is free. Please come and visit us here in The Great Northwest.

Jack Congrove

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