

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S CORNER

DUES

Thank you to those of you who have renewed your membership. Please send your dues, or let me know if you wish to resign. You can pay your dues using PayPal to the account dues@biophilately.org, or by sending a check to me payable to the Biology Unit. See address on inside cover.

DONATIONS

Last year our total expenses were \$3,600. About \$3,000 of this was the cost to print and mail the *Biophilately* journal. The Biology Unit also helped support the ATA booth at the National Topical Stamp Show (NTSS) in Omaha, Nebraska.

We have several life members and our dues last year brought in less than \$1,800. In addition we received \$500 in donations. We are very grateful to those of you who provided donations to help with our expenses. The Unit officers and board of directors want to encourage each of our members to consider donating to the Biology Unit. As you can see, our expenses currently outstrip the amount we collect in annual dues. We have some reserve funds, but naturally this condition cannot continue for very long before the Unit has to cut our publishing expense or raise dues again, or both if we want the Unit to continue its existence. Any amount will help.



ANNUAL MEETING

It is perhaps not too early to make your plans to attend the annual general meeting of the Biology Unit that will take place at the National Topical Stamp Show (NTSS) in Hartford, Connecticut, at the Great American Stamp Show on 20–23 August 2020. The date and time of the meeting are not yet set. Ordinarily this is a social meeting and we do not discuss detailed business matters. But it is a great opportunity to meet the officers and many of the other members of the Unit, and to enjoy the largest stamp show in the United States this year.

NEW MEMBERS

The Biology topic is immensely popular. It is likely that someone in your local club is a collector of something related to zoology or botany. Sign them up. The Biology Unit welcomes the following new members:

1900 Daniel J. Miller, Cape Vincent, New York birds (5), dragonflies (7), general natural history

NEWS OF NOTE

KOGAN WINS WEBSITE AWARD

Biophilately Paleontology editor, Michael Kogan, won a **Large Vermeil** award at the Chicagopex 2019 Philatelic Literature exhibition for his paleophilately website (www.paleophilatelie.eu). His award was in the electronic literature category, which is an increasing area given the expansion of electronic media.

His website also received a **Gold** award at BELPHILA 2019 in Brest, Belarus.

In addition to news and images about new issues, including postmarks, meters, and other philatelic items, the site offers an extensive catalogue of material relating to paleontology and paleoanthropology. All the pages are in English and the images are in full color. It would be difficult to find more complete information about the subject and impossible to find it in another single place.

APS SUMMER SEMINAR

Summer Seminar on Philately is a once-a-year opportunity to expand your philatelic knowledge and meet others who share your passion and interests. All courses are led by philatelic experts who are accomplished writers, exhibitors, experts, dealers, and specialized collectors. The seminar offers both two-day and four-day courses and will be held at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, on 21–25 June 2020.

For more information, contact the APS at education@stamps.org.