



IPDA Bulletin April 20, 2018

**ABRIDGED MINUTES of the 2018 IPDA AGM**

**April 12<sup>th</sup> US Eastern Standard time**

**Meeting commenced at 17:00 –**

**Complete Minutes are available from the General Secretary**

The Chairman Alan Devine called the meeting to order and ask the General Secretary to verify that we have a quorum. A quorum of 22 members by attendance and Proxy was accepted.

The follow corresponds to the AGM agenda items (Note: Votes are in favor – against – abstain)

1. Minutes of the 2017 AGM were accepted. (22 - 0 - 0)
  
2. There were no questions regarding the update and advice to Members about the EGM held February 13th US Eastern Standard Time
  
3. The Annual Reports from the Chairman (incorporating the General Secretary's report), the Treasurer and the Annual Audited Financial Reports and Statement and Balance Sheet were accepted. (22 - 0 - 0)
  
4. There were no nominations for the additional Director positions the Board is looking to fill. The Position of webmaster is to be further discussed.
  
- 5.2.5 Nomination and Vote for Appointment of Confidential List Officer Alan Devine volunteered Accepted (22 - 0 - 0)
  
- 5.2.6 Nomination and Vote for Appointment of Chairman: the General Secretary apologized for typo. This was for the Deputy Chairman position. There was no nomination.
  
6. There were no special motions to change the Constitution. The outcomes to the other matters as per the Agenda were as follows
  - 6.1 The IPDA logo will continue to be the existing blue globe with yellow lettering with a wording change 21 - 0 - 1) New wording at bottom of logo to be "Established 2002. www.IPDastamp.org"
  
  - 6.2. Motion to waive existing Membership renewal fees for 2018 Accepted (22 - 0 - 0)
  
  - 6.3 Motion to agree a special offer of a new Members joining fee of US \$10 for the financial year 2018 with full renewal membership fee of US20 in 2019 Accepted (22 - 0 - 0)

6.4 Motion to agree the role of the Treasurer and Membership Secretary are combined under the title of Treasurer/Membership Secretary. Accepted (22 - 0 - 0)

6.5 Motion to appoint Ken Sanford as APS Liaison Officer Accepted (22 - 0 - 0)

7. The Annual Business Financial Plan and Budget was accepted (22 - 0 - 0)

8 / 8.1 Motion to appoint Director Andrew Farberov as Auditor for 2018 Accepted (22 - 0 - 0)

The Chairman closed the meeting by commenting that all business had been dealt with and he thanked everyone present and all members who sent in their proxy votes.

The meeting closed at 18:12 US Eastern standard time.

Minutes issued by the General Secretary

## **The USA changes its rules and costs of mailing collectables**

The United States of America have recently completely reviewed the costs of sending mail especially to overseas addresses. I have received information from a stamp dealer in the USA which provides details of how these cost increases will affect all USA stamp dealers with overseas customers. Dealer reaction was quick and negative: “Clearly, the new postal rates will have a HUGE impact on international sales for US Sellers. Per my understanding, to be compliant with the law, we must now mail **ALL** stamps to non-US addresses as **First Class Package International**, and **we must use customs forms on all international shipments**”

He went on further to say “I just had to jack my postage rates to \$15 for non-US buyers. That \$15.00 will pay for less than 8 ounces. You'll need to charge \$25.00 for first class parcels weighing over 8 ounces, but less than 32 ounces. Charge \$35.00 for up to 48 ounces, and charge \$60.00 for up to 64 ounces. More than that and you have to use one of the Priority Mail International services.”

I suspect that most dealers are going to chance it with the first class letter (weighs not over 3.5 ounces) or a large envelope, at least for a while. Note that a First Class International Large Envelope can weigh up to 64 ounces. The US Post will have to figure this one out when the mailer's associations start complaining and, just to be clear on this matter, it is a UPU requirement. Specifically the UPU does not want first class mail to be used to ship goods of any kind. It seems that stamps are included under the heading of Antiquities' and Collectables.

More details of the price increases may be obtained from the following <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/10/24/2017-22749/international-mailing-services-proposed-product-and-price-changes-cpi>

A Devine  
Chairman