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President's Message

Greeting from the frozen South! Along with the rest of the Eastern USA we have been in the deep freeze for several weeks. But the Stamp World is thawing out and things are happening despite Covid.

First off this is an election year! Rossica is going to have an officer's election this year. You will be getting the formal notice and call for nominations from the Society Secretary in a few weeks. Then you will be getting a ballot a month or so later. So please make sure you have kept the Society informed on how you want us to contact you—either email or snail mail. Yes, this is a year late, between COVID and my daughter's wedding it just got away from me. So please actively participate and give the new slate of officers a solid endorsement.

We are planning on having two society meetings this year, one in the west and the other in the east. The first one coming up will be at ROMPEX May 27-29 and then one later in the year. May is coming up real fast so start planning now. If you have a program you would like to give, please let me know.

The journal continues to be a great publication and is national recognized as such. But it is dependent on you, the members, preparing and submitting articles to it. The editorial board works hard to prepare the articles for publication, they even do a lot of the translations from the Russian. Having just translated a very short article using google translate, I've learned how hard it is to correctly capture the meaning of the Russian text.

The library continues to grow and is a major source of information on Russian Philately. Not only does it have a fine collection of the works in English, but it has an excellent collection of books and journals in Russian. I've authorized the Society purchasing the new book on the Russian Imperforate 10 Kopeck on cover. Look to the journal for a Review on this new book.

Don't forget that Dues are due! Steve is working hard to get everyone notified so they can pay their membership dues. **This will be you last Bulletin or Journal if you don't pay your dues!** Remember that most of your dues goes to paying for our publications so if you enjoy reading them, keep your membership current.

We'll take care, stay healthy but also take the time to enjoy our hobby.

Raymond J. Pietruszka
President, Rossica

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Minutes from Rossica Board of Directors Meeting

October 2, 2021

In attendance: Ray Pietruszka, Greg Mirsky, Semyon Brayman, Bill Moskoff, Dave Skipton, Randy Woodward and Vesma Grinfelds

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM (PDT) by President Ray Pietruszka with a quorum.

Treasurer's Report: In Treasurer, Steve Volis' absence, Vesma Grinfelds gave the report as Steve had noted to her. "There are 273 active members. There is \$27,000+ in the Treasury".

Library Report: Greg Mirsky, Librarian, noted that more inquiries are taking place. The Rossica Facebook group is growing with about 250 members now from all over the world. We can probably try to do some membership promotion as about 1/2 of the 250 are likely not members.

His garage space is shrinking but still is OK for the Rossica library.

Catalogs should be sent to him via media mail and he will sort out the catalogs and add them to our library as needed.

Randy asked is he should put a note in the Bulletin asking for material be sent to Greg in this manner.

Website: As per Steve's report, we need to make sure that the exhibits are migrated to the new site and that they are scaled.

Publications Report: Bill noted that we are in good shape and that the Journal will be out in 2-3 weeks. All articles are completed and the proofing is almost complete. Currently, the Journal is "over-subscribed". Three articles which were submitted will be in the Spring Journal.

At GASS, the Journal was awarded a Gold Medal but the evaluation form from the Jury was sketchy with nothing concrete noted.

Bulletin: Randy noted that all is running smoothly. Short articles (1 page items) are needed

Journal Article Awards: Ray informed us that that the winners are being announced in the Journal along with a picture of the medal. This is being done in the President's Letter.

Secretary's Report: Concerning our 2022 National Meeting, Vesma has been approached by the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show (Denver) asking if we would consider meeting at their Show. Ray noted that the last time Rossica met in Denver, it was not a good turn-out. Ray will ask Stee to identify where most of our members are located. Suggestions for venues in 2022 include: FLOREX, CHICAGOPEX and WESTPEX. Vesma will check will all of these potential choices and report back to **XXXXX**

New Business: Elections are to be held in 2022 for the 2023-2025 term. The slate of nominees should go out in the summer with the election to be completed by the end of the year. The request for nominations should go out via the Bulletin or a separate e-mail. In the past, voting was by a paper ballot; it should be fine these days via e-mail. It was agreed that the election shall be held electronically.

Ray stated that he would like to remain on the Board but will not run for President. Dave Skipton does not wish to run for the Board. All other current Board members wish to run and retain their positions.

The next Board meeting will be held via Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 (PDT).

Respectfully submitted,
Vesma Grinfelds, Secretary

Второе, дополненное и исправленное, издание каталога "Местные Выпуски (Провизории) Россия, РСФСР, Украина, Белоруссия, СССР 1917-1963 гг." в двух томах. Каталог также включает изображения подделок.

Second edition of the catalog "Local Stamps (Provisionals) Russia, RSFSR, Ukraine, Belorussia, USSR 1917-1963", with corrections and additions, in two volumes. The catalog also includes images of forgeries.

Первое издание каталога было быстро распродано. В 2019 году каталог получил Золотую медаль на Всемирной Филателистической выставке в Китае и две Большие Золотые медали на филателистических выставках в США. Каталог приобрели коллекционеры и дилеры из 35 стран мира.

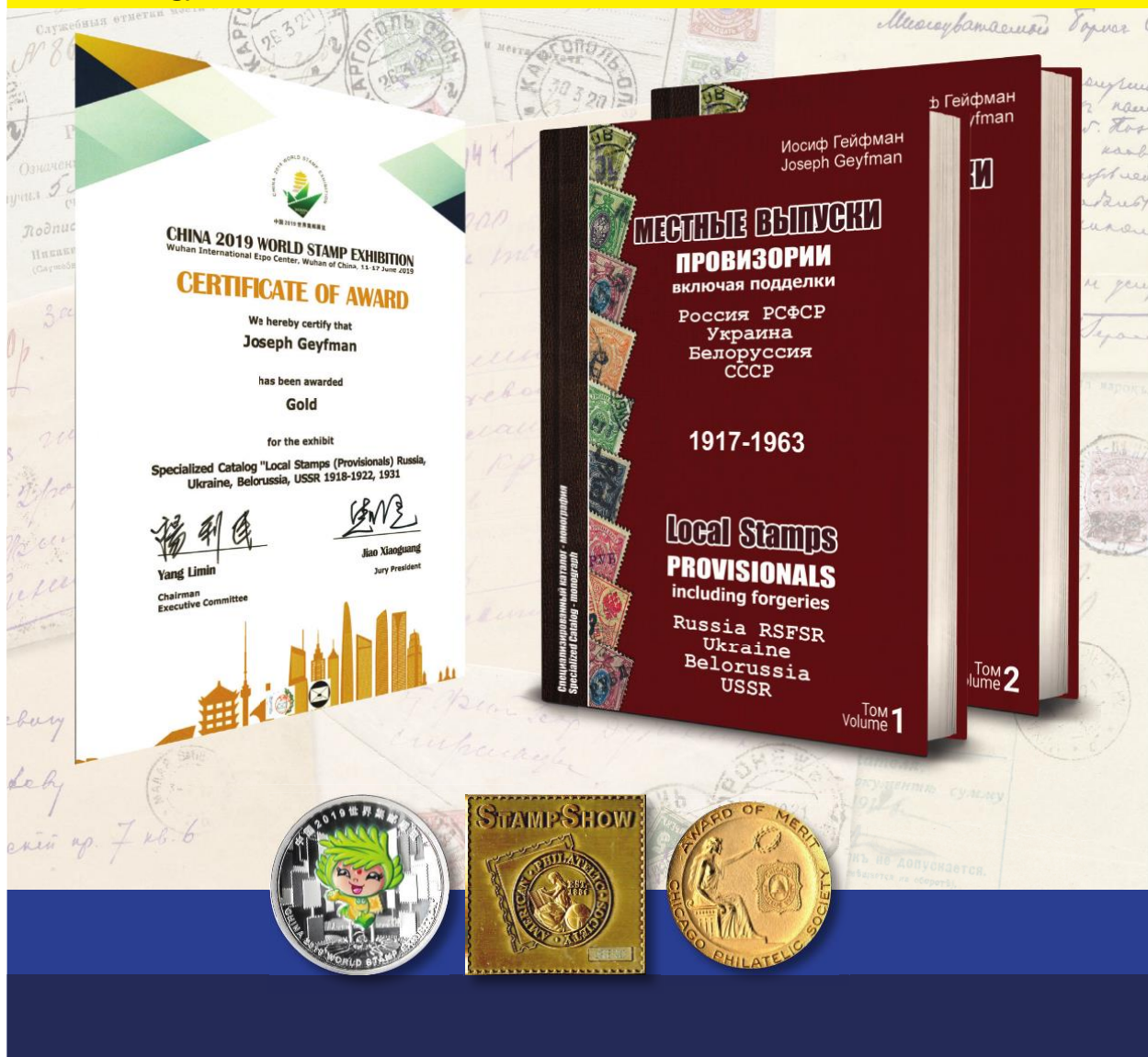
The 1st edition of the catalog was sold out in the record time. In 2019, the catalog received Gold medal at the World Philatelic Exhibition in China as well as Large Gold medals at Philatelic Exhibitions in USA. The catalog was purchased by stamp dealers and collectors from 35 countries around the globe.

По всем вопросам, включая заявки на каталог, обращайтесь к автору по электронному адресу

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Donations Wanted: Rossica Library

Greg Mirsky

Rossica Library historically had generous literature donations, related to Russian philately in all forms and shapes (books, catalogs, auction catalogs, journals, etc.). We want to continue this tradition that goes back to 1920s.. It allows us to preserve philatelic knowledge for current and future generations of philatelists, provide valuable service to Rossica members, etc.. Some of the publications become "out of print" immediately, so we have very short period of time to get a copy for the library. If you happen to have unwanted Russian philatelic literature, downsizing, decided to go completely digital, etc. please contact me and I will be happy to accept your tax deductible donation.

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News from the American Philatelic Research Library

A.M. LaVey

I would like to report that I applied for and received a grant from the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies--a scholarly society dedicated to the advancement of knowledge about the former Soviet Union, and East and Central Europe--to work with the American Philatelic Research Library's collection of Russian, Soviet and Post-Soviet materials.

I travelled to Bellefonte, Pennsylvania and spent the months of June and July working with the

collection with the intent to increase discoverability of the library's Russian-language resources. In addition to the reference inquiries and research requests, here are some of the things I did during this time:

- In-processed and cataloged a backlog of 210 physical and digital Russian resources
- Updated and corrected Russian-language transliterated catalog records according to the American Library Association-Library of Congress Romanization table.
- Created and completed a template for the processing and cataloging Belarusian, Russian and Ukrainian-language resources. This template will assist the library in the future with processing, cataloging and organizing materials in these areas.
- Modernized and consolidated the catalog records for 52 Russian, Soviet and Post-Soviet serials--including our very own *Rossica Journal*
- Researched and made updates to the *APRL Manual of Philatelic Headings* for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Carpatho-Ukraine, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Russian Empire, Russian Federation, Soviet Union, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan
- Reorganized the physical shelving area for the Russian Empire / USSR / Russian Federation, created specific classification for Russian cities and regions, and relocated

the Russian gazetteers to a single shelf.

- Indexed the Russian-language research journal

Научно-практический семинар по истории почты и филателии (Scientific and practical seminar on the history of mail and philately)
and completed an updated index for the *Ukrainian Philatelist*.

The library certainly has a wealth of resources in support of Russian philately. I can confirm that some materials are the only such resources in the United States. Many Russian authors donate copies of their monographs to the library, but unless someone at the library processes them--they are no good for researchers. Some of the materials I processed were from the World Stamp Show-NY 2016! I hope that my work will make our future research more successful!

Respectively Submitted
Randy Woodward
Bulletin Editor

Submitting Articles

If you have short (3 pages or less) article you would like to submit to the Bulletin, please contact me at randyw1909@gmail.com.