

Minutes of the ICPS Meeting held Saturday, 30 April 2011, at WESTPEX 2011 in San Francisco, California

The meeting was held at 3 p.m. in the afternoon and lasted until about 5 p.m. The meeting was attended by eleven ICPS members and guests. In attendance were Dan Chaij, Robert Littrell, Ron and Judith Hill, Ernesto and Laura Cuesta, Mark Tyx, Mark Piper, Gary B. Weiss, Craig A. Eggleston, and Nestor Nunez.

Ernesto Cuesta, ICPS President, presided the meeting. He greeted the attendees and guests and distributed an Agenda at the start of the meeting.

Following is a summary of the meeting.

1. Agreed to send press releases to philatelic publications such as Linn's in the U.S. and Revista de Filatelia in Spain featuring major accomplishments of the Society.
2. Agreed to enter the Society publications in as many philatelic literature competitions as possible both nationally and internationally. To this effect, two full sets of the journal and monographs were provided to Dan Chaij, our Secretary, to try to get them accepted in the Bicentenario 2011 Philatelic Exhibition to be held in Asunción, Paraguay, in early May, since Dan was attending the exhibition. Following are the upcoming competitions we will be targetting near term:
 - NAPEX 2011, Tysons Corner, Virginia
 - StampShow 2011, Columbus, Ohio
 - EXFILNA 2011, Valladolid, Spain
 - Chicagopex 2011, Chicago, Illinois
 - Indonesia 2012, Jakarta, Indonesia
 - PhilaKorea 2012, Seoul, South Korea
 - Doha 2012, Doha, Qatar
3. Agreed to expand the free distribution of copies of our publications to more international libraries to give the ICPS more international exposure.
4. Announced the opening of a Bank of America checking account for the ICPS.
5. Transferred ICPS Treasurer's responsibilities from Ernesto Cuesta to Treasurer-Elect Mark Tyx. Both will meet after the Society meeting to review ICPS finances.
6. Ernesto Cuesta reviewed some salient features of the ICPS Website and complimented Robert Littrell, ICPS Webmaster, for the excellent job he is doing in that capacity.
7. Accepted two articles for future publication by the ICPS from member Mark Piper who also gave the attendees an overview of his current philatelic research projects. The submitted articles are on revolutionary period postal cards: Mother's Day and Mella postal cards.
8. Discussed plans for the first ICPS auction. Ernesto Cuesta will be in charge of preparing the auctions until an Auctions Manager comes forth and volunteers for the job. Robert Littrell, our Webmaster will be in charge of posting the auctions on the ICPS Website. We have already received a significant consignment for the first auction, but welcome additional material until we close submissions.
9. Congratulated Ron Hill, ICPS Publications Editor, for his outstanding job in producing our journals and also congratulated Robert Littrell for producing the two monographs we have published.
10. The session was closed with a superb presentation of ICPS Monograph No.2 by Robert Littrell detailing the most important findings that he and Octavio Cabrera made in their plating study of the 1892 to 1898 Alfonso XIII cards of Cuba and Puerto Rico based on the proof sheets of 1899 Alfonso XIII Fernando Poo cards discovered by Angel Laiz, foremost expert on the postal cards of Spain and colonies,

The meeting adjourned after Robert Littrell's presentation, although some members lingered in the room talking about their philatelic pursuits.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Chaij, ICPS Secretary