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EDITORIAL

Another newsletter is upon us and we can look back with satisfaction to the meeting in Victoria - from Chairman, Mark Oakley through Gary and Wanda Fisher the planners of the event - things went smoothly and the general feeling was enthusiastic. The speakers were on slightly different themes than we often see but were well received by the knowledgeable audience.

Chairman, Mark Oakley has asked me to point out that we will no longer send out printed copies of the newsletter. It will all come via the computer. If you do not have access to one through a family member just go to the library and access it through our website. Mark asks you to let us know an email address which would work for you. I can sympathize as I know nothing of web sites and so forth but we are later in joining the modern world than many of the other outfits to which I belong .

The meeting was a success from beginning to end, including the antics of the "auctioneer" as he extracted the last buck from the meeting which is a good thing as we no longer pay dues.

Feel free to contact any of the officers on the mast head if you have any questions.

Next Meeting

THE 2019 MEETING WILL BE HELD IN BURNABY SEPTEMBER 25-26 TO COINCIDE WITH VANPEX.

Save the Date



BNAPS - PNWRG 2019 Annual
Conference

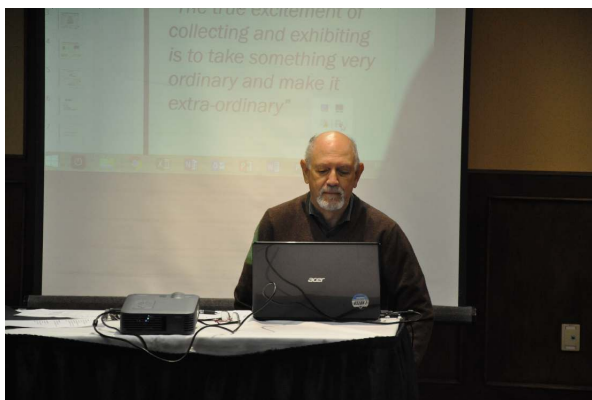
September 25, 26 2018

Precis of the Meeting Speakers

To start the day off Peter Newroth, President of the Wellburn Foundation, spoke on the foundation and their school program. He also informed us of the free stamp packets available to anyone who wanted to take them back to their local clubs for their youth programs.



The first speaker was **Neil Donen** with his interesting presentation on the 1935 voyage of the icebreaker Nascopie in the arctic - with details of the things they encountered. We were impressed with the details he presented .



Then came **Gray Scrimgeour** and his history of James Bay which played a large part in the development of our country .



Third up was **Hal Kellett** with the history of Saskatchewan mail from 1846 to 1905 - again an exciting part of our history with many details adding to our knowledge of this era .



After lunch came **Bill Pekonen** and OHMS with its early beginnings . I learned many details with interest as he gave us the course on this part of our postal history.

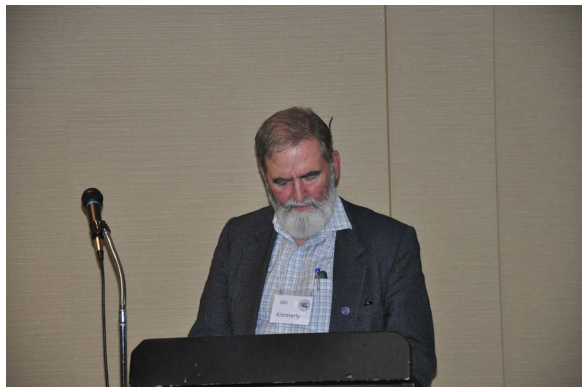




Next up was **Tom Watkins** with the Postal History of Canada's semi official Airmail - which if you are like me have some but knew little of them. I know a lot more now.

Last, but not least, was **Larry Margetish** with a well presented bit on the Canada 12 cent Parliament Stamp and its untold story. Again expanding our grasp of an important part of our hobby.

The **Banquet** was held at the hotel and was very enjoyable. The banquet speaker was Ian Kimmerly who spoke about buying and selling at auction.



Following this were two fund raising activities. There was an auction of items brought by members and a fifty/fifty draw.

The 50/50 draw was won by **Len Townsend**.



Photos of the Auction



BNAPS - PNWRG Financial Report

November 1 2017 to October 31 2018

Revenue

Interest	0.37
Penticton Registration	50.00
Victoria Conference Revenue	2,231.75
Total Revenue	2,282.12

Expenses

Membership NW Federation	25.50
Victoria Conference Expenses	2,098.43
Donation to Wellburn Fdn	133.32
Office expenses recovered-	3.49
Total Expenses	2,253.76
Net Revenue	28.36

Bank Balance Sept 30 2017	3,450.77
add: net revenue	28.36
Bank Balance Oct 31 2018	3,479.13
per bank	3,479.13

MINUTES

BNAPS – Pacific Northwest Regional Group

October 5, 2018 Victoria, BC

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM

An agenda, minutes of the prior meeting had been previously distributed to all attendees with their registration package.

1. Motion: To accept the agenda as presented

Discussion: Amendments to the agenda since its printing. Paula Fralick has declined the Secretary nomination. Carol Oakley has

accepted the Secretary nomination in her place. Peter Jacobi has declined the NW Federation Representative nomination. Mark Oakley has accepted the NW Fed Representative nomination in Peter's place.

Passed: Unanimously with amendments

2. Business item - "Approval of Minutes of prior meeting 2017" was overlooked in error and will need to be brought forward at our next meeting in 2019

3. Peter Fralick rose to make a request for a "Motion of Executive Privilege". Recognized by the Chair. Peter wanted to thank Gary and Wanda Fisher and Mark and Carol Oakley for organizing this event.

Passed: Unanimously

4. 2018 Financial Report. Chair reported that Shirley-Ann had advised that she would be attending the event, but we have not heard from her. Tim expressed concern as we had no financial report submitted last year. The 2017 financial report was subsequently reported in the newsletter. Chair advised that he follow up with Shirley-Ann for the 2018 financial report and publish same in the next newsletter.

5. Elections. A slate of candidates was presented in the agenda and subsequently amended in the agenda motion. A call was made to the assembled members three times and hearing no further nominations from the floor, the slate of nominees was elected by acclamation.

6. Banking approvals. The group has made arrangements to move its banking to Vernon BC to Vantage one Credit Union. The account will require two signatures of three authorized individuals.

Motion: To appoint Vantage 1 Credit union as the group's banker

Passed: Unanimously

Motion: That the three individuals named: Mark Oakley, Gary Fisher, Bill Verbruggen would be the signing authorities, any two to sign to make withdrawals, any one to deposit.

Passed: Unanimously

7. New Business

- a. The group has several life members – Jack and Bev Wallace specifically. We need to determine who are all the life members of our Region, and document said individuals in the newsletter.
- b. Need to determine who the past chairs of the PNWRG and publish same in the newsletter.
- c. Last year when we voted to include all BNAPS members in our region and waive any group membership fees. We did not consider the costs of mailing the newsletters out to approximately 20 members who have no email address. This is an expensive and time-consuming task.

Motion: To mail one further newsletter to members with a cover letter indicating that we need an email address, either their own or a substitute as we will no longer be mailing newsletters. If they have no email address, copies of the newsletter can be downloaded from the BNAPS Regional page on the BNAPS website.

Passed: Unanimously

- d. Next event. Planned for September of 2019 to coincide with VanPex 2019 being held in Burnaby, BC

Motion: To direct the planning committee, led by Gary, to plan our 2019 meeting in the Lower Mainland to coincide with VanPex 2019

Passed: Unanimously

The annual meeting of BNAPS Pacific Northwest Region concluded at 4:15 PM

Carol Oakley

Secretary

Congratulations to Earl Covert on his engagement to Jean.



Want Ad

I am looking for Canadian Scout and Guide covers including the slogan cancels (and the Brotherhood/Fraternite series). I am especially interested in incoming and outgoing mail from the 1983 World Jamboree held in Kananaskis, Alberta – also cachets from that Jamboree.

Alex Hadden alex-hadden@shaw.ca





BNAPS PNWRG Annual Conference

Victoria, BC October 4, 5 2018

Our annual event was a resounding success based on the comments received from the attendees. The success of any endeavor is the combination of the efforts of many individuals. Thanks to Gary and Wanda Fisher for organizing our event and Carol Oakley for her support. We had three sponsors – All Nations Stamp and Coin, Deveny Stamps and Weeda Stamps. Thanks to each of them for making our event a lot more fun.

Our presenters were just outstanding and informative. I must admit that several of the presentations weren't in my own area of interest. But having said that, I was captivated by their presentations. The wealth of information and expertise selflessly shared by our presenters was outstanding. As a student of postal history, you must commend these scholars for their dedication to their field of interest, the gathering of rare illustrative examples and the depth of their research. You just had to be impressed. Not only did I expand my philatelic knowledge, I gathered some research tips and met a great group of friendly philatelists. A day well spent. Thank you to each of:

Neil Donen: 1935 voyage RMS Nascopie to the Eastern Arctic

Gray Scrimgeour: James Bay History

Hal Kellett: Saskatchewan Mail 1846-1905

Bill Pekonen: History of OHMS

Tom Watkins: Postal History of Canada's Semi-Official Airmail

Larry Margetish: Canada's 12 cent Parliament Stamp Thursday was a lot of fun. Beverly and Andrew hosted us at their store on Princess Street – Just a block over from King and Queen Streets. Just got to love Victoria's history. Andrew and Beverly were friendly and welcoming. We moved from there back to our hotel for a meet and

greet social. Lots of food and fun. Such a delight to see **Jack and Bev Wallace** in attendance. **Dave Bartlet**, our BNAPS Group VP, was also there. Also, **Don Shorting** dropped in for a refreshment – Don is the key guy for VicPex. Some great appy's – although the nachos did stick into a giant lump. Memo for 2019 – skip the nacho's!

Friday was spent in session with our presenters followed by our annual business meetings. (The minutes are contained elsewhere in the newsletter). Following our meeting we had a break to refresh for dinner. The banquet was prepared and laid out. Truly we could have fed twice the number that attended. No need to rush for desert as there was lots of deserts, cheese and fresh fruit to complement our roast beef. No one went home hungry – but sure could have used some doggy bags for the leftovers!

Following dinner, Ian Kimmerly presented his keynote address on buying and selling at auction. Thank you, Ian, a very informative presentation. Even after being an auction attendee for 40 years – Ian answered some of my questions like “why do I always win with my highest bid?”. The major takeaway was “Be informed – not all auctions have the same set of rules on bidding, bidding advances, opening bids and bidding against the house”. “Knowledge is Power” and will result in better success at the auction house and less “buyers’ remorse”.

After our speaker we had an auction of items brought by the group. Items sold with 10% commission to the house. Several participants donated their proceeds to the event – THANK YOU.

We didn't realize that our room was also going to be used the next day for the VicPex show. We weren't in any hurry to conclude our activities unbeknownst to us the gathering storm in the hallways. Once the

auction concluded, the doors were thrown open and a swarm of volunteers started to set up for next day. Apologies to all those we kept waiting. We didn't actually have a chance to say goodbye to all the attendees. Hope you all enjoyed your event and had safe travels back home.

VicPex was held the next two days. The exhibits were amazing. Just amazing. The Postal history of New Brunswick, the various postal authorities in Palestine, Vancouver Island Town cancels were just a few of my favorites that I can remember. Memo to file – take more pictures next year. A great day – found some great items for my own collection – a very worthwhile show to attend.

In conclusion – thank you for attending. BNAPS PNWRG 2018. Thank you for sharing. And look forward to seeing you in September 2019 for our next conventions

Cheers Mark Oakley

BNAPS PNWRG Chair

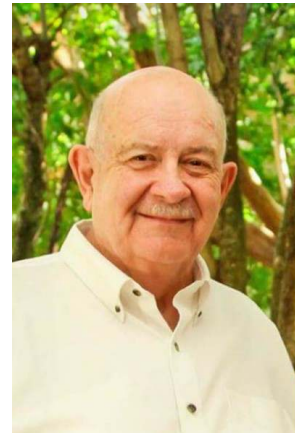
Bill Bailey	86-87
Ken Ellison	88-89
John White	90-91
John Keenlyside	92-97
Gray Scrimgeour	1991-2001
Barry Brown	2002-03,05
Jon Johnson	2004
Jim Davidson	2005-6
Pete Jacobi	2007-8
Gary Dickenson	2009
Peter Fralick	2010-2017
Mark Oakley	2018 -

Award

The group awarded a certificate to **Peter Fralick** in appreciation for his years as Chairman of the PNWRG group. He was chairman from 2012 to 2017.



Obituary - Reg Beck



We are sad to inform of the passing of member of BNAPS Regional Group - Reg Beck of Williams Lake. Reg passed quietly last summer and is sorely missed by his family and fellow collectors. Reg led a full life always willing to assist where he was needed;

Those who wish a copy of the full obituary can contact Mark Oakley.



The Guideline

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VicPex 2018 Special Report

Includes concurrent
BNAPS, PSSC and RPSL meetings

VicPex 2018 Palmares

Ed Kroft	Rishon Le Zion (Palestine)	<i>Gold</i>
Gray Scrimgeour	FAM-2: Seattle-Victoria (1920-1937)	<i>Gold</i>
Jim Taylor	St. Pierre & Miquelon Definitive and Airmail Series of 1947	<i>Gold</i>
Ed Lewis	The Story behind the Stamp	<i>Gold</i>
Brian Plain	Via Siberia	<i>Clarke Horning Award. Gold</i>
Neil Hunter	Eastern Canada Airmail Routes (1927-1928)	<i>Best BNA One Frame Exhibit. Gold</i>
Neil Hunter	Airmail to Eastern Canada's Gold Fields (1924-1926)	<i>Best BNA Two to Four Frame Exhibit. Gold</i>
John Pollard	Pan Am Test Flight of 1946	<i>Frank Dymont Memorial Award. Gold</i>
Don Shorting	Vancouver Island Split Ring Cancels	<i>Gerald E. Wellburn Award. Gold</i>
Robert Stock	Transportation, Postal Services and Development in Blenheim Township	<i>Centennial Award. Best Researched BNA Exhibit. Gold</i>
Don Shorting	The "A's and B's" of British Columbia Split Ring Cancels	<i>Gold</i>
Don Shorting	Censor Tapes of African Countries during World War 2	<i>Lester Small Award. Gold</i>
Peter Newroth	1860-1863 Decimal Stamps of New Brunswick	<i>Eric Hamber Award. Best BNA Exhibit. Gold</i>
Hal Kellett	British Commonwealth Air Training Plan	<i>W. (Bill) Sach Award. Gold</i>

VicPeX Trophies

Gerald E. Wellburn Trophy Best exhibit demonstrating originality, innovation or pride.

Bill Sach Trophy: Best display exhibition of Canadian material.

Centennial Trophy: Best exhibition display of Commonwealth/Empire material.

Lester Small Trophy: Best display exhibition of Foreign material.

Clarke Horning Trophy: Best Postal History display.

Frank Dymont Memorial Trophy: Best display exhibit by a GVPS member.

Eric Hamber Trophy: Best display exhibit by a VIPS member on any facet of the British Commonwealth/Empire.

*** Website <http://www.vicstamps.com> ***

The Early History of the Pacific Northwest Regional Group

(These are the best recollections, told in the “first-person” of long-time member Brian Plain, and are provided with an official disclaimer for any inadvertent errors. I think it’s a case of “don’t shoot the messenger”. If there are any E&O, please send your comments directly to Mark at BNAPS-PNW@shaw.ca for inclusion in a subsequent update.)

“The small beginnings of the PNWRG can be dated to the fall of 1981 when LACPEX (Montreal, September 18-21 RPSC) and BNAPEX (Ottawa, September 24-26) were held on adjacent weekends. On the way home from Ottawa, at the airport, a few of us from the West Coast; me(*Brian*), Geoff Walburn and others I can’t recall, were in conversation with Lew Ludlow, who was waiting a connection to Boston and onto Japan via San Francisco. The subject of a regional group in BC was brought up by Lew and the issue got some preliminary discussion. Over the next couple of years there were more discussions at various meetings that resulted in the creation of the more formal regional group at the show in Victoria in June 1986. The first actual regional meeting, hosted by the Okanagan Mainline Philatelic Association (OMPA), was held at the Lodge Motor Inn (now the Ramada Inn and Conference Center) in Kelowna in the fall of that year. I recall that 50 people (attendees and guests) sat down to dinner. A group came from Calgary which included Ed Harris, Sam Nickle, and, I believe, Bill Pawluk. I think Jack Bennington was also part of that Alberta contingent. I emceed the dinner. The guest speaker was Bob Marriage, a retired CPR railway mail clerk on the CAL & VAN RPO. I believe that Alex Price, Bill Robinson and Bill Topping came from Vancouver, and I further

think Tracy Cooper came dressed in an early postman’s outfit. You may want to check this detail with him. Several Okanaganites were also present including George Douglas, George Melvin, Doug Hannan, Bob Lee, Colin Campbell, Geoff Walburn and Ken Ellison. In the early years we hosted a second meeting in Kelowna at the same venue, as the city was the mid-way point between Calgary and Vancouver.”



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