

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Maestrone

SPI Election Results for the term 2018-2020

We had a total of 38 ballots cast in this year's SPI election. The results were as follows:

President: Mark Maestrone	38 votes
Vice President: Norman Jacobs, Jr.	38
Secretary/Treasurer: Andrew Urushima	38
Board Members:	
John La Porta	38
Patricia Loehr	38
Joseph Lopreiato	38
Norman Rushefsky	38
Kon Sokolyk	36
Robert Wilcock	36

Constitution Revision: YES (38) NO (0)

First I'd like to congratulate our new board member, Kon Sokolyk, from Canada. I believe that Kon is our first Canadian board member; about time we had a representative from our neighbor to the north!

Second, to all our continuing officers and directors, a big thank-you for contributing your time and talents to sports and Olympic philately.

Lastly, I want to thank all those members who took the time to cast their ballots.

As you may recall, we also had another important issue requiring a vote of the membership: approving our "new and improved" SPI Constitution. It's been a long time in coming, but the membership gave it a unanimous thumbs-up.

2018 World Cup Listings

I would like to find one or more volunteers to help compile the stamp listings for this year's World Cup. Basically we need to create a spread sheet of data for stamps (we'll collect the same data as for prior World Cups), plus obtain scanned images of each stamp. When needed, quality scans from non-copyrighted sources can be used. If interested, please contact: markspi@prodigy.net.



Los Angeles 2018 World Olympic Collectors' Fair

Long Beach Convention Center
6-8 September 2018
LA2018.org

The 2018 World Olympic Collectors' Fair is being held in conjunction with the Long Beach Coin Expo, drawing some 6,500 visitors to the beautiful Long Beach Convention Center.

Show times are 10:00 to 19:00 Thursday and Friday; 10:00 to 17:00 Saturday. Parking is available in the vicinity; convention center parking is \$15/day.

Expo admission is \$8 for a 3-day pass, however a special 50% discount is available by registering online: la2018.org/discount-visitor-pass/

There are approximately 80 collectors and dealers in Olympic memorabilia, pins, coins and stamps. Overall, the Expo features about 500 dealers in coins and sports memorabilia. An Olympic Pavilion showcases the different types of Olympic collectibles with frames of philately, and displays of Olympic torches, medals, pins and other memorabilia.

The biennial General Assembly of the International Association of Olympic Collectors (AICO) is on Friday, 7 September at 13:00.

Schedule of Special Events

Wednesday, 5 September 2018

17:00 - 21:30 - Olympic Coliseum Bus Tour & LA84 Foundation Reception

Thursday, 6 September 2018

12:00 - Olympic Fair Official Opening Ceremony
19:30 - 21:00 - Reception & Silent Auction, Gladstone's Restaurant

Friday, 7 September 2018

09:00 - 10:00 - Presentation by Teresa Hedgpeth, USOC Archivist, speaking on the Olympic collections and new Olympic Museum
19:30 - 22:30 - Gala Reception & Banquet, Queen Mary