

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mark Maestrone

SPI Election Results

Here are the results of the 2020 SPI election. A record 43 members voted! While the election was uncontested, congratulations are still in order to all the winners, and a thank-you to all those who cast ballots. The new term of office began 1 September 2020 and continues through 31 August 2022.

President	Mark C. Maestrone	43
Vice President	Norman F. Jacobs, Jr.	43
Sec.-Treasurer	Andrew Urushima	42
Director	John La Porta	43
Director	Patricia Ann Loehr	43
Director	Joseph Lopreiato	41
Director	Norman Rushefsky	41
Director	Kon Sokolyk	39
Director	Robert J. Wilcock	42

Linn's Stamp News Publicity

Linn's Stamp News, the preeminent philatelic weekly in the United States, periodically reviews stamp publications. In their 20 July 2020 issue, the spotlight was on the Summer 2020 issue of SPI's *Journal of Sports Philately*.

Editor, Michael Baadke, singled out Norm Jacobs' article, "Oops, mistakes and curiosities in the design of tennis stamps and postmarks." Also praised was Pat Loehr's tribute to, "Arnold Palmer – A life-long friend of golf."

For those members who may have missed this we've published a copy of the column on our website (with *Linn's* permission, of course):

<https://www.sportstamps.org/linns-2020-publicity>

AICO Member Archives

Over the past few months, AICO (International Association of Olympic Collectors), has been steadily adding new content to its website.

Of particular interest to SPI members, are the Member Archives, a repository of sports and Olympic materials published by collector groups and individuals around the world. Consisting of journals and newsletters, each has been digitized and is

available as a searchable PDF document.

The first 53 volumes of the *Journal of Sports Philately* are available (1962-2015; the most recent five volumes are only on the SPI website). All 36 volumes, including special issues of The Society of Olympic Collectors' publication, *Torch Bearer*, can also be downloaded.

Two of our sister societies' foreign language journals are present: *Esprit*, from the French club, AFCOS (issues from 1994-2012), and *Olympsport*, the publication of the Czech Association of Olympic Philately (issues from 1968-2017).

For sport-specific collectors there are newsletters for skiing (*Hors-Piste*, in French), *Philatelic Newsletter Volleyball* (English), and *Timbrés du Rugby* (*Rugby on Stamps*, in French).

These periodicals may be downloaded by all collectors free of charge. A useful PDF search function is available to search across all resources.

To access these excellent philatelic publications, please point your browser to:
<https://aicolympic.org/resources/members-archives/>

APS Virtual Stamp Show (VSS)

Many of you were able to attend the SPI meeting on 22 August – thanks for being there! I'd like to especially thank our presenter, Andrew Urushima, for his talk on the "1932 Olympic Naval Covers and Cachetmaker Walter Crosby." Also, a big shout-out to Norm Jacobs for his help co-hosting this event.

For those who were unable to join us, Andrew's presentation and the Q&A session that followed were recorded. These will be made available for download on both the SPI and APS websites. We'll send out an eBlast when that happens.

Correction

On page 23 of Pat Loehr's article, "Arnold Palmer – A life-long friend of golf" in the Summer 2020 issue, she wrote about Palmer's love for flying, adding that he had logged "over two million flight hours." That should have read "over two million flight miles." Thanks to reader Loren Lippert for catching the error!