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2013 ANNUAL MEETING: Melbourne, Australia

2014 ANNUAL MEETING: St. Louis STAMP EXPO

2015 ANNUAL MEETING: Chicagopex, Chicago, IL

## President's Message

**Steven Zirinsky**

*Dear Members,*

It seems that it was just yesterday that we were planning for a distant event – our annual meeting in Portland. Amazingly, it will be happening within two months time. An important part of any society is the imparting of knowledge, and I am very pleased to report that Dale Foster has put together a most interesting program. But knowledge flows both ways, and the more interest there is, the more interesting it can be. The more you participate, the more we all get out of it. So please try to come to Portland.

I noticed that one of the lectures on the agenda is on Tonga by Gene Walters, which, coincidentally, has been in the philatelic news lately. Philatelic Collector took over the printing and distribution of Cook Islands stamps last year, and in November, they took over the same duties for Tonga. Tonga finally had a new stamp issue (excluding overprints) in November for Christmas for the second time since 2005. The Post Office was happy to resolve the longstanding issue of safeguarding obsolete stamps, as these are considered financial instruments (which is also the reason the Fiji Post Office has been revaluing their stamps: because they had \$F5M in excess stock, and they, too, were trying to reduce their exposure, but I digress).

Another talk by Dale Foster's insights on Australia is sure to be a winner.

Hopefully, we will be able to offer these presentations on the website at a later date.

More info is available on our website:

[www.sasoceania.org](http://www.sasoceania.org)

and at the PIPEX web site [www.pipexshow.org](http://www.pipexshow.org).

Several people have asked me about maintaining the auction ... if material is sent, we will try to put one on by year's end.

*See you in Portland!*

*Steve*

**Melbourne 10-15 May 2013**

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