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2012 ANNUAL MEETING: PIPEX Portland, OR

2013 ANNUAL MEETING: Melbourne, Australia

2014 ANNUAL MEETING: St. Louis STAMP EXPO

2015 ANNUAL MEETING: Chicagopex, Chicago, IL

President's Message

Steven Zirinsky

• We have our Annual Meeting this coming May in Portland, Oregon in conjunction with PIPEX. If you haven't been before, Portland is a great city... the food is good, the town is interesting and Dale Forster, our local committee head, is putting together a great talk series. Come, learn and join the fun.

• We will also have a table at the APS Stamp Show 2012 in Sacramento in August. Volunteers are needed to help staff the table and provide a more visible face.

• Then we have Australia 2013...our second offshore convention. The stamps and beer are world class and while it is a mental stretch to say "I am going to Australia to look at stamps" it makes for a very interesting trip and you become a student and not a tourist.

Web Visibility. We need to make the website more productive. All ideas are welcome...you can give a suggestion without the fear of having to implement it.

Elections. William Carson from Auckland, New Zealand, has agreed to fill the director seat left vacant by Alan Berry's passing, and has agreed to run in the next election. The incumbent board members up for election, Paul Fletcher and Ed Williams, have agreed to continue to serve. Since no others have stepped forward, these three were declared elected by the Board.

Auction. I refuse to let the auction concept die completely. I want it to be an inexpensive resource for members to exchange material. As a result, I don't want people to think of it as a mini eBay and the reserves will be kept low to encourage bids. Marc Reasoner will assume the duties of describing the auction lots. More on this in the next issue.

The Buzz. What have you been doing? There are plenty of discoveries to be made...Me? I have been working on a study of PNG personalized stamps as well as modern postal stationery studies of the Solomon Islands and the US Trust Territories (very hard to find commercially used). Who knew that there are more than 30 different Solomon Island items, and only half cataloged? I will try to change that.

Steve

Melbourne 10-15 May 2013

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