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2016 ANNUAL MEETING: FIP International, New York

2017 ANNUAL MEETING: TBA

President's Message

Steven Zirinsky

Dear Members:

Any society is only as good as its members. The more visibility we get, the more those interested in what we do join us, and the more we all benefit from the shared knowledge.

While we did not populate a table at the APS show in Milwaukee last month, we did have a lot of activity throughout the show.

- **Jim Cottington** gave a presentation on the recent Fiji definitive overprints. I think his study illuminates the interest and variety that these overprints have generated.
- **John Barwis** was out and about with some of his other passions.
- Dealer-wise, there was this little enclave that was comprised of **Torsten Weller**, **Michael Eastick** and myself. Nearby was Mark Reasoner, who is now president of the ASDA.
- **David McNamee**, our editor was there, as well as Fred Gregory who gave me a quick talk on Hawaiian Mails in the 1800's.
- **John Wynn** and **Janet Klug** visited as well.

I think this is a great showing particularly since this was a show where we did not have any organized gathering. Imagine if we had planned something....

And that is the purpose of this letter.

Next year we are having our annual meeting in St. Louis in 21-23 March 2014 (see page 100). We will be planning meetings and seminars of interest to all, so, please try to attend.

We will probably have a similar presence at the APS show next year in Hartford Connecticut. We would love to see you there.

And if you want to organize a meeting at a local stamp show, let us know – we can promote it, and perhaps we can consider it for our annual meeting, because we are in process of selecting the meetings for 2017 onward.

Any society is more than just the sum of its members.

Let's enjoy our hobby together, in St. Louis!

Steve