

CSA General Membership Meeting

Saturday, April 2, 2016, 9 a.m.

Heathrow Room, Renaissance Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri

Attendees: Col. Deane Briggs, President; Gen. Frank Crown, Vice President; Col. Wayne Farley, Treasurer; Col. Larry Baum, Secretary; and Trustees Col. Maurice Bursey, Col. John Walker, Col. Tom Lera and Col. Mike O'Reilly. There were 22 officers and members present for the meeting.

Call to Order: Col. Deane Briggs welcomed all to the 81st Annual Convention of the CSA. Deane thanked hosts Col. David and Penny Kols, Col. David Griesedieck and thanked Gen. Jerry Palazolo. A moment of silence was observed for those members that had passed since London: Col. James Bowman, Col. Charles Jinks, Col. Donald Robbins, Col. Richard Byne, Col. Maynard Mires, Col. Randy Savedow, Col. William Chisholm and Col. William McDougall.

REPORTS

Secretary: Col. Larry Baum—Our current membership totals, 617, not including the two new members signed up this weekend. We have one new life member, Col. Jim Montich of Pennsburg, Pa. Col. Harvey Teal, Columbia, S.C., is the newest 50-year member.

Membership: Col. Larry Baum—Since our last official meeting in London England, we have had 24 new and five reinstated members. Members per month = 2.64.

Treasurer: Gen. Frank Crown/Col. Wayne Farley—As of St. Louis, we have \$327,370 in the account. Financially we are in very good shape.

Grievance Committee: Gen. Frank Crown—There are no active or pending grievances.

Authentication Service: Gen. Frank Crown for Gen. Stefan Jaronski—During the calendar year 2015 we received 81 patients for authentication. The results were: 70 good, five fake/fraudulent, five no opinion, one withdrawn. Financially we are in very good position; we started the year with a \$5,607 cash balance and ended with \$8,463. We will look into the purchase of a spectral comparator to aid in the examination of stamps and covers.

Advertising: Col. Deane Briggs for Col.

Don Rawe—The advertising revenue for 2016 is estimated at \$6,297, including classified ads in the *CP*. The revenue is just slightly down from 2015. We lost Alan Blair, a long time advertiser but we picked up Lou Hannen.

Website Manager: Col. Deane Briggs for Col. Bob Rufenacht—The website has been updated and Bob is currently working on tweaking as necessary.

Confederate Philatelist Editor: Col. Deane Briggs for Col. Peter Martin—The *CP* has continued to keep our high standards of quality. The Uniontown monograph was distributed to all members with the First Quarter *CP* this year. We still need articles for the upcoming *CP* issues, both long and short.

SERVICE AWARDS

Dietz Award: Gen. Peter W. W. Powell and Gen. John L. Kimbrough for their book, *Confederate States of America Philatelic Fakes, Forgeries, and Fantasies of the 19th and 20th Centuries*.

Haydn Myer Award: Col. Schuyler J. Rumsey for his continued support of the CSA at both our annual and midyear meetings.

CP Writer's Award: Gen. Trish Kaufmann for, "The Largest Recorded Multiple of a Confederate Patriotic Sticker" in the *Confederate Philatelist* number 384.

EXHIBIT AWARDS

Gen. Frank Crown—The exhibit awards committee was comprised of Gen. Frank Crown chairman; Col. Tom Lera, chief judge; Gen. Rich Murphy and Col. Mike O'Reilly. The awards were:

CSA Trophy: Col. John H. Walker, "Patriotic Covers Used Within & From the Confederate States of America during the Civil War 1861-1985."

President's Trophy: Col. James C. Cate, "Confederate Military Mail - Chattanooga 1862-1864."

CSA Trustees' Research Trophy: Col. Bruce Roberts, "Arkansas 1861-1865: A Divided Postal System."

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Jack E. Molesworth Memorial Award: Col. Randy L. Neil, “Confederate States of America: The 10-Cent Steel Plate Issues, 1863-1865.”

Robert A. Siegel Memorial Award: Col. Louis Hannen, “Confederate Mails on the Rails.”

William G. Bogg Memorial Award: Gen. Jerry Palazolo, “Memphis, Tennessee: An Overview of Postal Operations During the Confederate Era.”

John H. Reagan Confederate Postmaster General Award: Col. Deane R. Briggs for, “Confederate Florida Provisional Usage.”

General’s Award: Col. Leonard H. Hartmann, “De La Rue Stamps for the Confederate States of America;” Col. Wayne Farley, “Independent State and Confederate Mail of West Virginia;” and Col. Frank P. Northcutt, “Visualizing a Portion of Confederate Postal History.”

Gen. C.L. Bush Award: Paul Bearer, “Edged in Black—Mourning Covers in the Confederacy.”

OLD BUSINESS

National Postal Museum Scholarship: Col. Tom Lera—The National Postal Museum Scholarship Program is under revision. For this reason, the Alliance will continue the program solely as a CSA scholarship. Anyone wishing to apply for the grant, contact either Col. Tom Lera or Col. Deane Briggs.

Future Publications:

1. *Springfield Confederate Facsimiles*: This monograph is being worked on by Gen. Frank Crown, Gen. Trish Kaufmann and Col. Steve Roth. A proposal should be available for review at Memphis.

2. *Forensic Analysis of CSA Stamps*: This is a collaborative work by Col. Tom Lera and Col. Harry G. Brittain. A proposal is being worked on.

3. House Correspondence: Col. Joe Crosby will submit a proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming CSA Events:

New York 2016, May 29 - June 5: We will have a table at this international show event even though this is not an official meeting location. We ask that anyone wishing to help man the

table to contact either Col. Larry Baum or Gen. Frank Crown. There will be an informal dinner Wednesday, June 1. The cost is \$110. Contact either Col. Leonard Hartmann or Gen. Trish Kaufmann if you wish to attend the dinner. The CSA will have a one-frame educational exhibit.

Memphis, Tennessee, Mid-Year Meeting September 9-10, 2016: This event will be hosted by Gen. Jerry and Sandra Palazolo. There will be other events going on in the area at this time and rooms may be hard to get, so book your rooms early.

Annual Meeting APS Show Richmond, Virginia, August 3-6, 2017: The hosts for this show will be Gen. Peter W. W. Powell and Gen. Rick Calhoun.

Tallahassee, Florida, Mid-Year Meeting December 8-9, 2017: Hosts Col. Alexander and Carol Hall. This event will be held in conjunction with the Tallahassee Stamp Club.

Annual Meeting - NAPEX June 8-10, 2018: Hosts to be determined

CP Formatting and Section Editors: Col. Deane R. Briggs—To encourage the submission of more research articles and to provide assistance to new authors, the trustees decided to establish section editors for *The Confederate Philatelist*. Col. Tom Lera (or another trustee in the future) will coordinate the efforts of the section editors. The trustees requested that the CP have single column format in the future.

CSA Questionnaire: Gen. John Kimbrough —There were 309 responses to the questionnaire which was almost 50 percent of the membership with 180 responses online, the balance submitted by mail. Some of the more important results were: 301 were male, seven female and one no answer to gender. 76 percent are APS members, 31 percent Classics Society members, 29 percent a state postal history society. The overwhelming response was to not change anything, including the name of the organization, masthead and titles of colonel and general. 65 percent would support a separate “Union Civil War Study Group” within the existing framework of the CSA. 60 percent of the responders wrote additional comments that will be reviewed by the trustees with actions to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Col. Larry Baum, CSA Secretary**

St. Louis—2016 Annual Meeting Photos

Photos by Jonye Briggs and John Kimbrough, M.D.



Newly elected President Deane Briggs presides at the Southern Supper.



Trish Kaufmann, recipient of the Elizabeth C. Pope Memorial Award for Lifetime Contributions to Philately, with St. Louis Stamp Expo Founder David Kols.



President Deane Briggs with CSA Trophy winner John Walker (right).



Pres. Deane Briggs presenting the CP Writer's Award to Trish Kaufmann.



President Deane Briggs with convention hosts David Griesedieck and Jerry Palazolo (right).



Deane Briggs presents the August Dietz Award to John Kimbrough (shown at right) and Peter Powell.



Immediate Past President Rich Murphy (right) is promoted to general by President Deane Briggs. Trish Kaufmann and Tony Crumbley are in the background.





Generals in Attendance

Jerry Palazolo, John Kimbrough, Frank Crown, Trish Kaufmann, and Tony Crumbley with President Deane Briggs (center).



John L. Kimbrough discusses the results of the CSA survey.



(Left to Right): Trish Kaufmann, Frank Crown, Alex Hall, Tom Lera and Mike O'Reilly.



Larry Kesselring, Dan Green, and Wayne Farley.



Past President Rich Murphy with wife Betty at the Southern Supper.



Stanley Piller, David Savadge, Tony Crumbley, and Larry Baum.

