***Present:*** S. Hewitt, President

R. Vandevender, Vice President

R. Calderman, Secretary

R. Moon, Treasurer

B. Bolin, Editor

P. Fricke, IPP

G. Dobbins

M. Draiss

L. Gatch

J.F. Maples

C. Regennitter

W. Wolka [joined meeting at 7:27 p.m.]

M. Anderson, Recording Secretary

***Excused:*** J. Brueggeman

F. Clark, Membership Director

S. Jennings

***Call to Order:***

After roll call established quorum present, P Hewitt opened meeting at 7:07 p.m. [8:07 Eastern], welcoming Board Members and Officers. Recording Secretary duties assigned to M Anderson.

***IPMS Virtual Show:***

P. Hewitt reported on Lyn Knight’s “virtual” IPMS, held by Zoom this immediate past Friday, including a full day of hourlong educational seminars, starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m., covering broad range of topics. Board members Cody, Fricke and Maples also opined that it had been a highly positive experience, with turnout of 70 plus participants virtually all day]. Observation was made that the technology may allow participation by those unable to attend physical meetings in future.

Our $500.00 deposit for the Kansas City breakfast was returned to us.

***Literary Awards:***

Editor Bolin reported participation by 50 voters and good competition; most 1st and 2nd place winners were separated by less than five votes. One technology glitch noted – unrelated to integrity of voting process.

*[at this juncture, Recording Secretary Anderson experienced technology problems and was absent for several minutes. Governor Maples was kind enough to take the following notes:]*

***Election of Governors:***

Three SPMC Governors are up for re-election this year: M. Anderson, L. Gatch and J. Fred Maples. Their re-election was moved, and seconded, and approved unanimously by voice vote with no discussion or abstentions.

***Election of New Governor – William Litt:***

P Hewitt has been in discussion with William Litt about Board membership. Mr. Litt, an attorney, collects and deals in National Bank Notes, and has indicated that he can now commit to serve. Moved, seconded, and approved by voice vote; no abstentions/opposition.

*[at this juncture, Recording Secretary Anderson was able to rejoin the meeting and resume his duties.]*

***Grant Application:***

L. Gatch led discussion of grant application i/a/o $2,500, by William Gunther and Charles Derby, in support of a book on Alabama obsoletes. This is first new work on the topic since Rosene’s 1964 work. The authors have completed research that adds significantly to the previous work, have created a new cataloguing system, and seek support to publish 200 copies. Request viewed as highly meritorious, but Board engaged in lengthy discussion as size of request is significantly outside typical such grants. Initial motion [Fricke-Anderson] of a $1,000 grant discussed. Revised motion by Fricke-Anderson to award $1,250 [suggested by Gatch approved unanimously. R Calderman suggested applicants be informed of the rationale for our awarding less than the amount requested as a function of our own guidelines and no reflection on the merits of the project, which we feel is strong.

***Journal Makeover:***

Since last discussion of this topic, R Calderman and an artistic acquaintance, Philip Mangrum, have come up with a prototype new design concept for the magazine which has met with broad approval amongst the Editor and the Board. Board engaged in discussion of logistics and issues relating to implementation, with an eye to introducing the new look in the fall. Mr. Mangrum, despite a busy professional life, has agreed to continue assisting as he can with implementation of the new format.

***Giving Program:***

Nothing new to report.

***Facebook / Instagram / Social Media Updates:***

* L. Gatch has resumed contact with his assistant on the video project and hopes to be able to provide the Board with a first “sample product” in July.
* C Regennitter reported that he now has 500 members in his Facebook Nationals Group. As membership is app-driven, the membership here is viewed as serious and committed. Discussion of crossover between FaceBook and the Paper Money Forum suggests this is happening; extent unclear. J. F. Maples noted that recent additions of some prominent Nationals players drive “added value” for participants. Some security concerns exist, but these are manageable.
* M. Draiss reported that the coin market has been extremely busy in recent months, and his “real job” has been overwhelmingly busy. As such he has very limited news to report on his Instagram projects.
* L. Gatch has learned that MailChimp has various capabilities with which he is not familiar. He thinks they may have value for the Society, and asked that anybody on the Board with knowledge of these tools let him know.

***Publications Committee:***

For the committee [P Fricke, B. Bolin, R Calderman, W. Wolka] P. Fricke reported that a first draft of a document on the SPMC Publications processes and policies has been completed and was distributed to Board members for review today. He hopes to ratify this in the next weeks, to be published in Paper Money and on SPMC.org website in the early fall.

***SPMC Journal Gift:***

Serendipitously, the SPMC journals accumulated by Bill Corbin of Tyler TX, an early member of the Society, were donated by Mr. Corbin’s widow Sue, coming to us via family friend Mike Gibson and Board Member G. Dobbins. Mr. Corbin’s journals are complete from Volume 1 in 1962 to 1989, after which completeness becomes less consistent. Some later years are missing. There is considerable demand for the key earlier issues, and R Moon [whose collection is already complete] has agreed to administer an auction of the journals to benefit the Society. An ad in Paper Money and a posting at the website to come will explain the auction details.

***Journal Advertising:***

W Wolka reported that advertising bills are out; revenue should come in at $22K, although an additional prospective advertiser may materialize and drive this to $25K.

***Convention Planning and COVID-19:***

The Board engaged in discussion of the pandemic and its effect on the hobby. Sales and price activity are remarkably strong. Conventions are mixed, as caution and health concerns remain paramount. R. Moon asked if anyone had heard anything definite from Lyn Knight regarding his 2021 IPMS plans. He has been rumoured to be considering a fall Las Vegas event, but there is seemingly nothing definite that anyone is aware of. The ANA’s Pittsburgh event remains in question; a decision is expected soon. The January 2021 FUN convention remains “on,” and our participation in FUN’s educational seminar has been solicited. R Calderman has volunteered for this, and will supply R Moon with a topic and CV in the next week. Similarly, Treasurer Moon was looking for SPMC Table representatives for badging; S Hewitt, R van Devender, R Calderman, M Anderson and R Moon slated for this.

***Adjourn:***

There being no more business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. [9:27 p.m. Eastern].

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ M Anderson