



Traditional Philately Commission



Minutes Traditional Philately Commission Meeting held at New York Thursday June 2, 2016 10AM

The meeting was called to order by President Lars Peter Svendsen at approx. 10:15. The following countries were represented:

Australia , Belgium , Canada , Chinese Taipei, Denmark, Egypt, Hong Kong, Israel, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Sweden , Thailand, USA.

First on the agenda was an open discussion about input and ideas to change the existing Guidelines for judging Traditional Philately Exhibits. President Lars Peter Svendsen introduced this subject by stating that although the goal of amending the Guidelines was announced at the commission meeting at Singapore 2015 and Delegates and Bureau members was encouraged to send input before this meeting in New York and also repeated in the newsletter sent out in December 2015, no input had been received by the Bureau. He postulated that perhaps the task seemed a bit overwhelming.

Therefore as a preliminary to breaking into groups to discuss potential updates, Lars Peter Svendsen presented some possible changes to wording and a proposal for restructuring. These were provided as a handout for the participants. No clear consensus was achieved by the various groups, although it was agreed that a reordering of the current content to align with the points allocation could be quite helpful. Mr. Svendsen volunteered to produce a draft for review and discussion in Taipei.

The group then was treated to an excellent presentation by Charles J. G. Verge on the evolution of The Brigham Collection since its inception in 1996 with focus on Treatment, Importance, Knowledge and Research, Rarity and Quality over those twenty years.

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Stilwell Walker, Secretary