



Society News

USPCS Announces New Additions to Official Family

Members of a New Generation Begin to Fill the Ranks

November 19, 2007 --- The U.S. Philatelic Classics Society today officially announced that Matthew W. Kewriga shall take on the *Chairman's Chatter* Assistant Editor position and Alexander T. Haimann shall take over the Publicist position.

"The U.S. Philatelic Classics Society has been at the forefront of research on classic United States philatelic areas for decades. Through our many publications, website and monthly journal, the Society has consistently been the center of study and appreciation for this wonderful area of philately." said Wade E. Saadi, President of the Society. "Now, with the additions of Matt and Alex to the official family, the Society is welcoming the next generation of philatelists to continue to maintain the Society's level of excellence," Mr. Saadi continued.

Matthew W. Kewriga began collecting stamps at the age of eight. During high school, Matt began collecting U.S. Officials. Shortly thereafter, Matt began to focus on the 2¢ vermilion of the 1870-1888 Large Bank Note Issues. Matt first exhibited his 2¢ vermilion material at the 1995 WSP Boxboro Show, attaining a gold medal at 17 years old. Matt's exhibit won a Grand Award at VAPEX in 2004, and international gold medals at Spain 2004, Singapore 2004, and Washington 2006. Matt became the youngest U.S. National Judge in 2001 at the age of 24. Adding to his extensive experience in the philatelic world, Matt joined the staff of Matthew Bennett Philatelic Auctions in 2004.

Alexander T. Haimann began collecting stamps at the age of seven. In 1998, Alex set up his first dealer booth at a local show in Michigan. His primarily focus was United States stamps and covers. In 2001, Alex became the youngest national dealer with a booth at the APS National Stampshow in Chicago. In 2004, Alex worked with Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries and since 2005, he has worked as the Collections Department's Philatelic Specialist and as a program consultant for the Arago Project at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C. Alex is also currently the chief philatelist and managing director of Mystic Rare Stamps, a division of Mystic Stamp Company.

A subscription to *The Chronicle of the U.S. Classic Postal Issues* is one of the benefits of membership in the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society. Information and an application for membership to the Society are available from the Society's website at www.uspcs.org.

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