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Helvetia Calendar

- June 16 -- Monthly meeting, Fair Lawn Arts Center, 12-56 River Road, Fair Lawn, N. J. Program: Discussion and critique of how to mount stamps for exhibits. Guests welcome.
- Nov. 13 -- Helvetia meeting at NOJEX.

Helvetia and SASS to Consider Joining

A four-point proposal for combining Helvetia Philatelic Society and Swiss-American Stamp Society into a national organization will come before the Helvetia members for a vote at the June 16 meeting. The proposal calls for:

1. Union of the two groups under a new name, Helvetia Philatelic Society of America.
2. Publication of a society journal by Herbert E. Du Russel, the founder of SASS who is already editing a bi-monthly journal for that group.
3. Continuation of the present Helvetia group as a Northern New Jersey Chapter of the new national organization.
4. Joining of the established SASS New York Chapter and the proposed Helvetia New York Chapter as a single New York Chapter of the new national organization, with the Collectors Club of New York as the possible meeting place.

Helvetia President Harlan Stone, in submitting this proposal to Mr. Du Russel, acted in accordance with the consensus of the Helvetia members, who concurred at the May meeting that he should investigate ways to expand Helvetia into a national organization during the summer.

The proposal to Mr. Du Russel also pointed out that Helvetia will hold a meeting in Newark on Nov. 13 as a co-sponsor of NOJEX that weekend. If Helvetia and SASS join, this meeting could serve as the occasion for the first national meeting of the new organization.

In conclusion the proposal urges that the SASS members vote on the plan at their June 9 meeting in New York and the Helvetia members at their June 16 meeting at Fair Lawn. If there is a favorable vote by both groups, details of the reorganization as a national group would be worked out during the summer.

Same Officers Nominated for 1970-71

Ludwig Weinhofer turned down the nomination for president of the Helvetia Society for 1970-71 at the May meeting, citing the pressure of business which he said might cause him to miss several meetings during the coming year. As a result Harlan Stone agreed to accept the nomination for a third year as president.

Also nominated were the four other present officers: Ronald Lowden, vice president, Aaron Rosenberg, secretary, and George Wettach, treasurer, all for second terms, and Otto Hug, librarian, for a third term.

Although the nominating committee did not recommend expanding the elections to cover additional offices, it did submit a slate of members who have agreed to serve as appointed chairmen for the coming year. These members are Otto Hug, Frieda Wettach and Benjamin Wood, trustees; Aaron Rosenberg, A.P.S. representative; Albert Adams and Werner Vogel, BEPEX representatives; Harlan Stone, editor and publicity; Edward Hochuli, membership; and George Wettach, awards. The program chairmanship has not been filled yet.

On the nominating committee were Werner Vogel, George Wettach and Benjamin Wood.

Barovic and Blum to Discuss Page Mounting

Henry Blum, a veteran Helvetia award winner, and Fred Barovic, an experienced judge and former president of the Society of Philatelic Americans, will present a program June 16 on how to arrange and write up stamps for exhibit. Henry, who has invited Mr. Barovic to attend, has asked each member to bring at least one page for a critique on proper mounting, from a judge's point of view. He and Mr. Barovic will discuss page size, number of stamps, amount of information and other factors that help insure a pleasing display.

Another Change of Name Proposed

At the suggestion of the Helvetia Philatelic Society of Great Britain, President Harlan Stone will submit a resolution at the June 16 meeting for changing our society's name to the Helvetia Philatelic Society of America. The new name would help distinguish our society from the Great Britain group.

News Briefs

Preliminary plans for the Helvetia meeting at next fall's NOJEX include a showing of three films on Swiss stamps and a paper on "Swiss Stamps as Listed in Scott's Catalog" by Harlan Stone. Further suggestions are welcome.

Next year's BEPEX will take place on March 12-14. In the club category Helvetia will be seeking its fifth straight first place.

Benjamin Wood reported at the May meeting that the Fair Lawn Recreation Department is considering an arts and crafts exhibit at the Fair Lawn Arts Center next February, including a philatelic exhibit by the three local stamp clubs: Helvetia, Fair Lawn and American Topical Association Chapter.