

ANTIQUÉ TELEPHONE COLLECTOR'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting Agenda

May 17, 2020

9:00 ET

Monthly Meeting of the Board
Zoom Meeting # 753 3633 7729

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
- III. Treasurer's report
- IV. Bank \$20,129.66
 - CD \$5,169.27
 - Members; 481
 - CH 18
 - Life 5
 - Total Members 504
 - Raymond James; \$31,408.45
 - RJ Available cash; \$136.03

Old Business

- V. Policy Update regarding trademark (see attachments) Dennis Fowler
- VI. Annual Show update for Shipshewana, Indiana
- VII. Consider Sponsorship of ATCA Member Dylan Cruz tabled from April Meeting
- VIII. Crane | West website update
- IX. Set next meeting date
- X. Adjournment

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2020, 9:00 p.m. ET
via tele-conference

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fowler. Present at the meeting were Scotty Poling, Sherri Kouwenhoven, Greg Kouba, Tom Herwer, George Valenzuela, Jerry Williams, Chris Anderson, John Huceby and Chuck Eby. Absent was Barry Huceby. A quorum was had and the meeting proceeded.

Dennis Fowler asked that each member give board member give a brief update on everyone's health and what they've been up to during the COVID-19 quarantine period. Everyone reported doing well.

The minutes of the March meeting were sent out in the board member packet for review. The minutes were approved as written without changes.

The board reviewed the treasurer's report which was sent out in the board member packet. The report was accepted as presented. George Valenzuela made a motion to approve with second by Tom Herwer.

George Valenzuela stated that the members he has spoken with have not accepted. John Huceby stated that Greg Sargent has agreed to run for Vice-President and Steve Arrowwood is still a nominee for a board member position. The board discussed the term for Sherri Kouwenhoven. She was appointed to an unexpired term. She will also be nominated for her position for a full term in the upcoming election.

Tom Herwer and Jerry Williams gave a status report on the trademark logo for ATCA. No new information was available. They advised that they are waiting on a response from the trademark office and/or the Library of Congress. Discussion was also had over the ™ or the ® on the logo or outside the logo. The board decided to watermark the R inside the logo and the bottom right of the logo.

The board discussed the policy update for review for the ATCA logo. Chairman Fowler will update a policy regarding use of the ATCA logo by members. The issue will be finalized and presented at the May meeting. The policy, once finalized, will be presented to the general membership in the newsletter, the board member packet and on the website.

Greg Kouba gave an update on the website re-design project with Crane | West. The project is underway and the developers have been emailing him, Jerry Williams and Chuck Eby regarding different areas of the new site. An invoice for March was received for the work done thus far and it was sent to Jerry Williams.

John Huceby said that Shipshewana show is still on for July 31-August 1, 2020. The COVID-19 issue will be monitored by the board. John asked if the board would consider approving two free tables and free registration for members at the show. John said that it would cost under \$2,000 to host the show in this format. Donations would be sought to help defray expenses at the show. A motion was made for approving and seconded by Tom Herwer. A roll call vote was had and all were in favor.

Jerry Williams informed the board that some antiques shows around the country are offering virtual shows due to the Coronavirus. It was a suggestion after he received an email from a barbed-wire collector's club in Kansas. The Brimfield Antique Market was also scheduled to have a virtual show in early May. The idea was tossed around at the meeting and members said they would each look further into the idea for a future club event.

The board read over a proposal from ATCA member Dylan Cruz which was submitted by him. The matter was briefly discussed but tabled until the next meeting. Chairman Fowler said that he would contact Cruz and find out exactly what he was requesting. The matter was tabled.

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Jerry Williams reported on a show proposal he received from a venue in St. Louis. The proposal was heard and no action was taken due to the costs.

Dennis Fowler discussed the club Facebook page and the significant number of new group members who are joining. He suggested that we possibly consider updating the group page cover photo. He said that the backside of the old telephone operators has been in place for some time. It was discussed that we update the photo with one designed by Chuck Eby. Dennis said that he would contact Allen Rockefeller to make sure that he's okay with it since he is the page owner (as listed by Facebook).

The next meeting date was set for Sunday, May 17th, 2020. Sherri Kouwenhoven motioned to adjourn and Greg Kouba seconded. The meeting concluded.

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RAYMOND JAMES REPORT

April 2020

Considering the effect of the virus on the market we are in very good shape.

Balance = \$31,611.68

Cash reserves = \$5,692.18

Equities - Verizon and AT&T = \$11,839.00

Fixed income portfolio of preferred = \$14,080.50

We have a total portfolio capital gain of \$818.17

Estimated annual income from the portfolio = \$1,447.18 % return = 4.6%

Membership equivalents from income = 48 annual \$30 memberships or 41 \$35 memberships

Prepared by Dennis Fowler, Chairman

DRAFT – INCLUSION OF THE ATCA TRADEMARKED LOGO IN THE CLUB’S BYLAWS
– PROPOSAL FOR THE CLUB BOARD AND LEADERS TO READ AND CRITIQUE

PROPOSED: TO INCLUDE THE ‘LOGO’: ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS WITH A NEW SECTION – SECTION D

ARTICLE 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section D. The Antique Telephone Collectors Association ‘Logo’

- 1 The ‘Logo’ is a valuable asset of the Antique Telephone Collectors Association.
-The ‘Logo’ is a registered trademark with the government of the United States of America.
2. The Antique Telephone Collectors Association Board of Directors is responsible for the use and control of the ‘Logo’
3. Except with the approval of the Board of Directors (ATCA) the proper registration marks will appear with the ‘Logo’ in all uses of the ‘Logo’
4. The Antique Telephone Collectors Association Board of Directors will develop, publish and keep current a written policy regarding its management and the protection of the ‘Logo’. The policy will be issued and available to the membership of the association and to those doing business and interacting with the association in all situations regarding the use of the ‘Logo’.

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POLICY REGARDING THE PROTECTION, USE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE REGISTERED LOGO OF THE ASSOCIATION.

(DRAFT)

The registered 'Logo' (USA) of the Association (ATCA) is a valued and valuable asset owned by the Association (ATCA).

The Board of Directors of the Association (ATCA) is responsible for the use and protection of the 'Logo'.

Decision of the said board regarding the 'Logo' will be final until such time as the said board revises or cancels the decision.

Members in good standing are encouraged to freely use the 'Logo' on such things as resumes, business cards and stationery, personal WebPages and generally on wholesome items that are not designed as 'for profit' for the member.

Use of the 'Logo' regarding 'for profit' requires approval by the ATCA Board of Directors. The said board is encouraged to negotiate a fee, sales' percentage or an in-kind donation when the 'Logo' is used in 'for profit' situations.

Any use of the 'Logo' by nonmember individuals and organizations must be approved by the ATCA Board of Directors.

The proper registration marks must accompany the 'Logo' in all its uses. The marks must be placed as approved by the ATCA Board of Directors. The said board exempts from this policy all items that currently include the 'Logo'; business cards, stationery supplies, information materials, printing dies, inventories of advertising items, etc. Questions and concerns regarding anything or situation that relates to this exemption should be referred to the said board. The intent of this policy item is to not waste what exists in supply or structure while at the same time properly managing the 'Logo'.

-The 'date certain' for the inclusion of the required registration marks will be determined by the said board and will be published for member and external notification.

The (ATCA) Board of Directors recognizes that the 'Logo' and its presentation with its legal registration marks must be effective and flexible. Therefore three possible renditions of the 'Logo' with its marks are acceptable:

- 'Logo' with registration marks both external and internal (watermark)
- 'Logo' with registration mark, external only.
- 'Logo' with registration mark, internal only (watermark)

Tom Herwer, (ATCA Life Member) has agreed to serve indefinitely as the association's 'Logo' expert and manager.

All communication regarding the 'Logo' should be addressed or referred to the ATCA Board Chair or to Mr. Tom Herwer through the ATCA business office currently; P.O. Box 2805, Salina, Ks 67401, atca.officemanager@gmail.com

Northern Pacific Switched Telecommunications Network (NPSTN)

<https://npstn.us>

NPSTN is a non-profit VoIP telephone network for phreaks and telephone collectors; NPSTN is an easy and exciting way to natively connect older telephone switching equipment and individual telephone sets to the network.

For someone to connect their telephone or equipment to NPSTN, they need just a little \$10 box known as a VoIP ATA (Analog Telephone Adapter), which provides the user with a few analog RJ11 That can be used to connect their telephones. If the person wants to connect vintage telephone switching equipment (Like a crossbar or step-by-step switch) a few other components are needed but all in all everything can be acquired for under \$100 in equipment. The advantage of connecting telephones and equipment on NPSTN is you can have a full 1950's – 1980's telephone experience.

NPSTN aims at providing services directly modeled after the Bell System including a demonstrative toll ticketing system where you can see all the calls you have placed on the network based on real 1970's Bell System rates – you can see what that phone call would of cost you!

NPSTN also provides operator services such as dial 0, information/directory, repair services, test board, inward operators and much more.

NPSTN provides a lot of functions that NPSTN-exchange operators can take advantage of for preserving telephone history such as the entire base for signaling and switching of telephone calls in a realistic period-correct matter.

NPSTN has also partnered with the Mountain Pacific Telephone Company of Montana and we currently have about 5,000 phone numbers on the public U.S. Phone network where we provide everyone on NPSTN with a few (public) phone numbers for their vintage equipment.

NPSTN strives itself in quality of services and phone network preservation; we currently have around 60 members in various countries around the world and we are expanding at the rate of 1 – 3 members a week currently.

NPSTN Is the most educational and feature-rich telephone collectors' and phreaks' network.

We would like to be officially partnered with the Antique Telephone Collectors Association so we can educate more people about not only how old telephones and equipment work, but more importantly how it sounded and how the whole experience felt. We believe that experience is something to be preserved and cherished.

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