

SEAL CONTEST EXTENDED

Gary Grahl, Chairman of the NAVA Flag and Seal contest has announced an extension until 1 March 1968 of the deadline for designs in the competition for a NAVA seal. The requirements for this design were spelled out in No. 2 of this NEWSLETTER. The Executive Board hopes to have the design made into a die so that official NAVA stationery can be printed in the Spring.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS

To date applications for membership have been received from twenty-two individuals and two institutions; all have been approved by the Membership Committee and Executive Board. Those who have not yet applied should do so as soon as possible, using the form attached to the last NEWSLETTER issue.

SURINAM FLAG

The Flag Research Center has been asked by the Office of the Minister-President of Surinam to submit ideas for a new national flag for that country. (The present flag, shown on the Flag Research Center chart of "Flags of the World," is white with stars of black, white, red, yellow, and brown tied together by a black ellipse. The Minister-President feels that this flag symbolizes racial diversity whereas it should represent the unity of the country.) In addition to its own idea, the Center would like to submit a number of other designs from vexillologists. However, the time is short: designs received after 1 February 1968 may not receive consideration from the Surinam Government. Designs from NAVA members should be sent to the Flag Research Center, 17 Farncrest Avenue, Lexington, Mass. 02173. Each one should be done in color (about 3" x 6" or 4" x 6" maximum) on a sheet of 8 1/2" x 11" paper, with an explanation of the symbolism. For those who wish to base their designs on the Surinam arms, these show two American Indians holding an oval shield, parted per pale with a green diamond as a center escutcheon. There is a gold star on the diamond. The dexter side of the shield is blue with a gold Dutch ship sailing on blue and white waves. The sinister side shows a green tree and ground on white. The motto is "Justitia-Pietas-Fides" (Justice-Piety-Faith).

3RD INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VEXILLOLOGY

Since the Congress to be held in the Boston area in late summer 1969 will be 3 or possibly 4 days long, the Flag Research Center would like the opinions of NAVA members on the following questions: 1) if the Congress is 3 days, should the extra day be Monday or Friday? and 2) would you prefer the weekend of 23-24 August 1969 or the following weekend which includes Labor Day (1 September)?