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Generally

Coming into the 2014-15 year, the position of 2nd Vice President remained one that did not any particular formal duties ascribed to it, with the exception of participating in the general activities of the Executive Board and its deliberations.

That said, my focus during this past year and particularly during the last six months has been on the organization of NAVA 49 and NAVA's publications.

NAVA 49 Local Organizer

As the local organizer for NAVA 49, I could point out the various arrangements made for the annual meeting, but you have already witnessed much of these during the past couple of days.

Many thanks to the presenters of the Preble Lecture, the main body of presenters yesterday and today, and the keynote speaker from last night's Whitney Smith Dinner.

Throughout the past year, I have been assisted greatly by the other members of the Program Committee—Pete Loeser, Annie Platoff, and Kin Spain—as well as John Hartvigsen as an ex officio member.

Bill O'Laughlin should be thanked for his help with selecting the Ottawa Marriott Hotel and I would encourage future annual meeting organizers to make use of his services—or a meeting organizer like him—in order to avoid undue suffering and pain in the planning process.

The staff at the Ottawa Marriott Hotel has been wonderful and has shown great patience in dealing with someone as inexperienced as me in arranging this meeting.

Pete van de Putte suffered through the difficulty of getting the NAVA annual meeting flag collection to Ottawa—many thanks to him—and I hope the Association will be able to come up with some lessons learned from this process..

Advertising Flag Co. and Annin & Co. need to be thanked for providing the large size and table-top meeting flags.

And, finally, thanks to CRW Flags and the Dixie Flag Manufacturing Co. for underwriting the Driver Award, and for Rick Wyatt at CRW Flags for supporting the Presidents' Reception.

Publications Committee

As many of you already know, I took over as chair of the Publications Committee in July of this year, with the departure of Kin Spain from that role. I would like to thank Kin for his efforts in this area, as one of his editors I greatly appreciated his guidance and support. Much of the accomplishments in publications in my report below belong to Kin more than they do to me.

The past operating year has seen the publication of NAVA News issues 223 (October 2014), 224 (June 2015), and 225 (September 2015) under the editorial direction of Byron DeLear. We are hoping to have issue 226 out sometime in November/December including, amongst other items, a summary of NAVA 49.

Only one issue of Flag Research Quarterly—number 7 (August 2015)—was published during the past year, in part due to a relatively low number of submissions and also due a mistake on my part in failing to notify Kenneth Hartvigsen, the editor of FRQ, of a paper which was available for publication. That paper will form the core of issue number 8, which I hope can be ready for publication by December of this year.

Raven volume 21 (2014) was mailed out in March 2015. This issue was behind its publication date for several reasons including the extensive work on obtaining imagery and copyright permissions for two of the articles. Although three months into the next year is not an ideal issue date, I would note that this is not at all uncommon in the scholarly academic publishing community. Work is advancing on volume 22 (2015) with sufficient material in hand. Unfortunately, I have not been able to move it along any faster than last year's issue given my detailed involvement in the organization of this annual meeting, my day job, and some medical issues I've been dealing with.

Overall, it is my hope in 2015/16 to continue to improve NAVA's publications. In particular, I want to increase the coordination of material submitted to NAVA for publication amongst our three publications. I would also ask that if members have material they would like to submit for publication, please do so. FRQ, in particular, has been hindered from a lack of submissions and is the ideal home for material that requires the use of colour images, something Raven cannot do.

I would also like to point out, with respect to publications, that the editors are all people with regular jobs and families and that, as volunteers, we are doing the best to produce quality and timely publications on vexillology.

Thank you.