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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fellow Members. ONEPS is alive and well as we enter our second year with over 100 members, which guarantees our ability to continue. Thanks to all of you! Our editor has a continuing need for articles, so please don't hesitate to submit anything, large or small, which could be of interest.

Our second annual meeting will be held at 4:00pm on Saturday, 17 August, at the APS Annual Convention and Philatelic Exhibition in Atlantic City, New Jersey, USA. The show is in Halls A and B of the Atlantic City Convention Center 15-18 August. We have reserved a meeting room and we'll also have a club table. The APS has a list of hotels for those who wish to stay over.

At the meeting we will discuss recruiting new members, the status of our APS affiliation, the Treasurer's report, and any other business that comes up. Please bring along any material you wish to show, trade or sell. We plan to enjoy a meal together with all our members who attend the APS Convention, at a local restaurant on Saturday evening.

The annual OPAL Gordon Torrey trophy competition will be held at this time, and is open to all ONEPS members. To compete, you need only show one philatelic item which you acquired within the year (from August of 2001). Gary Paiste won last year and he will pass the trophy on to this year's winner. Each winner's name will be inscribed on the trophy.

As far as I know, few Turkish exhibits are listed for the APS Exhibition, but about 150 dealers will be there as it is the biggest APS event of the year, so I hope each of you can attend.

Bob Stuchell President

Membership Dues for 2002.

This is the third announcement for paying Society dues/Journal subscription for 2002. Membership renewal is effected merely by sending \$20 or \$25 in check (not cash!!) to the Treasurer, made payable to ONEPS (not to Gary Paiste).

New members are urged to print out the Membership Application from our Website or request the form when sending payment.

If an orange sticker is placed here, it means that dues for the year 2002 were NOT received at the time of mailing, in which case please send your dues immediately. Members not paid up for the year 2002 by June 30 will receive no further issues of The Levant.