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Any person reading this journal who wishes to become a members, may print out the Membership Application from our Website or request the form when sending payment.

Articles are always needed, even half-page or one-page items are welcomed; members can offer the results of their research, observations on stamps or postal developments, auctions, etc. ONEPS is chartered with a broad scope covering not only former Ottoman territories and Turkey, but the entire Near East.

..... *from our President*

First, I would like to thank David Sheby very much for his contributions to ONEPS as our Society Secretary from the founding of the Society in 2000 until the end of last year. David played a major role in getting ONEPS up and running and initiated extensive efforts to translate Ottoman written materials. I would also like to formally welcome Rolfe Smith as our new Secretary.

Our fifth annual meeting will be held on Saturday June 4 in conjunction with NAPEX at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner Hotel in McLean, Va,: phone (703) 847-5000, We don't have an assigned meeting time yet but it will probably be 2PM or 3PM. NAPEX runs from June 3 to June 5 and the web site is www.napex.org, There will be five or six exhibits from ONEPS members,

We will discuss plans for next year's annual meeting at the big national show "Washington 2006". This will be a major international philatelic event and we encourage anyone who can attend and/or exhibit to do so. Applications for exhibits are due soon so don't delay. The website for this show is www.washington-2006.org.

After the business portion of the meeting we will - (1) vote on our favorite exhibit and award the Gary Paiste memorial prize, and (2) hold the OPAL/ONEPS Gordon Torrey memorial trophy competition which is open to members from both societies. All that is required to compete is to show one philatelic item acquired within the past year and explain it to the group. Those present then vote for their favorite item and the winner keeps the trophy for one year and has his or her name inscribed on it.

After the close of the show at 6PM (I believe) on Saturday we plan to enjoy a nice dinner at a Turkish style restaurant in Washington (starting at 7PM or 7:30PM). All are invited, but please let me know so I can reserve enough spaces ahead of time.

See you there!

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