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## Fifth Annual Meeting, 4 June 2005
NAPEX, McLean, Virginia, USA

Seven m embers were in attendance: D. Boehret, G. Brown, K. Costilow, E. Galitz, D. Newton, D. Voadin, and R. Stuchell. Guests included J. Boehret, M. Galitz, R. Miller, T. Paiste, and J. Simon.

Treasurer's Report. Gary Theodore submitted his report before the meeting. As of 31 March 2006, the Society's bank account totaled $7,647. The Society has 125 paid members, about one-third of whom reside outside the US: Western Europe, 20; Turkey, 13; Canada, 5; other regions, 4. Annual income is estimated at $2,700.

Journal Report. Our new color-cover format for **The Levant** costs $700-$750 per issue, compared to $450 for a non-color version. There was genera support for continuing with this color format, however a number of interesting comments were made about options which the Editor can explore:
a) The journal could be made available on-line via email, with password protection. Apparently the University of Florida has grant money to put the *Rossica* journal on line. It was also mentioned that the Arab Philatelic Association gives members two options: emailor hard copy.
b) The journal could be distributed as a CD.
c) Two of the journal's annual issues could contain more color pages, and one issue remain without color, thus maintaining about the same costs as at present.

Secretary's Report. Discussion about publishing a membership list led to a suggestion to enclose a separate form with a future issue of **The Levant** to ascertain what personal information members might agree to publicize. R. Stuchell will gather further input from members on this subject.

Club Auction. Aside from the usual concerns about the low return members and the Society might receive from an auction, there were no volunteers to operate an auction.

### Gary Paiste Memorial Award.

A vote among the members present selected the exhibit of Earl Galitz - *Bulgaria in the First World War* - as the winner; Terry Paiste presented Earl with a decorative Turkish plate.

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