

# Merger Agreement between the Washington Philatelic Society and the Collectors Club of Washington

**Effective date of merger:** 1 January 2006

**Name of merged club:** Washington Stamp Collectors Club

**APS Membership:** Since WPS is APS Life Chapter 18 and CCW is APS Chapter 1292, the WPS Life Chapter will be retained with only a name change. This means no APS dues will be required of the new club.

**Membership:** Since both clubs have the same membership categories, all members will retain their current membership categories. All members will be issued a new number.

**Dues:** Dues will run on a fiscal year basis – 1 July thru 30 June. No dues will be due before 1 July 2006.

**Meetings:** Regular meetings will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Meetings will run from 7:00 pm till approximately 9:00 pm and will be held at the Christ Methodist Church, 300 I Street, S. W., Washington, D. C.

**Bulletin / Newsletter:** A newsletter will be published not less that quarterly.

**Constitution / By-laws:** A new constitution and by-laws for the combined club has been prepared. It must be voted upon by the membership of both clubs and a majority vote of the members of each club is required for acceptance.

**Officers:** Officers for the combined club will be elected at the second meeting in January and will serve on a calendar year basis. The Officers are: President, Vice President, Executive Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. Within one month of their election, the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer will have established the official membership list and opened the necessary financial accounts.

**Treasury:** The Treasury will be established by merging the treasuries of the respective clubs once their respective fiscal years conclude. The WPS and CCW Treasurers will each give the new WSCC Treasurer \$500.00 for the initial deposit in January 2006.

**Tax-exempt Status:** The WPS has a federal tax exemption under 501 ( c ) 7. This will be retained with only a name change.

**VPF Membership** Both the WPS and CCW are associate members of the Virginia Philatelic Federation. The combined club will continue the association.

**Other Assets:**

All assets held by the WPS and the CCW on 31 December 2005, such as the collections held for sale by the CCW and the WPS display frames, will become the property of the combined club. The WPS will arrange for the disposal of the Turner Collection by 31 December 2005.

**Competitions and Awards:**

The WPS's Herbert Cover Contest and Hungerford Album Competition shall be retained. The WPS Outstanding Service by a Member Award (DeVoss Trophy) will be retained but the trophy will be retired. CCW's Gantz Award will be retained, but the trophy will also be retired. Both trophies will be donated to the American Philatelic Society. New awards will be created utilizing the DeVoss and Gantz names.

Agreed to on this date 15 September 2005.

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Bruce Kellogg, President  
Collectors Club of Washington

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