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BNAPS Convention Exhibit Frame Limits

– Revised 15 January 2011 (minor changes October 2012)

Following BNAPEX 2008 in Halifax, the maximum number of frames available to exhibitors at future BNAPEX shows was set at 160*. The reason for this was to set reasonable limits on the time required for Judges to complete their tasks, and to optimize their ability to evaluate all entries properly.

At Kingston in 2009 BNAPS Judging Committee Chairman Bill Walton and Committee Member Mike Street met with interested exhibitors to discuss the subject of limits on individual exhibits at future BNAPEX shows. The discussion was lively, with some exhibitors strongly against any limits being placed on the number of frames allocated for a single exhibit. It was decided to leave things as they were for another year and review the matter after the 2010 Victoria convention.

At Halifax the 218 available frames were taken up by 46 individual exhibits submitted by 39 individual exhibitors. At Kingston the 148 available frames were taken up by 35 individual exhibits submitted by 32 individual exhibitors. At Victoria the 160 available frames were taken up by 30 individual exhibits (including five 10-frame exhibits, one 9-frame exhibit and four 8-frame exhibits) submitted by 27 individual exhibitors.

Unfortunately, some 30 exhibitors were turned away from the Victoria exhibit because their applications arrived after the 160 available frames had been allocated. Since BNAPS wants to increase participation in annual conventions, not discourage it, the Judging Committee reviewed the subject and felt obliged to make changes.

During the review it was pointed out that at Federation Internationale de Philatelie (FIP) international shows exhibitors are limited to five frames until they have achieved a Large Vermeil, and to eight frames after achieving that level of award. Since many exhibits shown at BNAPEX go on to the International level, it has been decided that at future BNAPEXes exhibits will be limited to a maximum of eight frames. Depending on demand, there may also be a limit on the number of eight frame exhibits in a show and on the number of exhibits an individual may submit. In addition, to encourage broad exhibitor participation and ensure fairness, there will be an initial acceptance period during which applications will be received. Frames will not be allocated until the end of that period. The system works as follows:

Competitive Frames – Maximum 160

Initial Acceptance Period:

- Frames: A maximum of nine 8-frame exhibits will be allowed and a minimum of twelve frames *initially* will be reserved for 1-frame exhibits, with the balance of 76 frames available for 1-to-7 frame exhibits. **In this period individual exhibitors will be limited to one single frame exhibit and one multi-frame exhibit.**

- Applications: Applications will be made available to all members simultaneously via an insert in BNA Topics. Ten days after Topics is mailed the application form will also be posted on the BNAPS web site. Completed applications with payment must be returned by post office mail or courier. (Applications sent by email will not be accepted.) Six weeks after the Topics mailing date applications received will be processed in sequence based on their mailing date, with frames allocated according to the limits above.

If any frames are still available eight weeks after the Topics mailing date, additional individual exhibits will be accepted, again in sequence based on their mailing date. Preference will be given to applicants who do not already have exhibits accepted for the show. One or two additional 8-frame exhibits may be accepted but only if no other applications for exhibits requiring fewer frames are on hand. No exhibit will be allowed more than eight (8) frames under any circumstances.

For BNAPEX 2013, exhibit application forms will be mailed to members with the first quarter 2013 issue of BNA Topics, which should arrive by 15 February 2013. (Because of our mailing process, overseas and US copies of BNA Topics are received almost simultaneously with Canadian copies.)

The frame limits outlined above will be reviewed after each of the 2013 and subsequent conventions, and changes made as required.

* Additional frames, if physically available, may be allocated by the BNAPEX organizing committee for non-competitive Court of Honour or special displays.