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ATA Elects New Officers

Robert J. Mather of Waukesha, Wisconsin, becomes the 17th person since 1949 to be elected as ATA President. According to the announcement made by Donald G. Beuthel, chairman of the ATA committee of canvassers, all other candidates appearing on the ballot published in the March-April 2004 issue of *Topical Times* were also elected. They include:

Ranes C. Chakravorty, M.D., of Salem, Virginia, was re-elected as ATA first vice-president; and **Caroline Scannell** of Smithtown, New York, was re-elected as ATA second vice-president, a position in which she has served since 1998.

Catherine Fechner of Maywood, New Jersey, was elected as ATA secretary, becoming the first person ever to have served in this position for three different terms over a period of 50 years. She replaces James D. Crum of Arroyo Grande, California, who was unable to continue as secretary for health reasons.

Dorothy C. Smith of Lewisville, Texas, was elected as ATA treasurer, a position that had been previously held by the new ATA president Robert J. Mather. Dorothy Smith previously served as ATA secretary 1984-1995, as ATA president 1996-2000, and as a Board member

2000-2004 during which time she spent six months operating ATA central headquarters while a new ATA executive director was being selected.

Three of the candidates for members of the ATA Board of Directors were re-elected. They are **George Griffenhagen** of Vienna, Virginia, who served as ATA president 1976-1979 and a Board member since 1980; **Jerome D. Husak** of Sun City, Arizona, founder of ATA, executive director 1949-1984, and a Board member since 1984; and **Alan J. Hanks** of Aurora, Ontario, Canada, who served as ATA president 1984-1987, and a Board member since 1987.

The final candidate winning election to the ATA Board of Directors is **Dalene Thomas** of Lakewood, Colorado, who served as ATA secretary 1996-2000, and ATA president 2000-2004. She replaces previous ATA Board member Dorothy Smith who was elected as the new ATA treasurer.

The newly elected officers will be formally installed on June 13, 2004, during the ATA annual convention in Memphis, Tennessee. For additional information on the National Topical Stamp Show 2004, contact the ATA Central Office, P.O. Box 57, Arlington, Texas, 76004-0057 (telephone 1-817-274-1181; e-mail americantopical@msn.com; webpage www.americantopicalassn.org).