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This document is in support of the nomination of **Roy K. Baardsen** for the
2017 APS Nicholas Carter Volunteer Award for Local Service.

Roy has been a stamp collector since the age of five without backsliding whatsoever. His current interests are in the Scandinavian countries where he continues to surpass. He has been a member of APS for about 20 years and has excelled in his service to the both the Reading Stamp Collector's Club (RSCC) and the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County (PSLC) for well over a decade. He meets all the eligibility requirements for this award as stated on the APS website, and he has agreed to the nomination.

Leaving New York after retiring, Roy settled in Berks County in PA early in the millennium, and he joined RSCC once he learned of its existence. Not long after joining, he met members from PSLC at local and regional stamp shows. He visited and subsequently joined PSLC about 2003. Observing an opportunity for his colleagues from Reading, within just a few years he convinced nine other RSCC members to visit and join PSLC. At Roy's invitation, several PSLC members became members of the Reading club.

Following Roy's example, these new members did more than fill seats at PSLC meetings. Like Roy, they became involved, and this included making presentations, providing meeting snacks, facilitating day-long bus trips, working the annual Lancopex stamp show, and more.

Roy has been the permanent RSCC vice president for the last fourteen years, always recruiting club members to the officer and board ranks. He believes in succession planning, and this can be difficult, as we all know. But the club remains a viable one with the feature of a successful annual stamp show that Roy has always planned and recruited the best dealers and club volunteers. The same can be said of their annual Christmas party, summer picnic, club auctions, and other RSCC activities. He does it all.

Roy's greatest successes have been our annual bus trips. PSLC had taken bus trips, but when the couple in charge of this was unable to continue by 2006, Roy assumed the leadership of this and organized a "Trip Committee." He planned the excursions for both RSCC/PSLC, and he extended invitations to other clubs as room allowed. We make the trip every year to eighteen months, and this has included treks to Bellefonte, the NPM, the New York City ASDA Shows, and NY-2016. Roy gets the best coaches for the best price, provides door prizes, drinks, snacks, and even a lottery ticket for each rider. He prepares a piece of paper for participants with his cell number and other emergency numbers to maintain for the day if needed. Details are important.

It is obvious that Roy likes serving people, and this is infectious when one observes him "work the room," not for his own benefit but for the sake of both clubs and their members. He is always encouraging collectors in the hobby and facilitating inter-club engagement. Roy would give the shirt off his back if he saw the need.

Many in the region think of RSCC and PSLC as one stamp club given the mutual engagement, camaraderie, and growth. The genesis of this can be attributed to one person, Roy Baardsen, a stamp collector, a promoter, a friend, and a steadfast leader of the hobby.

It is without reservation whatsoever that I gladly nominate Roy K. Baardsen for the 2017 APS Nicholas Carter Award for Local Service.