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Minutes from General Membership meeting January 27, 2025

Present: President Guy Gasser, Gary Hendren, Gavin Bennett, Barb Horter, Frank Kollinger, Alan Banks, Secretary Phil Schorr, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Carol Hesselbein, Tom Minor, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Lesa Morgan, Norb Wright, Ron McVay, Roger Grider, Alex Haimann, Winston Haimann, Karinne Haimann, Larry Reutter, Nathan Esbeck, Christina Ruth Esbeck, Gene Stewart, Jerry Schultz, Richard Thies, Sheryl Rose, Mike Karasick.

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Drawings: Guy won the 50/50 for \$23.00. Carol won the attendance prize.

Minutes: The November meeting minutes were approved, with a motion by Gavin and a second by Alan.

Treasurer report: The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$14,569.84 at the end of November. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary report: Phil reported that we currently have 15 that have not yet renewed their membership for 2025. We do have one returning member. Gavin Bennett rejoined after missing last year.

Vice President report: Katrina reported that the only open months remaining for speakers are May, August, and September.

Announcements:

- Locations for StampFest are being solicited. The Kirkwood CC we have been using has priced us out of that location. That location had been suggested by a member and worked well for us for many years.
- Expo will be here soon. We will have sign-up sheets at the February meeting for members to volunteer for the many jobs to be done.
- The MSDA shows will be held this year in February, June, and October. Plan to attend.
- We need someone to take over running the club Facebook page. Gavin volunteered.
- Jerry reminded everyone that the February Second Saturday bourse will be from 9 – 3:00.
- Pat volunteered to organize a Show and Tell type meeting for the May program opening.

Auction: Richard conducted the monthly auction of 24 lots.

Program: Christina presented an interesting program on the new Thinking of You stamps. Since one of them includes a cupcake, she has been involved and has accumulated quite a collection, including many things beyond just the stamps themselves. She had contacted the people involved in deciding upon the design of the stamps to campaign successfully for the cupcake to be included.

Phil Schorr, GMCSC Secretary



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Minutes from General Membership meeting February 24, 2025

Present: Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Tom Minor, Gary Hendren, Gene Stewart, Barb Horter, Gavin Bennett, Lesa Morgan, Larry Reutter, Norb Wright, Sheryl Rose, John Deutch, Frank Kollinger, Roger Grider, Ron McVay, Phill Slattery, Carol Hesselbein, Nathan Esbeck, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Dennis Bickel, Stephen Cook, Richard Thies, Alex Haimann, Winston Haimann, Karinne Haimann, Secretary Phil Schorr, Christina Esbeck

President Katrina Whitaker called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Drawings: Gary won the 50/50 for \$16.00. Nathan won the attendance prize.

Minutes: The January meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Gavin and second by Larry..

Treasurer report: The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$14,642.84 at the end of January.. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary report: Phil reported that we currently have 11 that have not yet renewed their membership for 2025. The volunteer sign-up sheets for Expo are available. Please volunteer to help make the show a success. Topical Time, the ATA magazine, is available to borrow, to be returned at the next meeting.

Vice President report: Katrina reported that all slots for speakers for the year are now filled. It's never too early to choose your month for next year. We have one guest, Neil, who collects U.S.

Announcements:

- A location for StampFest for this year has been reserved at the St. Peters RecPlex. (We are still waiting to hear further about the gym at Creve Coeur.) The dates are August 9-10.
- Expo will be here soon. The sign-up sheets to volunteer to help are here. Please volunteer.
- The Great American Stamp Show will be held this year in the Chicago suburbs. GASS will not be held next year to avoid competing with the Boston world show that year.
- Pat reminded everyone of the Show and Tell program for May. Please contact Pat for more info.
- Gene reported the Second Saturday show was successful in February. It will not be held in March to avoid competing with Expo.

Auction: Richard conducted the monthly auction of 4 lots.

Program: Ron McVay presented a very interesting program on the stamps issued by the Confederate States during the U.S. Civil War. He explained how they were printed, and how to tell counterfeits from the valid stamps. He passed around cards containing each of the valid stamps and examples of many of the counterfeits.

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Minutes from General Membership meeting March 24, 2025

Present: President Guy Gasser, Gary Hendren, Gene Stewart, Secretary Phil Schorr, Gavin Bennett, Phil Slattery, Sheryl Rose, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, John Deutch, Carol Hesselbein, Ron McVay, Michael Hirschfeld, Roger Grider, John Wemhoener, Frank Kollinger, Dennis Ripplinger, David Mahsman, Alex Haimann, Winston Haimann, Steve Cook, Larry Reutter, Barb Horter, Nathan Esbeck, Richard Thies, Bob Nelson, Karinne Haimann

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Drawings: Guy won the 50/50 for \$23.50. Phil won the attendance prize.

Minutes: The January meeting minutes were approved - motion by John D. and second by Gavin.

Treasurer report: The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$14,647.67 at the end of February. More details are available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary report: Phil reported that we currently have 7 that have not renewed their membership, and Michael Hirschfeld has rejoined. We have received the first two issues of Topical Time. They are available for club members to borrow for a month and then return them.

Vice President report: Katrina reported that all slots for speakers for the year are now filled. It's never too early to choose your month for next year. StampFest will be held at the St. Peters Rec-Plex this August 9 and 10. We should have the usual Pot Luck dinner on Saturday.

Announcements:

- Be sure to fill out your activity form, taking credit for any volunteer time at Expo.
- Guy thanked everyone who helped out at Expo. Things went very smoothly and the dealers noted all those wearing the club shirts.
- Attendance at Expo was 371 people, with enough coming back for a second day that the final total of people in the door was probably close to 500. The paid attendance was 34 people less than last year.
- We hope the attendance at StampFest will not be down from the 200+ two years ago. Guy gave contracts to 14 dealers at Expo and will mail out a few more, hoping to get 16-18 there.
- It is still not clear whether the Rec-Plex snack stand will be open the entire time of the show or whether we will handle it ourselves as in prior years.
- It was reported that David Semsrott suffered a stroke recently.
- Stamp Smith is now retired and the stock is being sold in auctions.

Auction: David and Richard conducted the monthly auction of 7 lots.

Program: Alex Haimann presented a very interesting program that included many items that went through the mail, even though they were boxes or other three-dimensional items. He also offered to sponsor the first-year membership for anyone who doesn't belong to the APS.

Phil Schorr, GMCSA Secretary



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Minutes from General Membership meeting April 28, 2025

Present: President Guy Gasser, Frank Kollinger, Gene Stewart, Secretary Phil Schorr, Carol Hesselbein, Barb Horter, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Norb Wright, Ron McVay, David Sullivan, Gary Hendren, Sheryl Rose, Roger Grider, Tom Minor, Phil Slattery, David Mahsman, Gary Denker, John Wemhoener, Winston Haimann, Steve Cook, Dennis Ripplinger, Alex Haimann, Chief Stasiak, Nathan Esbeck, Christina Esbeck (late).

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Drawings: Katrina won the 50/50 for \$21.00. Frank won the attendance prize.

Minutes: The March meeting Minutes were approved - motion by David and second by Chief. .

Treasurer report: The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$14,000+ at the end of March. More details available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary report: Phil reported that we currently have 69 memberships, covering 74 people due to the three families with more than one member. We no longer charge extra for family memberships. He again reminded everyone that we have current copies of Topical Time available for members to borrow.

Vice President report: Katrina reported that all slots for speakers for the year are now filled. It's never too early to choose your month for next year.

Announcements:

- Be sure to fill out your activity form, taking credit for any volunteer time at Expo.
- StampFest is set for the St. Peters Rec-Plex. We have received six dealer contracts so far. We hope to have a total of 14-16 dealers.
- Our May meeting will be on the third Monday, May 19, since the fourth Monday is Memorial Day.
- The Opel+ meeting in July will be held at Hobo's in St. Peters on a Tuesday. More info to follow.

Auction: David and Richard conducted the monthly auction. Included were six lots from Alex Haimann with much larger catalogue values than our normal auction lots. All were started for an opening bid of \$2.00. Next month he will include a used Penny Black in the auction.

Program: Barb Horter presented a program on her collecting topic of Beetles (not The Beetles). She had several stock sheets with Beetles on stamps, small replicas of beetles, and some actual large beetles from her collection.

Finale: Alex Haimann brought an amazing Persian Rug revenue stamp that will soon be included in a Cherrystone auction. This will probably be the only time members see one "in the flesh".

Phil Schorr, GMCSecretary



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Minutes from General Membership meeting May 19, 2025

Present: President Guy Gasser, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Gene Stewart, Secretary Phil Schorr, Carol Hesselbein, Barb Horter, Ed Bayham, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Ron McVay, Phill Slattery, Lesa Morgan, Frank Kollinger, Stephen Cook, Sheryl Rose, Christina Esbeck, David Mahsman, Bob Phillips, Nathan Esbeck, Ladd Faszold, Tom Minor, Michael Karasick, Winston Haimann, Alex Haimann, Jerry Schultz, Alan Banks, Michael Hirschfeld

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Drawings: Guy won the 50/50 for \$22.00. Phil won the attendance prize.

Minutes: The April meeting minutes were approved - motion by Barb and second by Christina..

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report showed total net assets of \$13,810.17 at the end of April. More details are available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary's report: Phil reported that we have received two donated collections. It will take time to go through them to see what they contain. He reminded everyone that we have the last few issues of Topical Time for members to borrow.

Vice President's report: Katrina reported that the September speaker slot had opened up. Nathan volunteered to move his talk up to that time. She introduced new member Bob Phillips.

Announcements:

- Guy pointed out that there is another parking lot available for our meetings on the south side of the building.
- He reported that member Bob Ogrodnik passed away a few days ago, and a moment of silence was observed.
- Fortunately, none of our members suffered any damage from the major tornado.
- Alex Haimann offered to provide a free membership to the APS for the next 19 months for anyone who is not already a member.

Auction: David and Richard conducted the monthly auction. Included was the Penny Black donated by Alex. It brought a long and expensive bidding duel.

Program: Pat had the room set up for everyone to display a portion of their collection in the "Showin' Off" program. Many members brought things, the tables surrounding the room were full to overflowing, and it was a very interesting program.

Phil Schorr, GMCSecretary



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Minutes from General Membership meeting June 23, 2025

Present: President Guy Gasser, Frank Kollinger, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Barb Horter, Carol Hesselbein, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Secretary Phil Schorr, Dennis Ripplinger, Sheryl Rose, Dennis O'Brien, Larry Reutter, Ron McVay, Ed Bayham, David Mahsman, Steve Cook, Bob Phillips, Richard Thies, Michael Karasick, Jerry Schultz, Ladd Faszold, Diane Goatey, Nathan Esbeck, Alan Barasch, Christina Esbeck.

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Drawings: Michael won the 50/50 for \$33.00. Jerry won the attendance prize.

Minutes: The April meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Alan and second by David..

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report showed total net assets of \$13,832.17 at the end of April. More details are available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary's report: Phil reported that a number of the FDCs from one of the donated collections are on a back table and for sale to club members. The latest ATA magazines are available to borrow.

Vice President's report: Katrina reported that Diane Goatey joined tonight. The speaker schedule is filled for the remainder of 2025. Next month will be the annual Lick and Stick meeting, readying the announcements about StampFest for mailing.

Announcements:

- Guy reported we have 13 dealers so far signed up for StampFest, with one or two more probable. Sign-up forms will be available for volunteers for all the jobs needed for StampFest. The list to report what you will bring for the Pot Luck will also be available.
- We will soon be making plans for the Christmas Party.
- Jerry has some of the material from Bob Ogrodnik's collection available for sale here. At this point, it is unknown how the premier material from the collection will be handled.
- The notices for the recent MSDA show in St. Charles didn't arrive until after the event had taken place. This may explain the disappointing attendance at the event.

Auction: David and Richard conducted the monthly auction.

Program: Alan Barasch presented a program about Disease!. He showed stamps from around the world that called attention to a specific disease or other health condition. In some cases, it was interesting to see how some countries used the same illustration as previously used by the first country to issue a stamp for a given condition. Stamps showing some of the doctors and scientists involved in preventing or treating diseases were also shown.

Phil Schorr, GMSCS Secretary



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Minutes from General Membership meeting July 28, 2025

Present: President Guy Gasser, Gary Denker, Gene Stewart, Secretary Phil Schorr, Barb Horter, Alan Banks, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Sheryl Rose, Frank Kollinger, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Ladd Faszold, Steve Cook, Bob Phillips, Ron McVay, Norb Wright, David Mahsman, Roger Grider, Tom Minor, Christina Esbeck, Richard Thies, Ed Bayham, Jerry Schultz, Bob Hessler, Larry Reutter, Dennis Ripplinger, Nathan Esbeck, Michael Hirschfeld, Michael Karasick.

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Drawings: Bob Hessler won the 50/50 for \$24.00. Ladd won the attendance prize.

Minutes: The June meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Barb and second by Larry.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report showed total net assets of \$16,465.17 at the end of June. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary's report: Phil reported that our membership now stands at 73.

Vice President's report: Katrina pointed out that the sign-up sheets for volunteering at StampFest are available at the head table. She also passed around a sign-up sheet indicating what food you will bring for the Potluck after the show closes on Saturday. She has a few volunteers to give a program next year, but still has several openings. Sign up for one before they are all gone.

Announcements:

- Michael Karasick introduced distinguished visitor David Beech from the U.K.
- Guy noted that Alex Haimann has been named the winner of the APS Kehr Award. This is a real honor for Alex.
- Again, please sign up to help with one or more duties at StampFest. It is an important activity for our club. The best place to park to access the show is in the back parking lot.

Auction: David and Richard conducted the monthly auction.

Program: Everyone worked at the "Lick and Stick" to get the notices for StampFest ready to send out. There were over 800 letters and envelopes, as well as more than 600 postcards. With everyone's help, they were all done and ready to go to the Post Office.

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Minutes from General Membership meeting August 25, 2025

Present: President Guy Gasser, Tom Minor, Gene Stewart, Barb Horter, Dennis Bickel, Diane Goatey, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Bob Phillips, Gary Hendren, Frank Kollinger, Norb Wright, Roger Grider, Gary Denker, Ed Bayham, Christina Esbeck, David Mahsman, Ron McVay, John Wemhoener, Steve Cook, Noel "Chief" Stasiak, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Michael Karasick, Sheryl Rose, Larry Reutter, Ladd Faszold, Nathan Esbeck, Alex Haimann, Winstone Haimann, Karinne Haimann.

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

Drawings: No drawings were held.

Minutes: The July meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Chief and second by Larry.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$13,893.45 at the end of July. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary's report: Not in attendance at meeting. Minutes were taken by the Vice President.

Vice President's report: Katrina reported the Holiday Party will be the next item on the social scene. It will be on December 11, 2025 at *Catering To You* in Florissant, MO. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Cost to members has not yet been determined. Please put it on your calendar. It is open to all club members and their families.

We still have openings for speakers for most months of next year. Only January, April, and June have been filled.

Announcements:

- At GASS, Christina Esbeck was presented with the Champion of Champions Youth top award for her exhibit of "Thinking of You". It was also announced that she has been selected to be a member of the YPLF for the 2025/2026 year.
- GASS will not be held in 2026 due to the International Show in Boston on May 23-30, 2026.

Auction: David and Richard conducted the monthly auction with a large number of lots.

Program: Michael Karasick gave a presentation on the Argentine revenue stamps featuring trains. He requested help with creating an exhibit story for them.

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Minutes from General Membership meeting September 22, 2025

Present: President Guy Gasser, Gary Hendren, Sheryl Rose, Tom Minor, Barb Horter, Ron McVay, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Secretary Phil Schorr, Alan Banks, Carol Hesselbein, Bob Hessler, Norb Wright, Roger Grider, Ed Bayham, Frank Kollinger, David Mahsman, John Wemhoener, Bob Phillips, Nathan Esbeck, Gene Stewart, Dennis Ripplinger, Richard Thies, Christina Esbeck.

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Drawings: Carol Hesselbein won the 50-50 (\$21), since no attendance prize drawing was held at the August meeting, two were held at this meeting. Guy Gasser and Nathan Esbeck were the winners.

Minutes: The August meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Gary and second by Ed.

Treasurer report: The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$14,130.59 at the end of August. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary report: Glad to be back from illness. The editor's printer began to fail while printing the Perf-Dispatch, with the result that the color of the illustrations was faulty. He needs a new printer.

Vice President report: Katrina reported the Holiday Party will be the next item on the social scene. It will be on December 11, 2025 at Catering To You in Florissant, MO. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Cost to members has not yet been determined.

We still have openings for speakers for most months of next year. Only January, April and June have been filled.

Announcements:

- The program next month will be the annual Philatelic Jeopardy contest.
- If you plan to attend any of the upcoming Opel+ gatherings, please RSVP on the website.
- A Nominating Committee is needed to find candidates for President and Treasurer. Carol and Christina volunteered to be the committee.
- Ron McVay recently received his recognition as a 50 year member of the APS.
- There will not be an auction at the meeting next month.

Auction: David and Richard conducted the monthly auction with a large number of lots.

Program: Nathan Esbeck gave a program on the Stamp Act of 1765, with Britain wanting to raise taxes from the colonies to help fund the troops protecting the colonies. While it was withdrawn shortly due to resistance from the colonies, it was one of the first things leading to the Revolution. Nathan showed proofs and other materials illustrating the stamps used to show payment of the tax.

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Minutes from General Membership meeting on October 27, 2025

Present: President Guy Gasser, Dennis Ripplinger, Gene Stewart, Secretary Phil Schorr, Barb Horter, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Ron McVay, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Tom Minor, Carol Hesselbein, Dennis O'Brien, Bob Nelson, Roger Grider, Sheryl Rose, Norb Wright, Ladd Faszold, Frank Kollinger, Bob Phillips, Ed Bayham, Jerry Schultz, Michael Karasick, Richard Thies, Bob Hessler, Christina Esbeck, John Wemhoener, Chief Stasiak, Michael Hirschfeld, Nathan Esbeck

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Drawings: Sheryl Rose won the 50-50 (\$24), while Gene Stewart won the attendance prize.

Minutes: The September meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Chief and second by Barb..

Treasurer report: The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$14,717.35 at the end of August. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary's report: He is thankful for the new printer purchased by the club. Ballots for two proposed changes to the By-Laws were sent out. If you have yours completed, please drop it in the briefcase.

Vice President's report: Katrina reported that we only have three months open for speakers for next year. Thanks to those who have volunteered. The Christmas Party will be on December 11. Tickets cost \$25 per person, with the club picking up the rest of the cost.

Announcements:

- Next month will be the AuctionBux auction. If you have anything to include in the auction, please let Jerry know in advance.
- The Nominating Committee reported that only one name has been nominated for President (Guy) and one for Treasurer (Pat). If you are interested, let Carol know. The election will be held next month.
- Michael H. reported that the Chess Club building has free meeting rooms, and parking would also be free on Sundays. This could be a backup location if ever needed.
- If you plan to attend the Opel+ lunch, please let Norb know in advance.

Program: Guy (Mr. Jeopardy) conducted the annual Philatelic Jeopardy contest, with all the categories and levels shown on the large screen in the room. Team Vice President came all the way back from last to win the contest on the Final Jeopardy question, betting it all and having the right answer. Team Treasurer played it safe on Final Jeopardy and dropped to second. Team Secretary, which led for most of the contest, ended up in third. Congratulations to Team Vice President and thanks to Guy for another well-done and successful contest.

Phil Schorr, GMCSecretary



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Present: President Guy Gasser, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Barbara Horter, Carol Hesselbein, Lesa Morgan, Secretary Phil Schorr, Frank Kollinger, Sheryl Rose, Roger Grider, Gary Dencker, Gary Hendren, Ed Bayham, Ron McVay, John Wemhoener, Norb Wright, Alex Haimann, Ladd Faszold, Winston Haimann, Dennis O'Brien, Michael Hirschfeld, Michael Karasick, Gene Stewart, Richard Thies, Christina Esbeck, Jerry Schultz, Karinne Haimann.

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Drawings: Katrina won the 50-50 (\$24), while Carol won the attendance prize.

Minutes: The October meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Ed and second by Barb..

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report showed total net assets of \$14,812.46 at the end of October. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary's report: Phil reported the results of the vote on the changes in the By-Laws. Both proposed changes were approved by wide margins. 43 ballots were received.

Vice President's report: The Christmas Party will be on December 11. Tickets cost \$25 per person, with the club picking up the rest of the cost. Katrina reported that we only have two months open for speakers for next year.

Announcements:

- The Christmas Party will have the same price as last year, \$25.00, and we will again need close to 30 people to attend. It will again be held at Catering To You, 12775 New Halls Ferry Rd, in Florissant.
- The election for the two open positions, President and Treasurer, was held. Since the only nominations for the two positions were the incumbents, they were both elected by acclamation.
- Guy went over the rules for the bidding for the Auction Bux auction. There were over 80 lots, with a Great Britain Penny Black, the first postage stamp ever issued, as the final item for the auction.

Program: Jerry Schultz again served as auctioneer for the auction. He kept things light and fun during the auction. Christina Esbeck, with help from many others, won the Penny Black.

Phil Schorr, GMCSA Secretary