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MARCH 26-28, 1993



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# ROPEX-93

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## "A Century of Commemoratives" and the 25th Anniversary of the Champion of Champions

SOCIETIES REPRESENTED

- The American Philatelic Society
- American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors
- The American First Day Cover Society
- The American Topical Association
- Empire State Postal History Society
- Central New York First Day Cover Society
- Fakes, Forgeries and Counterfeits Study Group
- The Cover Collectors Circuit Club
- The International Society of World Wide Stamp Collectors
- The Marmalades
- The Arizona Philatelic Rangers
- The United States Postal Service
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### Friday - March 26, 1993

- 8-10 am Coffee in Hospitality Suite - Room 1400
- 10:00 am ROPEX 93 Opens  
**Stamp Videos shown during the show in main lobby**
- 10:30 am APS Slide Shows - "Stamp Collecting: Your Key to the World" and "Stamp Collecting: Earning a Merit Badge in this Fascinating Hobby" - Genesee Room
- 11:00 am Seminar: Computers and Philately - Lois Evans-de Violini- Exchange Room
- NOON Exhibitors' Luncheon - Barnaby's
- 4:00 pm APS Slide Shows same as 10:30am (see above)
- 7:00 pm Show Closes
- 8:00 pm Arizona Philatelic Rangers dinner ( No-host cocktails at 7:30) By invitation only
- 7-Midnight Hospitality in Room 1400

### Saturday - March 27, 1993

- 8-10 am Coffee in Hospitality Suite - Room 1400
- 9:00 am **AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY SPRING MEETING** - Genesee Room
- 10:00 am Show Opens
- 11:00 am Fakes, Forgeries & Counterfeits Study Group - Genesee Room
- NOON Chapter 53, Central New York First Day Cover Society Luncheon - Exchange Room
- 1:00 pm APS Judging Seminar - Traditional - William Bauer - Genesee Room
- 1:30 pm Chapter 53 Seminar - Exchange Room
- 2:00 pm Winners of Youth Stamp Design Contest announced - Lobby
- 2:00 pm A.A.P.E. Seminar - Ann Triggler - Genesee Room
- 2:30 pm Chapter 53 CNYFDCS Business Meeting - Exchange Room
- 3:00 pm Judges' Critique for exhibitors and the public - Genesee Room
- 6:00 pm Show Closes
- 6:30 pm Cash Bar before Banquet
- 7:00 pm ROPEX 93 Banquet - Genesee Room - No Smoking in Banquet Room. Guest Speaker - Gordon Morison  
**End of Banquet until Midnight - Hospitality in Room 1400**

### Sunday - March 28, 1993

- 8-10 am Coffee in Hospitality Suite - Room 1400
- 10:00 am Show Opens
- 10:30ish The Marmalades - Show and Tell - Fairfax Room
- 11:00 am A Guided Hands on Tour of Postal History Exhibiting - A service of the Philatelic Foundation presented by George Kramer and Pat Walker - Genesee Room
- NOON Central Federation of Stamp Clubs - Fairfax Room
- 1:00 pm Cover Collectors' Circuit Club - Fairfax Room
- 1:00 pm Empire State Postal History Society - Speaker - Dr. Louis T. Call Jr. in the Genesee Room
- 2:00 pm International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors - Fairfax Room
- 4:00 pm ROPEX 93 Closes - Take Down Starts - **Only Dealers and ROPEX Personnel Allowed in Exhibition Hall**

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*A Joint  
Proclamation*



*Office of the Mayor  
Office of the County Executive*

*By these Presents, Greetings:*

WHEREAS: The Rochester Philatelic Association will be sponsoring ROPEX '93 in Rochester on March 26 - 28 at the Holiday Inn - Genesee Plaza; and

WHEREAS: The RPA in its 80th year is hosting the Spring Meetings of the 57,000 member American Philatelic Society during this national exhibition and bourse; and

WHEREAS: the 25th Anniversary of the APS Champion of Champions is being commemorated here in the City where it originated; and

WHEREAS: internationally renowned specialists will be exhibiting their collections covering all aspects of philately to the thousands of visitors to ROPEX; and

WHEREAS: the RPA is honoring former Rochesterian Gordon Morison, former Assistant Postmaster of the United States Postal Service, for his foresight and contribution to the philatelic world.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Thomas P. Ryan, Jr., Mayor of the City of Rochester, and Robert L. King, Monroe County Executive, do hereby proclaim the week of March 22 - 28, 1993 to be:

**STAMP COLLECTING WEEK**

in Rochester and Monroe County, and urge all philatelic enthusiasts as well as the local community to view this assemblage of philatelic history.

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands on the twenty-second day of March in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-three.

Thomas P. Ryan, Jr.  
Mayor

Robert L. King  
Monroe County Executive



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March 26, 1993

Dear Friends - Fellow Collectors - and Interested Philatelists:

Welcome to our special celebration of stamp collecting - ROPEX 93 - and the celebration of 25 years of World Series of Philately and Champion of Champion Shows!

On behalf of the Rochester Philatelic Association, the ROPEX 93 Committee, and the City of Rochester, I take the privilege of extending this welcome and sincerely hope you will enjoy our show and your visit to Rochester.

We are especially pleased to welcome the American Philatelic Society for their spring meeting. We also welcome the various societies whose meetings are listed in the program - please try to attend some of the meetings, and stop at their tables for information.

We invite you to enjoy the exhibits, spend time with the post office representatives, visit the bourse dealers, browse, converse, and socialize. Stop at our hospitality table for conversation and information.

I thank you for your interest in attending the show and hope your experience will be rewarding. We hope to see you at future shows.

Sincerely,

Bernice R. Watson, President

THE ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION MEETS EVERY SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST. THE RPA IS PROUD SPONSOR OF " ROPEX ", A CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS NATIONAL STAMP SHOW.

## CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS WORLD SERIES OF PHILATELY MARKS 25th YEAR AT APS SPRING CONVENTION AT ROPEX-93

How do you gain attention for a stamp exhibition in a medium size city that doesn't even have a philatelic show every year?

That question faced Rochester, N.Y., collectors after they decided their limited experience conducting regional stamp shows periodically for the Niagara Frontier Federation of Stamp Clubs would enable them to sponsor the annual convention and exhibition of the American Philatelic Society in 1968.

The answer was to do what had never been done before--bring together the most outstanding stamp exhibits in the nation, exhibits which had won Grand Awards at major shows that were considered national in scope. So was born the Champion of Champions World Series of Philately. Its 25th anniversary will be celebrated in Rochester March 26-28, 1993, when the American Philatelic Society stages its spring convention there to recognize the Rochester Philatelic Association and ROPEX for the creation of this World Series.

But the real stories surround why the 1968 convention went to Rochester and how the first Champion of Champions was able to achieve that distinction.

The Rochester Philatelic Association gained the 1968 convention for Rochester by doing something that was not the norm for organized philately before (or since). The association literally campaigned for it. It chartered two buses to carry members to Washington for the convention several years earlier when the decision on the 1968 convention site was to be made.

The Rochester collectors, in cooperation with the Rochester Convention Bureau, then promoted the city by handing out samples of Rochester-made products such as Kodak cameras, Bausch & Lomb magnifiers, and French's mustard, which had been donated by local industries to prove the city was behind the event. At the APS meeting, the Rochesterians carried signs and banners urging selection of Rochester for the 1968 convention. In fact, the Rochester planners were so vociferous compared to the staid philatelic community that it prompted one APS officer to worry out loud, "Should the APS convention be held where such radicals live?"

The organizers of that first World Series of Philately believed that besides gaining publicity for the exhibition, such a competition would promote interest in philately as well. It would encourage advanced collectors to show their exhibits in national shows. Up to that time, many of the better collections saw the light of day only at international exhibitions. Since these occur only every ten years in this country, great collections put together by Americans were being seen elsewhere in the world, but not often in the United States.

At that time major shows themselves often had difficulty filling available frames. It was expected that the World Series would entice collectors to get their exhibits out of the vaults and fill those vacant frames. The shows whose Grand Award winners would be accepted for the Champion of Champions would gain prestige and be able to promote themselves because of this distinction.

Has this worked? In 1968 only 14 shows were deemed to be national in scope. In 1993 there will be 32 national shows sending grand award winners. Many national shows today are oversubscribed well in advance of their deadlines. It's also interesting to note

the broader range of countries or subjects which win Grand Awards today. In 1968 all but one Grand Award winner had exhibits that related to collecting United States and Canada, or such associated interests as the Confederacy, Nova Scotia, or Prince Edward Island.

Gordon C. Morison, who later became assistant postmaster general, was chairman of APS-68 and conceived the idea of the World Series of Philately. He and his committee first had to persuade the national shows to provide them with the names and addresses of the Grand Award winners. All the selected shows except one, which had not presented a Grand Award, cooperated, although in a few cases it took back and forth correspondence to get the local committees to understand what was being attempted. An entry deadline was set. All winners were mailed engraved invitations to participate.

Of the thirteen invited, one declined to show. Of the other twelve, all but one responded with their entries on time. That one came in three days late, but the efficient Rochester committee had already allotted all the frames available, and had mailed notices of acceptances to all the competitive exhibitors as well as the eleven Grand Award winners who had met the deadline. The twelfth was turned down. Obviously this rejection of an acknowledged leading philatelist created more than a little consternation. The collector himself appealed, and the APS was concerned as well.

In a letter to the APS executive director, the chairman noted, "We had the show all laid out and acceptances on the way. So, no recourse but to turn him down. I guess that's the height of something to turn down an exhibit that reputedly is valued at a quarter of a million! Ah, Rochester!" Later, to assuage all concerned, it was agreed that if any exhibitor withdrew, those frames would be allotted to the late Grand Award entrant.

The exhibition's awards committee recognized that this was THE outstanding competition and it merited an exceptional award, but all the Champions had to be honored, too. Less than 100 miles from Rochester is the Corning Glass Works. The committee settled on a Steuben basket-shaped glass bowl for the Champion of Champions and recognized all others with engraved silver plates. The decision was made that there would be no reserve award for second place. After all, the Rochester collectors reasoned, there can be no runner-up, as they all are Champions.

As the show dates approached, one of the Grand Award winners died, and his exhibit was withdrawn. Those frames - and he had only five - went to the late entrant, whose Grand Award winning exhibit had filled double that number of frames when he qualified. But there were no more frames.

You guessed it. He accepted the limitation of five frames. He showed 19th Century U.S. revenues. And he won the Champion of Champions. Robert Cunliffe of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, thus became the first winner of the World Series of Philately!

With the success of this event, the Rochester Philatelic Association had to decide whether to continue the World Series in future years at its own shows or urge the APS to take the responsibility. Since the Rochester exhibition was not yet an annual event, the organizing committee recommended to club members that philately would be better served by placing this event with an organization that could ensure its continuity. APS agreed and asked organizers of BALPEX-69, site of the next APS annual convention, to send national show organizers in December invitations for their Grand Award winners to take part in the second World Series of Philately.

The series has continued uninterrupted. When collectors gather in Rochester March 26-28, 1993 for ROPEX, they will review the 25 years in which Champion of Champions have been crowned.

## ROPEX-93 AWARDS

### GRAND AWARD

The BEST EXHIBIT at ROPEX; the winner will receive an invitation to participate in the APS "Champion-of-Champions" competition during its annual convention. A contribution of up to \$75 (10 frames) will be forwarded to the APS in the name of the ROPEX '93 GRAND AWARD winner if the exhibit is entered in the 1993 annual APS "World Series of Philately."

### RESERVE GRAND AWARD

The next-to-best exhibit at ROPEX '93.

### ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION AWARDS

GOLD, VERMEIL, SILVER, SILVER/BRONZE & BRONZE medals. All exhibitors will receive ribbons and certificates.

### GEORGE LeFEBRE AWARD

Best general exhibit by an RPA member.

### VIRGINIA GUBLER AWARD

Best thematic (topical) exhibit by an RPA member.

### AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY AWARDS

Pre-1900 period  
1900-1940 period  
post-1940 period  
APS Research Award

### AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION AWARDS

GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE medals and ribbons.

### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHILATELIC EXHIBITORS AWARDS

Awards of excellence (2)  
AAPE Creativity Award

### BUREAU ISSUES ASSOCIATION AWARDS

"Statue of Freedom" medal and certificate.

### U.S. CLASSICS SOCIETY MEDAL

### POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY AWARDS

Medal and certificate

### UNITED POSTAL STATIONERY SOCIETY AWARDS

Marcus White Award  
First & Second Place certificates

### JUNIOR AWARDS

ROPEX JUNIOR AWARD  
ATA JUNIOR GOLD MEDAL AWARD (Best Topical)  
JUNIOR PHILATELISTS OF AMERICA  
H.E. Harris Medal and ribbon for Best Junior Exhibit.  
JOSEPH AGRIS, M.D. AWARD

### L.R. MORIARTY AWARD

Awarded to the MOST POPULAR EXHIBIT voted upon by the attending public.

(NOTE: Judges may elect not to give certain awards if no entries qualify; other awards not listed may be awarded at the discretion of the judges with the consent of the ROPEX Committee.)

## PANEL OF JUDGES

**William H. Bauer - Chairman - Chairman of APS Judges' Accreditation Committee, Expert in : US Postal History, Germany, Middle East, Far East and British Oceania**

**Clyde Jennings - Expert in : US Classic and Traditional, Topicals**

**John Griffiths - Expert in : Great Britain and Commonwealth, US, Western Europe, Postal History, Topicals**

**Charles Peterson - Expert in : Postal History, Philatelic Literature**

**John Lievsay - Expert in : 19th Century Classic US, France and colonies, Postal History and Topicals**

**All judges are FIP accredited for international judging as well as APS accredited for national judging.**

### Apprentices

Stephen Suffet

Dr. Louis Call

## ROPEX-93 COMMITTEE

Lawrence R. Moriarty - Chairman  
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The committee would like to thank all RPA members who have volunteered time in order to insure a successful show.

## EXHIBITS

Frame No.      Exhibit Title and Exhibitor Name

### COURT OF HONOR CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD SERIES OF PHILATELY

- 2-11      1992 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS - The Evolution and Use of Adhesives for Postage Due, 1790-1954  
James Gough
- 12-21    1989 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS - Danish West Indies - 1748 to 1905  
Dr. Roger G. Schnell
- 22-31    1985 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS - Confederate States of America, 1861-1865  
John Birkinbine II
- 32-36    1968 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS - 18th-19th Century United States Revenues  
Robert H. Cunliffe

### COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

#### United States

- 37-41    Adirondack Region Postal History - 1799-1945  
Stephen Matte
- 42-51    The Ungrilled Banknotes, 1870-1890  
Robert P. Meegan
- 52-61    U.S. First Bureau Issues 1894-98  
Louise Christian
- 62-68    Ten Cent Issues of 1861  
C. W. Christian
- 69-72    Postal History of Northern Massachusetts  
Nancy B. Z. & Douglas N. Clark
- 73-82    United States Meter Stamps and Postal History  
Douglas A. Kelsey
- 83-90    New Jersey Stampless Covers: Handstamp Marcophily, 1775-1855  
Robert G. Rose
- 91-100   Across the Continent  
George Kramer
- 101-103   Corning N.Y. Postal History  
Alan Parsons
- 104-110   New York Postal History (1900-1910)  
William J. Hart
- 111-113   U.S. 2-Cent Definitive 1890-1893 and First Bureau Printing 1894-1898  
Bernice R. Watson
- 114-115   Transportation Coils as Seen Through First Day Covers  
Raymond Stone

#### General

- 116-123   Croatian Red Cross Issues  
Raymond Stone
- 124-133   Haiti: Revenues  
F. Burton Sellers
- 134-143   Iceland Postal Stationery  
Gordon C. Morison

- 144-149   The Postal Markings of Dublin, 1818-1916  
Anna Liffey
- 150-154   Portugal: Mouchon Head Issue of 1882-89  
Louis O'Fylle
- 155-164   Stamp Separation - From 1840 to Modern Times  
John M. Hotchner
- 165-168   Timbromanie  
Duncan H. Barber
- 169-174   Experimental Rocket Mail 1932-1939  
Gerhardt Kaufmann
- 175-178   Letters from Hell: Postal Evidence of the Nazi Holocaust and the Ruination of Europe  
Ken Lawrence
- 179-185   Finland; 1918 Vaara-Wasa Temporary Wartime Issue  
Roger P. Quinby
- 186-190   The Berlin Freedom Bell Issues  
Joan R. Bleakley
- 191        RPA One Frame Winner - Remember The Maine  
Bert Kiener

#### Thematic

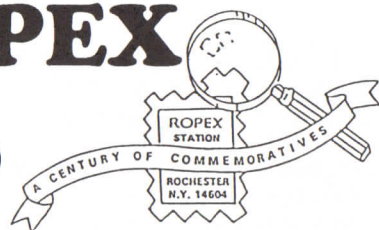
- 192-201   Not Quite President of the United States  
Paul Schumacher
- 202        From Logs to Liners  
Stanley A. Scheer
- 203-205   The Mystery of Sherlock Holmes  
L. Kelly Armstrong Jr.
- 206-211   U.S. Transportation Coils from a Thematic Viewpoint  
Mary Ann Owens
- 212-218   The World of Insects  
Alan J. Hanks
- 219-225   Man Beneath the Sea  
Roland Essig
- 226-231   Odyssey of a Castle Lover  
Karen Barber
- 232-233   Famous Jews on Stamps  
Robert Urdang

#### Youth

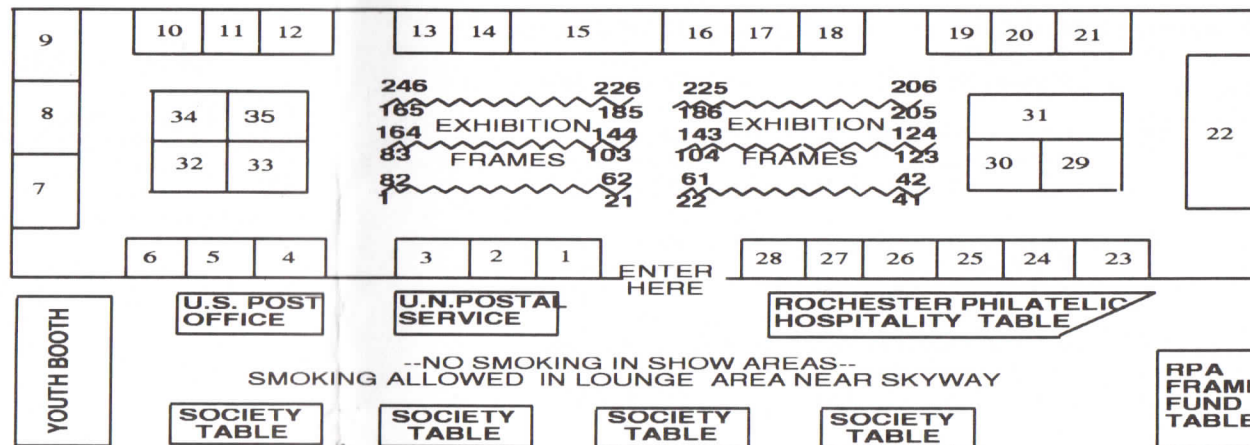
- 234-237   HRH Diana Princess of Wales  
Jodie Donahue (age 17)
- 238        Space Exploration  
Amy Harer (age 12)
- 239        "O' Beautiful"  
Janelle Marie Hess (age 12)
- 240-241   Names, Faces and Places of Pennsylvania  
Timothy M. Socha (age 12)
- 242        Magical World of Disney  
Tori Wood (age 11)
- 243-246   Owls  
Sarah Murphy (age 13)

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# 93



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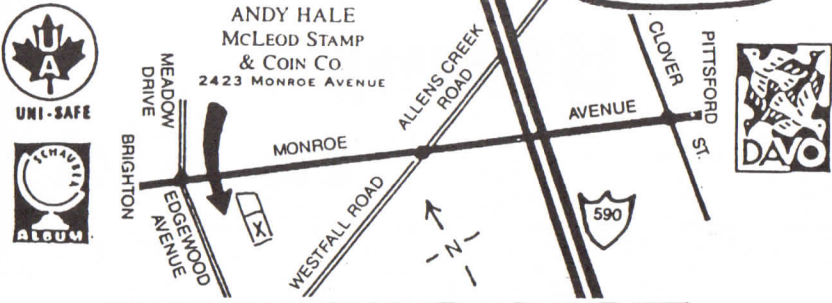
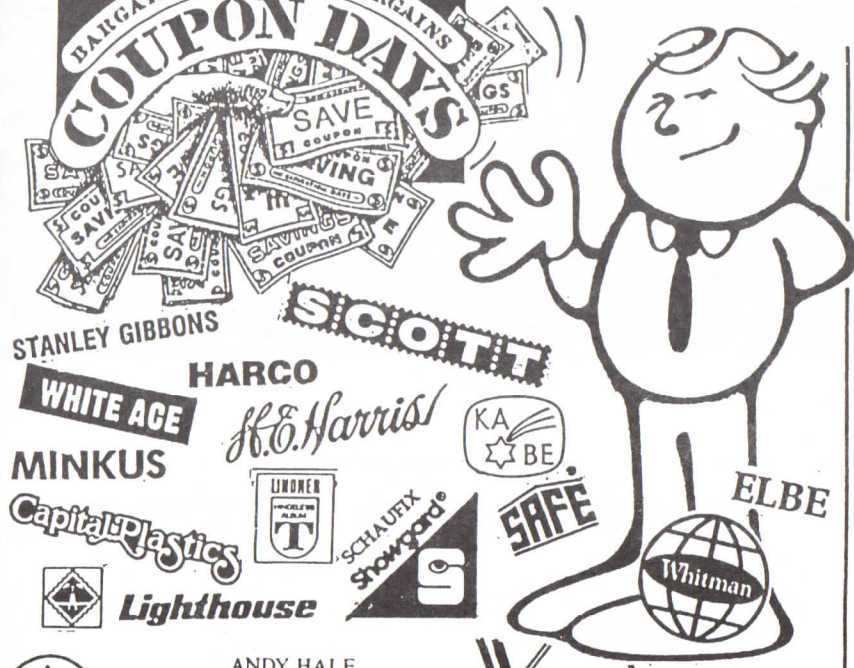
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It is with great pleasure that I extend greetings to all in attendance for ROPEX '93 sponsored by the Rochester Philatelic Association. This year's event is cause for special celebration -- the 25th anniversary of the exhibition and it is the site of the annual spring meeting of the American Philatelic Society.

The Rochester Philatelic Association can take great pride in this "Champion of Champions" exhibitions, one of only 32 nationwide. Stamp collecting is a hobby enjoyed by millions of Americans, encompassing all ages and backgrounds. Clubs or societies of collectors are to be found in most cities, with state, national and international societies tending to bind them together.

I welcome you to this very special display which, I am sure, will increase the number of stamp collectors in the family of New York.

Sincerely,



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Programs consist of guest speakers, slide shows, auctions and sales books. Group trips to stamp shows and a club library are only a few of the benefits of belonging to the RPA.