

National Meeting, and gave a cover to each member as they walked into the meeting.

President Tom Steiner conducted a short business meeting to announce the recipients of this year's Space Unit Awards, as recommended by the SU Awards Committee and approved by the Executive Board:

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

*President Emeritus,
Dr. Ben Ramkissoon*

*For Ben's many years of strong leadership
and exceptional service to the Space Unit.*

LES WINICK AWARD

Dr. Jim Rose

*For Jim's ongoing, excellent
contributions advancing astrophilately.*

BERNICE SCHOLL AWARD

Garry Toth and Don Hilger

*For Gary and Don's outstanding contributions
to astrophilatic literature, as published in
the ASTROPHILE 2005 series of articles.*

Vice-President John Macco presented a proposal for the creation of a new SU award,


namely, an Astrophilatic Hall of Fame. The award will be given annually only to deceased members, nominated by the membership in an essay of 500 words, recommended by the AHF Committee, and voted by the Executive Board.

A 3 member AHF Committee was named consisting of Vice-President and Chairman, John Macco; International Director, Charles Bromser; and Space Unit Director, Bill York.

A lively swap session including some rare and exciting three way trades took place upon close of the national meeting in Hall A. Covers observed and traded included a Scatback Monkey launch cover, a George Goldey Vanguard 1 launch cover, and a Space City Cover Society Apollo 1 fire cover need to complete the matched set of three.

The National Meeting and renewed friendships of members concluded with a mesquite fired, fajitas dinner and some last minute trading on car tailgates at a nearby Mexican restaurant, Tia's in Bowie, Maryland.

Space collecting was indeed sizzling!

The 2007 Space Unit National Meeting will take place in Irwin, Texas in conjunction with the National Topical Association show. Additional details will be released from our mission control center when known! 

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The backside of the Mission Fiftyseven cover featured an aerial view of the Convention Center as well as two U.S. stamps appropriate for the Guest Speakers at the Space Unit National Meeting.