

## CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER UNITED STATES LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY

Herb Entwistle, Founding President, 1989-1997

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing today to update you on the leadership changes to our organization. As of September 2015, I have assumed the duties of President of the Chesapeake Chapter from Tony Pasek. It was earlier in 2015 that Tony approved of my suggestion that we ask your committee to consider approval of a seventh set of lighthouse themed postage stamps featuring Chesapeake Bay Lighthouses. With Tony's support, I launched the chapters campaign. Since becoming President, I have made this campaign my number one priority for new chapter programs.

The Chesapeake Chapter was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of famed lighthouse artist Howard Koslow, who we had anticipated being selected as the artist for this next set of lighthouse stamps. Without a ready and proven artist, we were thinking that the need to search for a new artist might slow down the approval process of our request by the CSAC and the Postmaster General. Therefore, we would like to provide a recommendation for the artist of the Chesapeake Bay Lighthouse series stamps, when approved. Erick Sahler is a noted local artist from the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The Chesapeake Chapter believes his distinct artistic style is very representative of the Chesapeake Bay region and would be ideal for a series of postage stamps featuring these Lighthouses. A sample of his rendering of some Chesapeake Bay lighthouses is included and more of his artwork can be viewed at his web site: www.ericksahler.com. I have personally contacted Mr. Sahler to discuss our groups' recommendation. I ensured he understood that selection as the artist for a postage stamp is a complex process and that our recommendation does not constitute any guarantee of selection as the artist for any postage stamp by the CSAC Stamp Development design staff. I have encouraged Erick to submit a portfolio to the Stamp Design team for formal consideration as described on the CSAC web site page on artwork for stamp designs.

It is the chapters' strongest hope that the CSAC and Postmaster General will approve the issuance of a set of postage stamps featuring Chesapeake Bay Lighthouses in the near future and give serious consideration to the selection of Erick Sahler as the artist for these stamps. Please feel free to contact me at the below mailing address or via email at president@cheslights.org if you have any questions. Thank you for your time.

Most Sincerely,

S. Greg Krawczyk

Copy to: Mr. Jeff Gales, Executive Director, US Lighthouse Society and Mr. Erick Sahler, Artist







