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President's Message *by Larry Gaye*

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One can only say WOW to the outcome of the most recent ANA Board of Governors election. A clean sweep did indeed materialize with the hopes of many riding on the results. While there has been a lot of feedback in the numismatic press it is apparent that the reassignment of Executive Director Christopher Cipoletti to prepare for the upcoming court action initiated by the ANA speaks volumes.

I was at the Convention as a National Volunteer and can tell you the feelings on the floor ran very high. It was quite ironic that at the awards banquet on Saturday evening where the new board was sworn in, outgoing ANA President Robert Horton Jr. awarded Mr. Cipoletti a Presidential Award. The next day the new board placed him on "... paid administrative leave to ... focus all of his attention on preparations for the lawsuit against former employees in which he is co-plaintiff with the ANA," and then appointed past President Hallenbeck as interim Director.

Hopefully the ANA and the hobby in general can now focus on what they do best, act on behalf of collectors in the fields of education and promoting the hobby. Don't expect change to be fast or always what we hope for, but do expect the new board to act with a clean slate and be judged by that when they run for reelection.

As you may be aware, our own Joe Boling was elected to the board, and our hats are off to him for his past service to our corner of numismatics as well as his tireless service to the ANA as Chief Judge.

I'm sure I speak for the entire membership of the PNNA when I say congratulations to the new board and thank the outgoing board for all of its hard work for us. The one thing we should all remember when passions run high that "this is my hobby, I do it for fun."

See you in Portland, October 12-14th, for the WCC/PNNA "Mini-Con." (Dealers/committee only on Friday.)

— Larry

PNNA Officers 2006-2008

President - Larry Gaye

Vice President - Lisa Loos

Secretary - Eric Holcomb

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Directors

Rob Anglemier, Richard Billings, Steve Cox, Del Cushing, Mark Gruner, William McKivor, Gawain O'Connor, Larry Rowe, Michael Sanders, Bruce Wonder

Appointed Positions

Dealer-Director - Norman Mikat

Editor/Webmaster - Eric Holcomb

PNNA Dues

PNNA membership dues are payable annually at the beginning of the year. It's not too early to send your 2008 dues to Rachel Irish, 101 West Prairie Center #323, Hayden, ID 83835. Reminder notices will be sent for those who haven't paid by December.

For those of you who prefer to use PayPal, the PNNA PayPal e-mail is sales@pnna.org, and there are payment buttons available on the PNNA website at <http://www.pnna.org/applic.html>.

Board Meeting

There will be a PNNA Board meeting at the Portland "Mini-Con" on Saturday, October 13 following the 6:00 PM bourse closing. The location will likely be in the Hospitality Suite at the DoubleTree Hotel, or on the bourse floor in the registration area.

In Memoriam — Don Farnam

The PNNA regrets to announce that longtime PNNA life member Don Farnam passed away on September 21. Don's wife, Marge, passed away in April of 2006. Both were very active in the hobby and we will miss them.

Fall Convention Dates/Times

Dealer set up:

Friday, October 12th, 3:00 - 6:00 PM.

Public entry:

Saturday, October 13th, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

Sunday, October 14th, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Joe Boling to attend Portland Show

American Numismatic Association Governor and former PNNA secretary/treasurer Joseph Boling will attend the PNNA/Willamette fall convention (at least on Saturday). Please stop by to say hello and/or to ask Joe your questions about the current status of the ANA.

Puyallup Fair Thank-You!

It's Over! – The PNNA sponsored the annual coin exhibit and information table in the Hobby Hall from September 7-23, with assistance from several local coin clubs. We had handouts including magazine copies, event calendars, a coin club list and coins for junior collectors! We had good weather for most of the Fair, good attendance, and a successful presence in the Hobby Hall! Thank you to all who participated, including the following Puget Sound clubs: Boeing Employees' Coin Club, Olympia Coin Club, Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club, Seattle Numismatic Society and the King County Coin Club.

No volunteer is knowledgeable about all aspects of numismatics – if your question wasn't answered or if you were unable to attend the Fair, please e-mail your question to info@pnna.org, and it will be directed to a local expert for a response.

2008 PNNA CONVENTION

After another successful convention in Tukwila in April, the PNNA will hold its 2008 convention in the same facility on the weekend of 4-6 April 2008. *Note that this is a week earlier than previously scheduled due to the Santa Clara Expo in California.* Dick Billings will again serve as general chairman for 2008. Dealers who wish to receive a bourse application should contact Scott Loos at PO Box 2210, North Bend, WA 98045, phone 425-831-8789, or E-mail scottloos@msn.com.

Exhibits at the 2008 PNNA Convention

Now is the time to build your exhibits for next spring's PNNA convention in Seattle (Tukwila). There are also opportunities to show exhibits at the Everett show (November) and the Boeing show (January); use these shows as proving grounds for your April entries. Don't forget that the best exhibitor at the PNNA convention earns \$200 toward the expense of taking the winning exhibit to the ANA summer convention in the same year (the ANA will be in Baltimore in 2008).

Nominations

Although a formal call for nominations for 2008-2010 PNNA officers will not appear until the 1st Quarter 2008 *Nor'wester*, it's not too early to express your interest in running for office to the PNNA board. "New Blood" is often needed — in this case, it's possible that PNNA President Larry Gaye will be stepping down after two terms in office, and Secretary Eric Holcomb has also announced that he will likely be moving and not running for reelection.

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This ANA event, the biggest of the year, was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 8-12, 2007. You can read more about this event on the ANA website (www.money.org).

At the convention, the new ANA Board of Governors was installed. As reported by *Numismatic News*, voted into office were seven newcomers led by veteran hobby publisher Clifford Mishler (4,609 votes); followed by Chester L. Krause (4,518 votes); Edward C. Rochette (3,541 votes); Joseph E. Boling (3,442 votes); Radford Stearns (3,073 votes); Walter Ostromecki (2,882 votes), and Wendell Wolka (2,850 votes). Running unopposed (with vote totals not reported) were President Barry Stuppler and Vice President Patricia Jagger Finner.

Ostromecki, who conducts popular Young Numismatist programs here in the Pacific Northwest and elsewhere, was removed from the previous ANA Board on a questionable breach of confidentiality charge. Many PNNA members are pleased to see Walt back on the board!

Event Calendar

This mailing of *The Nor'wester* will include a copy of the event calendar and Washington coin club list that was distributed at the Puyallup Fair. If you require info about clubs in Oregon or elsewhere, please contact the PNNA secretary, visit the PNNA website, or attend the fall convention in Portland. Thank You!

Deadline for submission of material for 1st Quarter 2008 Nor'wester: December 15, 2007.

Please send ad copy to Eric Holcomb (e-mail Eric@Holcomb.com), and payment to PNNA treasurer Scott Loos. Call Eric (253-850-2996) for more information.

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 \$4.00 (1 column inch; no oversized text)
 \$7.50 (1/8-page)
 \$10.00 (1/6-page), \$15.00 (1/4-page)
 \$25.00 (1/2-page), \$45.00 (full page)
 Full page color — price on request

Web advertising rates (per year on www.pnna.org):
 1-line web site listing — Free to members
 \$10.00 (sponsor page ad; business card size)

International Artists Meet in Colorado Springs for Major Exhibition

Artists from four continents converged upon Colorado Springs Sept. 19-22 to celebrate the opening of "The Medal is the Message: Global Ideas in Handheld Sculpture," an innovative exhibition of more than 1,400 handheld sculptures and art medals from 32 countries at the American Numismatic Association's Edward C. Rochette Money Museum. The exhibit replaces "The Die Is Cast: Money of the Ancient World," which closed Aug. 20.

For the first time in 20 years, the International Medal Federation (FIDEM) held its Art Medal World Congress and exhibition in the United States. Since its last U.S. visit, also held at the Money Museum, FIDEM has presented this biennial event at prestigious international venues such as the British Museum and The Hague.

Contemporary handheld sculptures are monuments to a changing world — marking major historical events, making bold political and personal statements in a broad spectrum of themes and perspectives. This year's FIDEM theme, Passages to Reconstruction, conveys a message of hope following Hurricane Katrina and the 2004 tsunami that devastated South and Southeast Asia. Many artists incorporated themes of tragedy and renewal in their work.

After innovative artists made their mark in the 1970s, handheld sculptures and art medals moved far beyond commemorative pieces struck in gold, silver and bronze. Pieces in "The Medal is the Message" are made of materials as far ranging as bread, computer chips, cloth and former Czech Republic President Václav Havel's fingerprint.

This year marks FIDEM's 70th anniversary, and the organization celebrated by presenting an additional parallel exhibition featuring accomplished artists over age 70 from around the world at the Money Museum.

The public had the opportunity to meet FIDEM's artists during "An International Celebration of Art," Sept. 21 at the Money Museum and the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center.

Established in 1937, FIDEM aims to promote the art of medals at an international level and to guarantee recognition of its place among other arts, mainly through publications and the organization of international events. For more information, visit www.fidem-medals.org.

PNNA Fall Convention Scrip

We are pleased to announce that PNNA member Steve Cox has once again designed “convention scrip” in \$1 and \$5 denominations for use at the PNNA fall convention (mini-con) in Portland. Steve began designing scrip for the Seattle Numismatic Society annual banquet a few years ago, using high-quality graphics and special paper, and first accepted the PNNA’s invitation to design scrip for the 2005 fall convention. The designs shown here are prototypes; we’ll see the actual final designs in color at the convention!



Production quantities will be very limited, about 50 serially-numbered \$1 notes and 30 \$5 notes, similar to last year. *We cannot guarantee to reserve any notes in advance*, however you can submit a request to secretary Eric Holcomb by e-mail at Eric@Holcomb.com, or by phone at 253-850-2996. Notes are sold at face value, and are redeemable at the convention, although we’ve never had any notes redeemed — they are always collected instead!

Eric also plans to update the PNNA online memorabilia catalog (<http://www.pnna.org/catalog/index.html>) to include the 2005-2007 souvenir scrip, as well as wooden nickels and tokens from the annual spring convention.

Tom Sheehan is buying!!

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