

Compilation of PNNA Meeting Minutes for 2004

Minutes of PNNA board meeting 17 January 2004, Kent, Washington

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Loos at 5:20pm. Present were secretary/treasurer Joseph Boling, directors Richard Billings, William Henderson, Eric Holcomb, Lisa Loos, William McKivor, William Roark, Larry Rowe, Kathy Rowe, Bruce Wonder, and dealer director Dale Reubish, and member Ray Mah. VP Larry Gaye sent a message that he had had to go to a family member's bedside in Michigan this weekend.

- Moved and seconded (L Rowe/Henderson) to approve the minutes of the meeting of 18 October 2003 as distributed. Passed.
- Moved and seconded (McKivor/Cushing) to accept the treasurer's annual report (subject to audit). Passed.
- There was no significant correspondence.
- Nominations committee report (Larry Rowe). Nominations are being accepted until 15 February so a ballot can be prepared for the next NW.
- Web page report (Eric Holcomb, webmaster) - we are still getting good traffic. We need up-to-date information on the April convention for the web site.
- *Nor'wester* report (Eric Holcomb, editor) - would like to have special edition of *The Nor'wester* in mid-March to cover the Portland ANA and Tukwila PNNA conventions, with extra pages, dealer ads, perhaps a color cover. Moved and seconded (L Rowe/L Loos) to punch up the next issue as described. Passed. Holcomb and S Loos will try to recruit dealer ads.
- April PNNA convention report (Dick Billings) - moving along. The show is sold out with a waiting list. We are looking for clubs that want to have meetings at the show. There are no responses yet from some VIPs who have been invited. Walt Ostromecki and Tom Rogers will be here. We have been solicited by the convention bureau in Pocatello to move the convention to that city (Dick Billings declined their invitation).
- Educational seminar wrapup (Scott Loos) - the PNNA share of the proceeds of last fall's seminars should come in at about \$1400. For next fall, the ANA has a new procedure for teaching seminars, based on \$150/day/person. That will be a killer for our members unless we cut the seminars to two days. For the 2004 ANA Summer Seminar, we have two scholarships available. Applications are in distribution.
- Medal sets for the 2004 convention (Scott Loos) - will proceed as announced in the last *Nor'wester*.
- YN dues - we have no separate YN dues level at present (unless a YN joins as a family member). Moved and seconded (McKivor/Roark) to set YN dues at \$5 annually. Passed.
- Larry Rowe - do we want to do a memorabilia item for the ANA Portland convention? After discussion, no motion was presented.
- Del Cushing inquired how many PNNA woods to buy for the April convention. The quantity used in the past (1000 pieces) was selected.
- We have no response from the ANA about the board meeting slot that we requested at the Portland convention (though we do have confirmation of our table on the club midway). There was a consensus to cancel the board meeting request. Boling action.

The meeting was adjourned at 1754 (5:54 PM PST).

Minutes prepared by Joseph E. Boling, secretary.

Minutes of PNNA board meeting 24 April 2004, Tukwila, Washington

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Loos at 8:09 AM. Present were vice president Larry Gaye, secretary/treasurer Joseph Boling, directors Richard Billings, Del Cushing, Eric Holcomb, Lisa Loos, William McKivor, Larry Rowe, Kathy Rowe, dealer director Dale Reubish, and members Bert Simmons, Walt Ostromecki, Mark Gruner, Eric Gruner, Al Schy, and Norm Mikat.

Boling announced that the ANA is offering scholarships to the summer seminar course "Coins in the Classroom," for middle school teachers.

Scott Loos announced that he has received a complaint letter against Art Lowrie for taking merchandise and not paying for it. Lowrie is not a current member; and neither is the complainant. No action was taken (Loos to reply to the letter).

The treasurer's report for the end of March was distributed. Norm Mikat inquired as to why we are so rich? Scott Loos explained that we are looking for ways to spend some of our money to further numismatic education.

Moved and seconded (L Rowe/L Loos) to donate \$5000 to the ANA's endowment replenishment fund. Passed. Holcomb opined that there was not much discussion for a motion of that magnitude. There is no ANA convention pending. [Transcriber's note - it is not clear what this comment meant in the context of the discussion as recorded.] McKivor sees one problem - he was not pleased with the way the ANA spent the money from their endowment to start with (for remodeling of the headquarters building and museum). Gaye - the motion has passed already - why continue to discuss it? Moved/seconded (Holcomb/McKivor) to rescind the \$5000 appropriation. Passed. Someone proposed sending the question to a committee. S Loos - why send it to a committee since we are all here anyway? Cushing - wants to have a committee to determine whether there is a better way to spend money to support LOCAL numismatics. Patty Finner contributed some observations about the ANA endowment fund as it is now being administered. Moved/seconded (Holcomb/Gaye) to donate \$2500 to the ANA endowment replenishment fund. Passed with abstentions. A committee is to be appointed by incoming president Gaye to explore additional potential uses of PNNA funds.

Convention report. The show is going fairly well - the dealers are pleased. Some customers late Friday complained about treasure hunt dealers who had left. Finner announced that twelve kids participated Friday and were thrilled. She also praised Walt Ostromecki's conduct of the program. Someone suggested that we get a board or easel to show hourly winners, as drawing announcements can't be heard in the back of the hall. Billings said he will see if one can be found. He announced that the City of Tukwila picked up all of our coin show signs Friday, as being in violation of the city sign code. The city operations manager said he could not locate anyone who knew anything about the show [he evidently did not ask the mayor, who participated in the show's opening ceremony]. The signs will be back up today, and we will have to see about getting a variance for next year. We had some problems with badges for dealers coming in - had to send them around to the front door for badges. Cushing - put it on the bourse app, that you have to have a badge to be on the floor. 2005 show dates were announced as 29 April - 1 May. There are no known conflicts. This is the weekend after CICF, the week before Central States.

Website report - photos of the opening of the show are on the site already. Thanks to ANA for hosting it.

Nor'Wester - the special edition for the ANA (Portland) and PNNA conventions has been well received. Extra copies are still available. Gaye - thanks to Eric for work on the web site and on the *Nor'Wester*. Finner - Krause Publications is putting out a directory of clubs nationwide. Data sheets are available at her table for getting listed. Submit one for every club anyone is involved with.

Mikat reported that he had acquired a stack of new items for the PNNA memorabilia collection at a cost of \$23.50. The election and exhibit reports will be made at the general membership meeting this evening.

S Loos - someone suggested that the PNNA should publish its own calendar of shows periodically (not just listing shows that pay to be listed). This could also have dealer ads to offset costs. R Finner - Central States lists shows of member clubs free. Non-member clubs can pay. Commercial shows must take an ad, then will be listed. McKivor feels there would be no problem getting ads. The existing commercial calendar publication for the Northwest excludes some shows. Schy - commercial shows like Pretty Panda should also be solicited. P Finner - such a list could imply endorsement of the show by the PNNA. Holcomb - we just need a disclaimer. Reubish - who gets to

decide what dealer cards get shown? Loos - let's get the publication approved, then decide the mechanics. Moved/seconded (McKivior/Reubish) to establish such a calendar. Passed. [No further responsibilities were assigned.]

Treasurer Boling explained the need under Washington law to have a board resolution for the establishment of bank accounts, and the need for a new resolution to accommodate some changes in hosting of our accounts. Moved/seconded (L Loos/Gaye) to allow the treasurer to establish accounts in any FDIC-insured institution of his choice. Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 AM. Minutes prepared by Joseph E. Boling, secretary.

Minutes of PNNA general membership meeting 24 April 2004, Tukwila, Washington

President Scott Loos called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM. Twenty-seven members were present.

Competitive exhibit award winners for this convention were announced: Class 3, tokens, medals, and decorations: 2nd place, The Navajo Code Talkers Medal, Rollie Finner; 1st place, The Man on the Bed, Susan Billings. Class 4, world coins/paper money: 2nd place, The First Men on the Moon, 25th Anniversary, Eric Holcomb; 1st place, The Francois Flameng 5000 Francs Note, Steve Cox. Class 6, Pacific Northwest numismatic material: 1st place, An Oregon 5D Gold Piece, Ken Hill. Clarence Heppner award, best tokens and medals exhibit - Susan Billings. Byron Johnson award, best of show - Steve Cox.

President Loos announced that the Nina Nystrom Numismatic Ambassador award for 2004 goes to Rob Retz. President Loos announced that the Bob Everett award for 2004 goes to Richard Billings. A speaker's award and a three-medal convention set were presented to Walt Ostromecki for his numismatic theater presentation. Eric Holcomb presented an ANA Regional Coordinator's citation to Richard Billings.

Larry Rowe presented the election report, mentioning that turnout this year was the lowest since he has been tallying votes, and that there had been zero nominations presented from the membership (all were generated by the nominations committee, and three directors were elected by write-in votes alone). The results are: president Larry Gaye, vice president Richard Billings, secretary/treasurer Joseph Boling, directors Scott Loos, Norm Mikat, Eric Holcomb, Lisa Loos, Del Cushing, William McKivior, Bruce Wonder, Larry Rowe, Kathy Rowe, William Roark. President Loos passed the (figurative) gavel to President Gaye. Gaye thanked Loos for four years of service in the position of president. He also thanked all those serving on the board, both outgoing and incoming. He inquired as to whether there had been any difference in the distribution of ballots that might have explained the low return rate [only 24 ballots were voted, a bit under 10% of the membership]. The reply was "no, but with no contested offices, members may not have figured it was worth a 37c stamp to send in a ballot." Also, members seem to be comfortable with the current and prospective officers.

Speaking for the Willamette Coin Club (which just hosted the ANA spring convention in Portland), Gaye thanked persons from the PNNA for assistance on committees for that convention: Tom Sheehan (numismatic theater committee); Eric Holcomb (exhibit chair); Kathy Rowe (activities committee chair). The WCC had a good time putting the convention on, and thanks all who attended for participating.

Moved/seconded (Cushing/Larry Rowe) to award Scott Loos an honorary life membership in the PNNA for his service as president. Passed.

The meeting was then adjourned. Minutes prepared by Joseph E. Boling, secretary.

Minutes of PNNA board meeting 20 June 2004, Portland, Oregon

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Gaye at 8:15 AM. Present were secretary/treasurer Joseph Boling, directors Eric Holcomb, Lisa Loos, Scott Loos, Larry Rowe, Kathy Rowe, and appointed dealer-director Rob Anglemier.

Moved and seconded (L Rowe/L Loos) to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting and general membership meeting, both held 24 April 2004. Passed.

A treasurer's report is being made monthly by email.

Moved and seconded (K Rowe/S Loos) to approve the May report subject to audit. Passed.

Moved and seconded (S Loos/L Loos) to ratify the president's appointment of Rob Anglemier as the dealer-director for the term 2004-2006. Passed.

The final convention report for 2004 showed a profit of \$4,449.96, including general admission fees of \$1,908, representing at least 950 daily admissions (families and multi-day admissions average less than \$2/visitor-day). President Gaye congratulated Scott Loos (bourse chair) and Dick Billings (general chair) for outstanding work on the convention.

General show calendar - nothing has been done yet beyond the board approval to proceed, which was passed at the previous meeting. President Gaye appointed the following committee to develop this publication: Dale Reubish, Eric Holcomb, Del Cushing, Rob Anglemeier, Scott Loos. This calendar is to be distributed at shows, at the Puyallup Fair, in the Nor'Wester, posted on the web site, and anywhere that the PNNA has a presence. It is to be free, completely informative, with ads on the back to cover part of its costs. The committee will select its own chair. Eric Holcomb will coordinate the work of the committee until a chair is selected.

A discussion of the cash amount of the Everett award was opened by Boling. In the past two years, earnings from the fund have been so low that the award has been only \$150 (2003) and \$100 (2004). Moved and seconded (L Rowe/K Rowe) to supplement the award (from the general fund) as necessary to achieve a minimum award of \$200, and to make retroactive payments to those who did not receive at least \$200 in past award cycles. Passed. [This provision resulted in supplemental payments of \$50 to Ray Mah and \$100 to Dick Billings.]

Larry Gaye has been talking to ANA HQ about establishing an exhibit award memorializing Rob Retz. Further discussion with members present explored the mechanics for establishing a new class. [Since this meeting, another organization has undertaken to establish such an award, probably outside the ANA exhibit award program.]

Future educational seminars. There is value in staying in bed with the ANA in the conduct of seminars such as the two-day two-course offering in Tukwila last fall (the ANA diploma program, training certificates, prestige). The problem is the cost that ANA now charges - \$150/student-day is too expensive, in comparison with what a student would spend to attend the summer seminar (where five days of coursework are offered, vice the two or three that we can manage when running seminars locally). Seminar timing works better in spring, for publicity reasons. We could also still do smaller ones of our own in the fall. If we offer seminars in the spring, should they be in conjunction with our show? The pros and cons are to be determined by the education committee. If we want to do one-day seminars, we have enough experts that we could offer several topics with minimal cost. Formats could be single-subject, full-day symposia with several speakers, etc. The following committee was appointed to look at educational programs: Gaye, S Loos, L Loos. Boling reminded the committee to include Bill McKivor, educational chair for the past several spring conventions, in their discussions.

Moved and seconded (S Loos/L Loos) to donate \$50 to the Providence Portland Medical Foundation for Hospice in memory of Rob Retz. Passed.

Scott Loos reported that he tried last year to increase the visibility of the PNNA convention in the dealer community, to get wider participation. We placed an ad in the FUN program. In Central States, Rollie Finner has offered to put us in their show calendar, but we need to join CSNA. Moved and seconded (S Loos/L Rowe) to join the CSNA for \$8. Passed.

2005 show - we are on the way to filling the bourse - we have 25-30 payments already and are taking applications from people to go on a waiting list.

YN committee - moved and seconded (S Loos/L Loos) to put an additional \$1,000 into our YN support program. Passed.

PNNA as host for a Seattle ANA convention. This is still sitting in limbo, waiting for another west coast convention slot - 2010-2011.

Do we want to move up to a larger facility for our annual convention? Eventually - we want to run a waiting list first. Larry Gaye suggested a move to Portland, where we can rent whatever space we need. Such a decision must be balanced against customer distribution, airline access, lack of general recognition in certain areas, and so forth.

Holcomb - needs inputs immediately for the third quarter issue of *The Nor'wester*.

The Willamette Coin Club has lost its bourse chair; they don't know where a replacement will come from. They want to have a 2005 show, but the members are getting old and unable to do the hard work that is needed. They are also looking at alternate monthly meeting formats, such as weekends, to accommodate kids and the elderly.

What if PNNA had monthly meetings, for all kinds of comers, on the NWTAMS model? Programs at all expertise levels?

Boling reported that the PNNA's application for non-profit educational organization recognition (501c(3) status) has been submitted, and that the IRS has responded with further questions about certain of our operations (such as the summer seminar scholarship program). We will also be required to amend our incorporation papers in Oregon to include specific wording about disposition of residual assets in the event of dissolution (we presently name the ANA explicitly - a more general statement is required, apparently to cover the situation in the event of ANA's loss of its own 501c(3) status). [Since the meeting the IRS has awarded PNNA the status of 501c(3) organization.]

The meeting was adjourned about 10:00 AM.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Joseph E. Boling, secretary.