

Compilation of PNNA Meeting Minutes for 2008

Minutes of PNNA board meeting 19 January 2008, Kent, Washington

The meeting was held at the Kent Commons in conjunction with the Boeing Employees Coin Club annual coin show.

The PNNA board meeting was convened by V.P. Lisa Loos at 5:18 PM. Also in attendance were Scott Loos, Eric Holcomb, Norm Mikat, Dick Billings, Del Cushing, Danny Bisgaard, Bill McKivor, Bruce Wonder, Mark Gruner, Rob Anglemier, Gawain O'Connor, Bob Busby and Randy Clark.

Reports and Old Business:

Minutes – Minutes of the October board meeting were approved.

Convention Report (April in Tukwila) – Sold out with waiting list. New contracts due to date change. King County Coin Club is host club again. Expand out? Have YN table next to registration? Relocate exhibits in hallway or racquetball court? – Dick will check with community center. Consider eventually moving to a convention center?

Treasurer's Report – See statement for year ending 2007 for details. Cash balance exceeds \$50,000. Report approved.

ANA Donations – Approved \$50 donation to ANA for spring and summer conventions.

Puyallup Fair – A new coordinator is urgently needed due to Eric's planned move to Oregon. Eric and Lisa will follow up.

Elections – We currently have a full slate except for secretary; get your nominations in to the election chairman.

New Business:

Summer Seminar Scholarships – Applications printed and released. Motion to appropriate \$1,000 for adult scholarship and \$1,050 for YN scholarship (to attend 2008 ANA Summer Seminar). Passed.

YN Programs – Motion (Gruner/Wonder) to authorize \$1,000 for convention YN program. Passed.

2009 ANA Spring Convention in Portland – First committee meeting has taken place. ANA will reimburse some expenses. Motion (McKivor/Billings) for \$2,000 seed money from PNNA. Passed.

Newsletters/Advertising – Motion (Cushing/McKivor) to increase ad rates for convention edition of *The Nor'wester* by approximately 20%. Passed.

Seminars – British token congress in Seattle in April or May 2009. Organized by Bill McKivor. Motion (McKivor/Cushing) to make PNNA a co-sponsor (along with the Conder Token Collectors Club) and provide \$2,000 in seed money. Passed. Income/expenses will be handled by the PNNA treasurer. We have subsequently been advised that the dates of the congress will likely be May 12-14, 2009. More details will be available soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Minutes prepared by Eric Holcomb, Secretary.

Minutes of PNNA board meeting 5 April 2008, Tukwila, Washington

The board meeting was called to order by President Larry Gaye at 8:13 AM. Other members and directors present: Dick Billings, Danny Bisgaard, Gawain O'Connor, Steve Cox, Del Cushing, Mark Gruner, Eric Holcomb, Mike Labosier, Scott and Lisa Loos, Norm Mikat, Walt Ostromecki, Mike Sanders and Bruce Wonder.

The election results were announced. The following persons were elected to the PNNA board of directors: Lisa Loos (President), Danny Bisgaard (VP), Mike Labosier (Secretary), Scott Loos (Treasurer), Craig Korstad, Dave Ownbey, Eric Holcomb, Steve Cox, Del Cushing, Bruce Wonder, Mike Sanders, Bill McKivor, Gawain O'Connor, Robb Anglemier. Mark Gruner will likely be appointed as dealer director, and Larry Gaye remains on the board as past president.

Current President Larry Gaye reported that the numismatic hobby in the Northwest is "healthier than 20 years ago." Thanks, and congratulations to everyone.

Old and New Business

Storage Locker – Del requested that we purchase two storage racks at a cost of \$150 each for the PNNA storage locker. Motion [Del C./Norm M.] – passed. The rent for the storage facility itself is about \$435 per quarter.

Motion to accept secretary's report (including April 2007 minutes) as published. Passed.

Convention – The convention is here! Scott reported that attendance is good, etc. There was a lengthy discussion about "Early Bird" badge holders, as well as abuse of dealer badges. (Each dealer renting a table at the convention gets up to four badges, some of which may be issued to persons not actually helping the dealer. This is difficult to regulate.) Should we cut back the number of badges and/or limit hours? "Early Bird" badge holders can be a nuisance to dealers not yet set up and may also have the opportunity to buy material before other dealers. The show committee will likely begin admitting "Early Bird" badge holders at 9:00 AM on Friday next year rather than 8:00 AM, when dealer setup begins. It was suggested that "Early Bird" badges should also have the person's name. It was also suggested that all dealer badge holders should be PNNA members, however this is only practical to enforce for the primary dealer renting the table.

Past President – By tradition, the outgoing president (Larry Gaye) becomes an honorary life member (HLM) of the PNNA; he was previously a paid life member.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Scott Loos reported a total cash balance of \$68,994. Motion [Bruce W./Mark G.] to accept treasurer's report. Passed.

Advertising – There was a discussion about issues raised this year, including who should be allowed to advertise on the back cover of *The Nor'wester*, and whether or not advertisers should be able to make general claims about being "the best," "the finest," "preferred," etc. We should make the process more formal next year for the issue of *The Nor'wester* that will be distributed at the ANA convention in Portland. The editor will make recommendations this fall. It is unlikely that the PNNA will censor claims of a general or vague nature, however a stronger advertising disclaimer may appear.

Scholarships – 2008 adult winner is Larry Gaye, and there is no YN award. Larry was the only applicant this year. Brief discussion of how to get more applicants? Perhaps consider having a local seminar as an alternative to Colorado Springs?

ANA Board – Larry reported that commentary on the new ANA Board of Governors has been favorable. ANA President Barry Stuppler will accept nominations for the ANA Presidential Award.

Dinner – Tonight's dinner will be at Newport Bay. There is a limit of 19 people.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 AM.

Minutes of PNNA general membership meeting
5 April 2008, Tukwila, Washington

The general membership meeting was called to order by President Larry Gaye at 6:15 PM. Larry expressed his thanks to the outgoing board members and reported that the current convention is the "most successful convention." People are buying coins; kids are having a good time, etc. The new board members for the 2008-2010 term of office were announced this morning at the board meeting.

The PNNA Presidential Award was presented to Larry and Kathy Rowe of Vancouver, Washington in recognition of their longtime service to the PNNA.

The Nina Nystrom Goodwill Ambassador Award was not awarded this year.

The Bob Everett Memorial Award was presented to PNNA Treasurer and Bourse Chairman Scott Loos.

Exhibit awards: See completed exhibits page for 2008. There were five competitive exhibits this year, although they were placed by only two exhibitors. There will be an exhibiting seminar in Portland on Saturday, June 21 to help exhibitors prepare for the March 2009 ANA convention in Portland. There will also be exhibits at the PNNA-Willamette Coin Club fall convention in Portland.

The new PNNA officers were installed and introduced themselves.

Numismatic Theater – Bill McKivor has been in charge since 1994 and would like to see someone else take the job. The new chairman should have contacts in the numismatic community to help attract speakers.

Puyallup Fair – Eric Holcomb will speak with Greg Smith (from the Boeing Employees Coin Club) on Sunday about serving as the new Puyallup Fair Hobby Hall coin table coordinator. [It appears that Greg will accept the position with assistance from other BECC members.]

"Have Fun" was the word from outgoing PNNA President Larry Gaye!

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM by newly installed President Lisa Loos.

Minutes recorded by Secretary Eric Holcomb.

Minutes of PNNA board meeting 23 August 2008, North Bend, Washington

Members in Attendance: Lisa Loos, President; Danny Bisgaard, Vice President; Michael Labosier, Secretary; Scott Loos, Treasurer; Larry Gaye, Past President; Richard Billings, Director; Del Cushing, Director; Craig Korstad, Director; William McKivor, Director; Gawain O'Connor, Director; David Ownbey, Director. Members Absent: Rob Anglemier, Director; Steve Cox, Director; Mark Gruner, Dealer-Director; Eric Holcomb, Director, Editor, Webmaster; Michael Sanders, Director; Bruce Wonder, Director.

The board meeting was called to order by President Lisa Loos at 12:30 p.m. Lisa welcomed the new officers and directors and introduced guests. The calendar of board meetings was reviewed, with four meetings planned for each year: 1) at the January Boeing Show, 2) at the Tukwila convention, 3) a summer meeting, 4) at the Portland fall convention. Lisa presented the current meeting agenda. A motion by Larry Gaye to approve the meeting agenda was seconded by Bill McKivor and passed.

A motion to approve the April 5, 2008 board minutes as published was made by Scott Loos, seconded by Bill McKivor, and passed.

Mike Labosier noted for the minutes that a motion by Scott Loos and seconded by Eric Holcomb to appropriate \$200 to fund awards for a special Oregon-themed exhibit class at the ANA National Money Show in Portland (March 2009) had been approved by the board via email vote in July. The objective is to tie into the "Oregon 150" celebration, commemorating the 150th anniversary of Oregon statehood.

Scott Loos presented the Treasurer's report. The PNNA currently holds a total of \$59,606 in various bank accounts and CDs. A motion by David Ownbey to accept the Treasurer's report was seconded by Bill McKivor and passed.

Convention Committee Report – Scott Loos reported on the financial results of the April 2008 Tukwila convention and discussed preparations for the October convention to be held in Portland. To increase the visibility of exhibits at the Portland convention, the exhibit tables will be moved next to the ANA table. Scott then reviewed planning for the 2009 convention, which will again be held in Tukwila. There was a discussion of convention costs, and of various services that are either paid for by the PNNA or provided by sponsoring clubs or other volunteers. The Olympia Coin Club will run the hospitality suite at the 2009 Tukwila convention. Dealer table fees have continued to increase, and this was discussed along with the possibility of increasing charges to dealers for "Early Bird" badges. It was decided to continue the discussion of "Early Bird" fees later. In 2009, Tukwila convention dealers will be admitted for setup at 8:00 a.m. (and possibly earlier) on Friday, with "Early Bird" badge holders admitted at 9:00 a.m. Dick Billings will serve as General Chairman and Mike Labosier volunteered to serve as Assistant General Chairman.

Exhibit Committee Report – Scott Loos presented to the board a written exhibit committee report prepared by Eric Holcomb, who was unable to attend. Plans for exhibits at the October convention, and for the ANA National Money Show to be held in Portland next March were reviewed. A June exhibit seminar had been held in Portland, with another planned for October. Scott proposed a motion that \$100 be appropriated for exhibit awards at the October Portland convention. The motion was seconded by Danny Bisgaard and passed by the board. Also discussed were plans for the special "Oregon 150" exhibit class, commemorating Oregon's 150th anniversary of statehood, at the March 2009 ANA show.

Outreach Committee Report – Scott Loos and Del Cushing reported on PNNA's longstanding participation at the Puyallup Fair's Hobby Hall. While the time commitment is large to cover time slots throughout the Fair's run, our table attracts considerable interest from the public each year. Member clubs staff many of the required shifts at the Fair. Greg Smith of the Boeing Employees Coin Club is the volunteer coordinator.

Token Congress – Bill McKivor reported on the upcoming British Token Congress to be held in Seattle in May 2009. This very special event is modeled after an annual Congress held in the United Kingdom and is jointly sponsored by the PNNA and the Conder Token Collectors Club.

Old Business – Del Cushing reported that storage racks for the display case storage locker have not yet been purchased. Scott Loos updated the board on plans and preparations for the March 2009 ANA show in Portland. The show will be co-sponsored by the PNNA and the Willamette Coin Club. Scott will serve as Bourse Chair for the event. The design of the commemorative medal for the Portland show has been decided, and illustrations of the

design were distributed to the board. Scott proposed a motion that \$6,000 be authorized to cover PNNA's share of production costs for the medals. Craig Korstad seconded the motion, which was then passed by the board. The proceeds of the sales will be split between the PNNA and the Willamette Coin Club. Volunteers will be needed at the show, and anyone interested can contact John Wasserman or any member of the PNNA board.

New Business – Lisa Loos led a discussion of the benefits of purchasing a second digital (PowerPoint) projector to help promote educational numismatic presentations. The club currently owns a projector that is stored in Oregon and shipped to Seattle as needed. The board discussed the value of keeping a second projector in Seattle, with the cost expected to be recovered over time through savings in shipping costs that would otherwise be incurred. Bill McKivior proposed a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,000 to purchase a digital (PowerPoint) projector to be kept in Seattle for local use. Scott seconded the motion, which was approved by the board.

The board then discussed a proposal to let member clubs use the PNNA's display cases for free. This would be an accommodation to member clubs, enhancing the value of their membership in the PNNA. It was suggested that to manage this properly, sign out forms would be needed to document and track the cases loaned out. Del Cushing and David Ownbey agreed to draft an agreement/contract form for the board's review prior to a final vote at the October board meeting in Portland.

President Lisa Loos presented a list of committees for the 2008 – 2010 term and discussed the focus and responsibilities of each committee. In this context, Lisa solicited ideas about how the PNNA can best serve the club/collector community through the next two years. A number of ideas were discussed, including better promotion of seminar attendance, staffing a table at shows to explain grading and answer general questions, club outreach possibilities, and sponsorship of exhibit seminars. Numismatic theater ideas were discussed, including a session on current "hot topics" in numismatics, new counterfeit threats, etc. There also was interest in obtaining statistics on website hits for the various PNNA site pages and sections.

Each board member was asked to serve on two committees of their choice. Some members made their selections during the meeting. Lisa asked the others to follow up with her as to their preferences and noted that she will make assignments for those board members who do not make timely selections.

Next discussed was the possibility of having a membership meeting during the Portland convention each year to supplement the annual membership meeting held during the Tukwila convention. There was general support for the idea, but scheduling and a starting point for this has not been determined.

Copies of the PNNA Constitution and By-Laws (revised 4/3/1999) were distributed to all board members. Lisa suggested that each board member read these and notify her of any points of discussion, suggestions for revision, etc.

There being no further agenda items, Lisa thanked the members for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

There will be a PNNA Board meeting at the Portland fall convention on Saturday, October 18 following the 6:00 PM bourse closing. The meeting will likely take place at the DoubleTree Inn. See Lisa or Scott Loos at the convention for more information.

– Michael Labosier, Secretary

Minutes of PNNA board meeting 18 October 2008, Portland, Oregon

The meeting was held at the Lloyd Center DoubleTree Inn in conjunction with the PNNA-Willamette Coin Club fall convention and coin show.

The board meeting was called to order by President Lisa Loos at 6:20 p.m. Lisa welcomed the directors and introduced guests.

Members in Attendance: Lisa Loos, President; Danny Bisgaard, Vice President; Michael Labosier, Secretary; Scott Loos, Treasurer; Rob Anglemier, Director; Del Cushing, Director; Larry Gaye, Past President; Mark Gruner, Dealer-

Director; Eric Holcomb, Director, Editor, Webmaster; Craig Korstad, Director; David Ownbey, Director; Michael Sanders, Director; Bruce Wonder, Director.

Members Absent: Richard Billings, Director; Steve Cox, Director; William McKivor, Director; Gawain O'Connor, Director.

Guests in Attendance: Jerry Bobbe, Bob Busby, Mark Emtman, Owen Gruner, Walter Ostromecki, John Wasserman, Gene Wiley.

A motion by Scott Loos to approve the August 23, 2008 board minutes as published was seconded by Danny Bisgaard and passed. Mike Labosier reported that the PNNA has earned 5 Bonus Bucks to spend at the ANA MoneyMarket Store. Mike will hold the certificate until a use is determined.

Scott Loos presented the Treasurer's report and Mark Gruner moved to accept. The motion was seconded by Craig Korstad and approved by the board.

Walter Ostromecki, an ANA Governor, presented an ANA update. Discussed were current initiatives of the board, including the establishment of an education chair, budget streamlining, and reorganization efforts. On behalf of the ANA Board of Governors and ANA President Barry Stuppler, Walter presented Lisa Loos and Eric Holcomb with presidential certificates of appreciation in recognition of their outstanding contributions to numismatics.

Larry Gaye gave a report on the fall convention/coin show that was underway. The dealers reported mixed results for the first day of the show. Larry noted that it was the easiest show setup ever, with display cases, lamps, and tables well organized and allocated. There were 325 attendees on the show's first day, and 35 participants in the YN activities. Scott Loos added that the bourse was sold out and that there were two empty tables from dealers who registered but did not show up. As a planning point for future shows, Larry led a discussion of Ralph Solomon's idea for radio advertising.

Eric Holcomb reported on exhibits. Beyond the current show activities, Eric continues his work to encourage exhibits at the 2009 ANA National Money Show in Portland. The exhibits (application) deadline for that show is February 1, 2009. Eric will promote exhibiting primarily through the clubs.

Lisa reported on the success of the PNNA's booth at the Puyallup Fair's hobby hall and thanked those who donated their time to staff the booth.

Several old business issues were then reviewed. The display case check-out agreement form is not yet ready. The agreement will allow up to 40 cases for free club use and will address liability issues. Cases will be physically inspected as they are issued out and checked back in. David Ownbey committed to have a draft available by mid-November. The agreement will be reviewed by a lawyer prior to being placed into use. Scott reported that the PowerPoint (digital) projector previously approved by the board for use in Seattle would be purchased by mid-November. Scott also provided an update on plans for the Portland ANA show. Planning is going well for the March show, and the commemorative medals are now available for sale.

Lisa then reviewed the committee assignments and urged the committee chairs to forward information to Eric for the PNNA web site. The Outreach Committee Chairman position remains to be filled. Lisa noted this position would primarily serve in a coordination role. The Board will also be looking for someone to take over the job of mailing the club's *Nor'wester* newsletter. Del Cushing will send out the next two editions, and then pass the baton after many years of handling this important duty.

Eric discussed the possibility of a special edition of *The Nor'wester* for the March ANA show. It would need to be drafted by early February. This is still under discussion—no decision was reached.

There being no further agenda items, Lisa thanked the members for their attendance and participation and adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Michael Labosier, Secretary, Recording