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Individual — \$5.00/year
Life — \$100.00
Family/Club — \$7.50/year

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URGENT — PNNA Election Ballots must be returned almost immediately (by April 4) to allow time for counting and making nameplates prior to the PNNA Convention in Portland. Please complete and return your ballot now!

President's Message, by J. Eric Holcomb

This year's big events are fast approaching — the PNNA Convention (April 10-11) in Portland, the West Coast Expo Seattle coin show (April 17-19), and the ANA's *World's Fair of Money™* in Portland (August 5-9). If you haven't already made your travel plans (especially for the busy summer season), now would be an excellent time to do so! Call the ANA at 719-632-2646 to receive an official housing application for Portland. Anyone who might be interested in a charter bus to the ANA should contact Joe Boling or Eric Holcomb as soon as possible.

After arranging your travel, please consider a numismatic exhibit for one or more of the above listed events. For more information, see pages 2 and 3. For an ANA exhibit application, call me at 253-850-2996.

Don't forget to vote for PNNA officers and board members for the 1998-2000 term of office. Official ballots are enclosed for those eligible. *See the notice above.*

The next PNNA board meeting will be on April 11th in Portland (see page 5). PNNA members are encouraged to submit specific proposals for educational activities to the board at or before scheduled board meetings.

PNNA Officers (term ending April 1998)

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| President | J. Eric Holcomb |
| 1st Vice-Pres. | Tom Sheehan |
| 2nd Vice-Pres. | Betty Hoffman |
| Secy./Treas. | Joseph E. Boling |
| Past President | Shannon Jones |
| Directors | Del Cushing, Donald Farnam, Marge Farnam, Paul Longcrier, Scott T. Loos, Michael O'Hara, Alex Panheco, Larry Rowe, Robert Steinegger, Steve Zieba |
| Dealer-Director | Marc Bettinger (appointed) |

Dues are Due

PNNA dues are assessed annually in January. If your address label is highlighted, you have not yet paid for 1998 and this will be the last issue of the Nor'wester that you will receive. If applicable, please include your dues with your ballot when you return it to Larry Rowe. Individual dues are \$5; family groups and clubs are \$7.50.

Ambassador Award Renamed

The PNNA goodwill ambassador award has been renamed the Nina Nystrom Memorial Goodwill Ambassador Award, in honor of the award's first recipient. The award is still made on an irregular basis at the discretion of the president. (*Look for a possible award at the PNNA Convention!*) For information on the new Bob Everett Memorial Award, see page 2.

Proposed By-Laws Revision

by Larry Rowe

A proposal was made at a meeting of the directors to eliminate the position of 2nd Vice President because it is an unnecessary position without function and requires another nomination to fill. Few other coin clubs have such a position. If you agree, run it. If you don't, forget it. (Please use the official ballot to vote on this issue.)

National Coin Week 1998

The ANA has announced the theme for NCW in 1998: "Numismatics — The Key to Knowledge." The PNNA will sponsor another competition for member clubs in 1998, and clubs and individuals are encouraged to promote NCW throughout the region. The ANA also awards a summer seminar scholarship for the best NCW program nationwide. Send NCW reports to the ANA Education Department by 31 May 1998 to compete for that award.

Bob Everett Memorial Award

Bob Everett passed away in August of 1997. He was a respected Northwest coin dealer and the owner of Classical American Coins. Bob had gained a loyal customer following by dealing in select high quality coins, mostly of the early American series. He was an avid promoter of organizations such as the Seattle Coin Club, The PNNA, Early American Coppers and the American Numismatic Association. His business practices were above reproach and always with the collector in mind. This attitude of helping the collector became apparent in his will. Bob left the bulk of his business inventory and personal collection to several charities and a few friends. The charities received several thousand dollars each. The individual collector beneficiaries received a part of the collection that would mean the most to them. German talers to one, English coins to another, stamps to one and so on. He directed in his will that his library be sold and the proceeds given over to the Seattle Coin Club. His thoughtfulness is being returned by one individual. Late in January Tom Sheehan was contacted by a member who wished to set up a fund to remember Bob Everett and to recognize others in the Pacific Northwest who serve and promote numismatics through articles written for the PNNA newsletter, exhibiting volunteer work, etc. This anonymous gift of \$1,000 has been given to the PNNA to establish an annual award in Bob Everett's name. The PNNA will be the custodian of the funds and has appointed a committee to layout the criteria and to select the recipient each year. The principal is to be invested and cannot be touched for thirty years. The major part of the income will be used each year for the award and since some income will be retained the award should grow each year. While not yet officially decided the recipient may receive tuition towards the ANA summer seminar or funds to purchase coins at the PNNA convention. The idea is to do more than simply offering a trophy or plaque.

The PNNA has voted to match all *additional* contributions to this fund up to \$1,000. (The limit has now been reached.) The expectation is that Bob's friends, customers and other coin dealers will add to the Bob Everett Memorial award fund. The Seattle Coin Club, where Bob was the treasurer at the time of his death, voted to be the first to add to this fund with a contribution of \$100. The PNNA will publish the names of all those who make contributions. The size of the individual contributions will not be published with the names. We ask that you consider how Bob impacted your life and collecting interest and make a

contribution. Checks should be payable to the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association and sent to the treasurer, Joe Boling at P.O. Box 8099, Federal Way, WA 98003.

At this writing, in addition to the \$1000 "seed" donation, we have so far received \$1015 from other friends of Bob. \$1000 of this amount has been matched by the PNNA, resulting in a total in the fund on 15 March of \$3015. That will provide a significant annual award to some deserving person who promotes numismatics in the Pacific Northwest.

The following individuals and firms have contributed to the fund: anonymous (seed donation), Allan J. Kollar, S. Manke, Seattle Coin Club, Judy and Ken Hill, Wayne R. Freese, Thomas C. Hartl, Tacoma Mall Blvd. Coin and Stamp, Anthony Terranova, Inc., Bruce D. Wonder, Rick Nelson, Steve Estes PN, Inc., Rawlin "Mac" McInelly, Fred Weinberg & Co., Inc., Kerry K Wetterstrom, Jerry and Sharon Bobbe, and Eric Holcomb.

Exhibits at the PNNA Convention

Exhibits have to be in place by noon on Saturday 11 April to be eligible for awards, which will be announced at 4:00p.m. We would prefer to have your exhibits in place on Friday, so that visitors to the convention can view and learn from them. If you want to use PNNA cases, you must send an application to Larry Rowe by 30 March so that those cases can be available. Use the form enclosed to apply for exhibit space and exhibit cases (Larry's address is on the application). Remember that the PNNA best of show winner receives \$200 in assistance to take the winning exhibit to the ANA anniversary convention; won't that be a snap in 1998? (5-9 August in Portland)

Last year the PNNA adopted completely new exhibit rules, in an effort to make ours conform as closely as possible (at the regional level) with the ANA rules, so that exhibits can be easily moved to the national level. The categories for PNNA exhibits are now: Class 1 — United States and Canadian coins; Class 2 — United States and Canadian paper money; Class 3 — Tokens, medals, and decorations; Class 4 — World coins and paper money; Class 5 — General or specialized; Class 6 — Pacific Northwest numismatic material. The special "Hepp" Heppner award for tokens and medals, which can be for an exhibit from any of several classes, is still awarded.

The complete exhibit application is four pages long, just like ANA's. Pages 2-4 are only needed if you intend to have someone else place or remove your exhibit or if you are a multiple winner of first place

awards at previous PNNA conventions. If you think you need the last three pages (not included here to save postage), ask for a complete copy of the rules from the secretary at the address in the letterhead. There are several references to specific parts of the rules in the application; if you have a copy of the ANA rules, you can determine what those references are without having the PNNA rules in hand.

We want to see lots of exhibits at the PNNA convention in preparation for the ANA in August; use the PNNA convention as a test track for your effort.

Exhibiting at the West Coast Expo

In addition to the PNNA convention, there is another place that you can show exhibits while you fine-tune them for the ANA. The West Coast Expo, 17-19 April at the Seattle International Trade Center (not the convention center at the freeway) now has very nice awards. See the article about the October show's exhibit awards in the previous *Nor'wester*. Prizes are purchased with monies donated by Teresa Darling, the show's commercial sponsor.

If you want to participate in the April WCE, an application is included in this issue (on the back of the PNNA application). If you are exhibiting at both shows, make sure to copy the application for the WCE before sending the PNNA application to Larry Rowe. Send the WCE application to Joe Boling. There is presently no limit on the number of exhibits that an individual may place at the WCE, nor on the number of cases per exhibit. If the exhibit space is exhausted, restrictions may be placed for future shows; right now, bring what you like. There are no exhibit classes; all exhibits are in the open class and compete against all other exhibits placed for competition (non-competitive exhibits are also accepted and encouraged).

Minutes of PNNA board meeting 15 February 1998, Portland, OR

The meeting was called to order by President Eric Holcomb at 1:03pm. Present were secretary/treasurer Joe Boling, directors Paul Longcrier, Larry Rowe, and Robert Steinegger (arriving before any votes were taken), and member Kathy Rowe.

The minutes of the 1 November 1997 board meeting were approved as published. The treasurer's report for the month closing 31 January was distributed and accepted subject to audit. The historian had no report. President Holcomb confirmed that the PNNA medal collection will be exhibited at the April convention.

There was no representation from the April PNNA convention committee [as the meeting was adjourned, several committee members arrived for the ANA convention committee meeting following; they reported that there are no issues at present related to the April PNNA convention]. The convention advertising woods have arrived and been delivered to the committee; Del Cushing will have a new talk on AYP medals for the PNNA convention.

West Coast Expo — no issues known. Boling will check with Bill McKivor.

A report was e-mailed to Holcomb and Boling from Tom Sheehan reporting on the distribution of the coin collecting video that ANA had made available for the cost of postage. He judged that the content was more suitable to youth audiences, so he sent one video to each of 104 Portland schools. He suggests that the same schools receive a news release about what PNNA is doing for National Coin Week, announcing the programs and exhibits that will be available at the April convention, and inviting the students/teachers to attend the convention.

Boling modeled the hunter green jacket that he has acquired as an example of the blazers that are suggested for wear by PNNA officers (\$119.95 plus tax). He also had a dark green pocket clip name tag with a PNNA wood mounted on it; such name tags could be worn in a shirt pocket or on the breast pocket of any suit or sports jacket (\$8.33 plus tax). Moved (Longcrier), seconded (Rowe) that the PNNA provide these name tags for all officers elected in the 1998 elections, plus past presidents, and subsidize the cost of each officer's green jacket to the level of \$30 (leaving approximately \$100 to be paid by each officer who desires to buy a jacket). Passed.

Holcomb reported that the PNNA web page is operational, but needs more material. It is under the ANA's web page, and can be accessed there. All are invited to submit material to Holcomb through his e-mail address (EHolc48@aol.com).

Larry Rowe suggests that the office of second vice president is an unnecessary office and proposes that the bylaws be changed to eliminate the office after the 1998-2000 term. Moved (Rowe), seconded (Steinegger) that the question of eliminating the office of 2nd VP be placed on the 1998-2000 officers' ballot, to be effective in April 2000 (bylaws can be changed by 2/3 vote of members responding to a mail ballot). Passed.

A proposal has been received from an anonymous donor who wishes to contribute \$1000 to the PNNA to fund an annual award memorializing Bob Everett, a

member who died in August 1997. The award would honor a PNNA member selected each year by criteria to be established. [There is presently no annual service award in the PNNA — the ambassador's award is aperiodic and awarded for longer service.] Tom Sheehan, who received the proposal and passed it to the board, suggests that the PNNA match the \$1000 and solicit additional donations from collectors and dealers who knew Bob and who desire to participate in this memorial. Many suggestions about how to administer the award fund and what proportion of the annual earnings should be used for the award were included with the proposal. After much discussion, moved (Boling), seconded (Steinegger) that the PNNA accept the donation subject to decisions about its administration to be determined by a committee to be appointed by the president; advertise for additional donations; and match the additional donations up to \$1000. Passed. President Holcomb then appointed the following to the committee to establish the procedures for administering the award: Tom Sheehan, the donor (if desired, else the donor can pass preferences through Tom Sheehan), Bill McKivior, Joe Boling, Ken Hill (if he joins the PNNA).

Moved (Rowe), seconded (Boling) that the PNNA ambassador's award be renamed the Nina Nystrom Memorial Goodwill Ambassador Award. Passed.

Concerning the upcoming election, moved (Rowe), seconded (Boling) to accept campaign ads from candidates, up to 100 words, to be placed in the next Nor'wester. Passed. Additional words can be placed by candidates at the normal ad rates.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04pm.

— Minutes prepared by Joseph E. Boling, secretary.

Did You Know?

- Although he's the patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick was born a Scotsman. The good saint appears on the front of coins made in Dublin around 1670, a large shipment of which was imported to New Jersey.
- It was in 1896 that George Carmack discovered gold on Bonanza Creek in the Yukon Territory. News of the strike reached the outside world in the summer of 1897, when the steamer Portland docked in Seattle with a load of Klondike gold.
- Sir Isaac Newton served as Master of the Royal Mint for 27 years, and was a relentless pursuer of counterfeiters.

Download the complete "Money Talks" scripts from the ANA at ftp.money.org/ana.

Tom Sheehan brings both a professional and numismatic background to the PNNA that can allow our organization to grow and prosper. After eleven years in the banking industry and 18 years as a stockbroker he has retired to spend more time with numismatics. Within the field of numismatics he has published two articles in *The Numismatist*, won awards both locally and nationally for exhibiting and in 1995 he was awarded the Glen Smedley medal by the American Numismatic Association. He was instrumental in starting the PNNA display at the Puyallup Fair and the cash awards to promote Coin Week. He feels that the time afforded him will allow him to devote considerable time to promote the PNNA.

Paid Political Advertisement

Eric Holcomb is the current PNNA President and newsletter editor, and is running for one more two-year term. Since moving to the Northwest in 1984, Eric has been highly active in local clubs, serving as president of the Boeing Employees' Coin Club, Seattle Coin Club, Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club, and now the PNNA. Eric's collecting specialties are U.S. Type, George Washington medals, space medals, and British Conder tokens. Eric is also serving as exhibit chairman for the 1998 ANA Convention in Portland, and is committed to expanding numismatic education and exhibiting in the Northwest, including activities that advantageously utilize PNNA funding. Eric would be honored to serve PNNA for two more years.

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Adeline Bebee Dies; Leaves Numismatic Legacy — Adeline I. Bebee, wife of the late Aubrey E. Bebee, died January 10 in Omaha, Nebraska. She and her husband were the greatest benefactors to the ANA. ANA Life Member 110, Adeline Bebee joined the Association in 1940, and worked hand-in-hand with her husband in numismatics until his death in 1992. Together they received ANA's Lifetime Achievement Award, Medal of Merit and the Association's highest award, the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award for Distinguished Service. The couple is perhaps best known for their donation of a 1913 Liberty Head nickel and an 1804 Bust dollar to the ANA Money Museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

New Membership Cards — The ANA is issuing new membership certificates, featuring a vignette used on a 19th-century United States gold certificate, and an offer for free coin grading. "We were running out of the membership cards we had been issuing for many years, so we looked into using an engraving from the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP)," says ANA's Membership Director Rudy Bahr. "We examined a number of possible vignettes before selecting one with the American bald eagle carrying the Stars and Stripes. It is strikingly different from the previous certificate that had only the ANA lamp of knowledge. We hope the members find it a nice change." The newly designed membership receipts feature a certificate suitable for framing and a wallet-size card. These new membership certificates will be used for about two years or until the supply is exhausted. Membership in the ANA is up to nearly 29,000, a 10-percent increase since April 1, 1997.

New Coins Spark New Era of Cooperation — The hobby's two largest organizations will launch a series of programs to aggressively promote numismatics with next year's release of new commemorative quarter dollars. Leaders of the ANA and the Professional Numismatists Guild (PNG) believe the 1999 release of the first five states' commemorative coins presents an outstanding opportunity to increase the public's appreciation for numismatics and boost participation in the hobby. Specific joint programs will be established in the coming months. One possibility is a coin collecting starter kit similar to the successful PNG Pennyboard.

30th Annual Summer Conference — An amazing menu of 36 courses awaits students who register for the ANA 30th Annual Summer Conference, scheduled for July 11-17, 1998, on the Colorado College campus in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The popularity of the week-long conference has become so strong that, for the first time, the ANA is capping enrollment at 300. Among the new classes being offered this year, two are unique. The first is "Individual Coin Grading Tutorials," featuring the nation's top coin-graders. (Invitation required, class size limited to five). The other new offering is designed especially for the non-collecting family members who accompany students. Brian Fanton, a long-time teacher of coin collecting to non-numismatists, will teach "Understanding the Collector in Your Life: A Course for Non-Numismatists." Cost for this class is only \$50 for those who attend the Summer Conference but are not otherwise enrolled in classes.

Obituary — Dick Watt

by Perry Scarlatos, Boeing Employees' Coin Club

R.I.P. Dick Watt, Life Member BECC (also PNNA member). One of our club's most illustrious members, Dick Watt, passed away on December 11, 1997 after a long illness. We will remember Dick for his leadership, honesty, cheerfulness, and devotion to all club activities. He had a broad knowledge of numismatics which he loved to share with all of us at the drop of a hat.

Dick was continuously active during his 32 years in the club, serving as an officer, medals chairman, coin show chairman (and many times assistant chairman), volunteer at the Puyallup Fair numismatic booth and National Coin Week display, and conducting many presentations on "Preparing a Winning Display."

Dick was also an avid yachtsman and a lifelong supporter of charitable and humane causes including Boy Scouts, his church where he served as an usher, and many organizations assisting youth, the homeless, and the abused.

PNNA BOARD MEETING

The next PNNA board meeting will be on April 11 at the PNNA Convention, following the breakfast.

Deadline for submission of material for Third Quarter 1998 Nor'wester: June 15, 1998. Call Eric Holcomb at (253) 850-2996, or e-mail to Eric at EHolc48@aol.com

Advertising rates are \$7.50 (1/8-page), \$10.00 (1/6-page), \$15.00 (1/4-page), \$25.00 (1/2-page), and \$45.00 (full page). Send ad copy to Eric Holcomb, and payment to the PNNA secretary/treasurer.

COIN SHOW CALENDAR

To list a show contact Del Cushing; P.O. Box 88984, Seattle, WA 98138; Phone 206-244-1596. Highlighted shows are PNNA sponsored or co-sponsored.

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MAR 21 PENINSULA COIN SHOW, Masonic Temple, 5th & Warren Ave., Bremerton, Wa.

MAR 21-22 TRI-CITY COIN CLUB SHOW, no location: call J. Hulse, 1528 Kimball, Richland WA 99352; 509-946-5242.

MAR 22 BELLEVUE COIN & COLLECTIBLES SHOW, Bellevue Inn, 11211 Main St., Bellevue, Wa.

MAR 28 KENT -VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, Kent, Wa.

MAR 28-29 ALBANY COIN CLUB SHOW, United Steel Workers Hall, 610 13th St. S.E., Albany, Ore.

APRIL 5 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, Wa.

APRIL 10-11 PACIFIC NORTHWEST NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 49TH ANNUAL CONVENTION, Lloyd Center DoubleTree Inn, Portland, Ore.

APRIL 17-19 Spring 1988 West Coast Expo SEATTLE COIN SHOW, Seattle International Trade Center, 2601 Elliott Ave., Seattle, Wa.

APRIL 18-19 BELLINGHAM STAMP & COIN EXPO. Best Western Hotel, Bellingham, Wa.

APRIL 25 OLYMPIA/SOUTH SOUND COIN SHOW, VFW Hall, 2902 Martin Way, Olympia, Wa.

APRIL 26 COWLITZ COIN CLUBS ANNUAL SPRING SHOW, AWPPW Hall, 724 15th Ave., Longview, Wa.

MAY 2-3 SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB SHOW, Masonic Hall, Centennial Blvd., Eugene, Or.

MAY 2 KENT-VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, Kent, Wa.

MAY 17 NORTHWEST TOKENS & MEDALS, King Oscars Motel, So. 88th & Hosmer, Tacoma, Wa.

MAY 30-31 GREATER TACOMA COIN SHOW, LaQuinta Inn, Portland & I-5, Tacoma, Wa.

JUNE 6-7 NORTHWEST COIN DEALERS, INC., San Juan Room, Seattle Center, Seattle, Wa.

JUNE 13 KIRKLAND/EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Kirkland Best Western, Kirkland, Wa.

JUNE 14 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW,

Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, Wa.

JULY 11-12 NORTHWEST TOKENS & MEDALS 13TH ANNUAL CONVENTION, Marshall Recreation Center, Vancouver, Wa.

JULY 12 BELLEVUE COIN & COLLECTIBLES SUMMER SHOW, Bellevue Inn, 11211 Main St, Bellevue, Wa.

JULY 31-AUG 2 PORTLAND PRE SHOW "98", Holiday Inn, Portland Airport, Portland, Or.

AUGUST 5-9 AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 107TH ANNUAL CONVENTION PORTLAND CONVENTION CENTER, PORTLAND, ORE.

AUG 9 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, Wa.

AUG 22-23 WASHINGTON STATE 19th ANNUAL COIN SHOW, LaQuinta Inn, Portland & I-5, Tacoma, Wa.

AUG 29-30 OREGON STATE 5th ANNUAL COIN SHOW, Sheraton Hotel, Portland Airport, Portland, Ore.

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OCT 17 KIRKLAND/EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Kirkland Best Western, Kirkland, Wa.

OCT 31-NOV 1 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, LaQuinta Inn, Portland & I-5, Tacoma, Wa.

NOV 7 OLYMPIA/SOUTH SOUND COIN SHOW, VFW Hall, 2902 Martin Way, Olympia, Wa.

NOV 28-29 HOLIDAY COIN & COLLECTIBLES SHOW, LaQuinta Inn, Portland & I-5, Tacoma, Wa.

DEC 5 ISSAQUAH/EASTSIDE COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn, Issaquah, Wa.