

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

Board Convenes in Atlanta

ANA governors consider banquet tickets, mediation policies and membership recognition.

➤ THE ANA BOARD of Governors met in open session during the American Numismatic Association's National Money ShowSM at the Cobb Galleria Centre in Atlanta, February 27-March 1. Present and voting were President Walter A. Ostromecki Jr., Vice President Jeff Garrett, and Governors Gary Adkins, Mike Ellis, Greg Lyon, Ralph Ross and Scott Rottinghaus. Governors Laura Sperber and Jeffrey Swindling were unable to attend. Also present were ANA Executive Director Kimberly Kiick, General Counsel Hollie Wieland, Treasurer Lawrence P. Baber, Secretary Sanford Pearl, Parliamentarian

the exception of those who have 10 or more years of volunteer service, effective with the 2014 World's Fair of Money in Chicago.

Colloquy: The \$25 increase will help reduce the Association's share of the cost, which currently is \$55 to \$60 per person. In so doing, the ANA will lower its overall banquet expenses, in keeping with its strategy to reduce costs and better balance its budget. However, an increase in ticket prices might have an adverse effect by reducing the number of exhibitors and others who attend the banquet. This could have financial implications if the ANA fails to meet its banquet attendance goal/guarantee.

Motion withdrawn

Motion by Garrett, second by Adkins, to set the discounted price of banquet tickets at 50 percent of a full-price ticket, without exception, effective with the 2014 World's Fair of Money in Chicago.

Failed—3 Yes; 3 No (Ellis, Lyon, Rottinghaus); 1 Abstain (Ross); 2 Absent (Sperber, Swindling)

Mediation Policy

Motion by Garrett, second by Rottinghaus, to adopt the following proposed changes in the Mediation Policy and incorporate them in the ANA Policy Manual.

1) Delete the section entitled "Informal Review," which states: "Upon receipt of a written complaint, the Mediation Department will notify the person about whom the complaint has been made and attempt to facilitate a resolution

between the Complainant and the member Respondent to arrive at a mutually acceptable solution. No formal response is required at this stage of the mediation process. Most complaints are resolved in this manner."

Colloquy: Should the Respondent be responsible, this process allows more delay in satisfying the complaint. No action will be taken until the mediation form is completed and the applicable fee paid. On average, half of the complaints received are preceded by months or even years of negotiation between parties.

2) Simplify the section entitled "Formal Mediation Proceedings" to read as follows: "For all such complaints that meet the necessary criteria, the following Association guidelines will apply. The Respondent will be notified of the complaint, and a written response will be required within 30 days of notification. The Complainant will be notified of the Respondent's reply and, if desired, can respond to the Association within 15 days of notification. The formal complaint and both parties' documentation will be referred to the Mediation Committee. If disciplinary action is taken against an ANA member, the name, city and state of the member in question, along with the grounds for disciplinary action, may be published in *The Numismatist* per ANA Board approval.

3) Increase basic mediation fees by \$25 for ANA members and \$50 for non-members, and eliminate the additional percentages (5 and 10 percent, respectively) assessed for transactions over \$2,500:

REVISED FEES & TRANSACTION AMOUNTS

VALUE	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
\$0 to \$1,000	\$100	\$200
\$1,000.01+	\$150	\$300

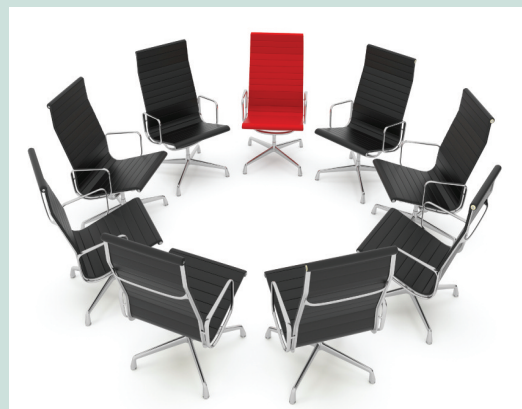


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Mark Lighterman, Board Youth Intern Cole Schenewerk, and Controller Carol Shuman. Excerpts from the open meeting on February 28 are featured here.

Subsidized Banquet Tickets

Motion by Garrett, second by Adkins, to increase the discounted price for banquet tickets at the ANA World's Fair of MoneySM from \$25 to \$50 per person, with

If the Complainant is a current ANA member, or was a member at the time the complaint was submitted, the “member” rate shall apply. If the Complainant is not a current ANA member, or was not a member at the time the complaint was submitted, the “non-member” rate shall apply.

4) Delete the following provision from the fee schedule: “For matters not involving a numismatic transaction or in which no monetary value is involved, the minimum processing fee is \$200 for ANA members and \$400 for non-members.”

Colloquy: If the transaction has no monetary value (\$0), the fee schedule would apply: \$100 for members, \$200 for non-members.

5) Amend the following statement to include auction firms: “The Association shall not intercede in disputes involving [auction firms or] third-party grading companies.”

*Passed—7 Yes; 2 Absent
(Sperber, Swindling)*

National Money Show

Motion by Lyon, second by Garrett, to select Orlando, Florida, as the host city for the 2017 National Money Show.

Colloquy: Orlando is a family destination and has lower hotel rates, good airline connections and no taxes on sales of U.S. coins. The Florida United Numismatists’ January 2017 show is scheduled for Tampa.

*Passed—7 Yes; 2 Absent
(Sperber, Swindling)*

Motion by Lyon, second by Ross, to appoint Danny Bisgaard as host chairman for the 2015 National Money Show in Portland, Oregon.

*Passed—7 Yes; 2 Absent
(Sperber, Swindling)*

Motion by Lyon, second by Ross, to appoint Larry and Kathy Rowe

as honorary host chairs for the 2015 National Money Show in Portland, Oregon.

*Passed—7 Yes; 2 Absent
(Sperber, Swindling)*

World’s Fair of Money

Motion by Adkins, second by Ross, to appoint Royal Canadian Numismatic Association representative Bill Cross as honorary host chairman for the 2015 World’s Fair of Money in Chicago as part of the ANA/RCNA “Hands Across the Border” initiative.

*Passed—7 Yes; 2 Absent
(Sperber, Swindling)*

Membership Recognition

Motion by Rottinghaus, second by Ross, to reinstate the Association’s 60-year membership recognition policy.

Colloquy: Submitted for consideration by ANA member Neil Shafer, this proposal is intended to honor 60-year members with presentation of nickel-silver pins, beginning in 2014. The estimated cost of this unbudgeted expenditure is \$2,000 for approximately 170 pins, which covers previous 60-year members (retroactive to 2006) and 2014 recipients. Vice President Garrett indicated he would support this motion only if a sponsor was found to underwrite the cost, at which point Governor Rottinghaus personally pledged \$1,000, with an additional \$1,000 to come from the Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts Program.

*Passed—6 Yes; 1 Abstain (Lyon);
2 Absent (Sperber, Swindling)*

Board Appointments

Motion by Rottinghaus, second by Ellis, to approve President Walter Ostromecki’s appointment of Katie Reinders as ANA Board youth intern for six months.

*Passed—7 Yes; 2 Absent
(Sperber, Swindling)*