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## **First Quarter**

# 2007

# January-February-March

#### President's Message by Larry Gaye

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Wow, another year has gone bye, way too fast to suit me. I'll try to make this short and sweet. Preparations are in full swing for the PNNA Convention while the Willamette Coin Club is very happy with the outcome of the Mini-Con held this past October. We really have the makings of a most excellent show in Portland. Like the Convention, it will take a few years to build up attendance even more; suffice it to say we are on the way. Believe it or not, I just received what we hope is the last bill for the October show!

I also was a bit (a very small bit) involved in the Salem Numismatic Society's 50th Anniversary celebration held over this past Thanksgiving weekend. Those folks put on a fantastic show. They took a chance and moved to a larger venue. It was very nice walking into a show with sixty five dealers; this type of activity really impresses attendees and hopefully they will keep this format in the future and the show will blossom more.

When the Convention roles around it means I will be in my last year as president. I view this as a mixed blessing in that it's time for new blood and as well as time for the ancient régime to relinquish the reigns and usher in the new. Ideas are the life blood of any organization and I URGE new folks to consider running as an officer or board member; new ideas are always needed.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our members a very Happy New Year and want to thank all of you for your support. We have a strong club, let's make it better. Take care and Keep Smiling!

There will be a PNNA Board meeting at the Boeing Employees' Coin Club annual show on Saturday, January 20 following the 5:00 PM bourse closing. The location is the Kent Commons (see the event calendar).

Minutes of the October 2006 PNNA board meeting are not currently available; the secretary will attempt to locate these minutes and publish them in the next newsletter along with the January minutes.

Former PNNA Secretary/Treasurer Joseph Boling to run for ANA Board of Governors! — See page 2.

#### PNNA Officers 2006-2008

President - Larry Gaye

Vice President - Lisa Loos

Secretary - Eric Holcomb

**Treasurer** - Scott Loos

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

**Appointed Positions** 

 $\textbf{Dealer-Director} \text{ -} Norman \ Mikat$ 

Editor/Webmaster - Eric Holcomb

#### **PNNA Dues**

PNNA membership dues are payable annually at the beginning of the year. Check your mailing label; if you have not already paid for 2007 and are not a life member, please send your 2007 dues to the secretary as listed above. The final reminder notice will be sent with the convention issue of *The Nor'wester* in March; however those who have also not paid for 2006 will be dropped from the roster in January.

For those of you who prefer to use a credit card with PayPal, a new PNNA PayPal e-mail has been established: sales@pnna.org. There are also subscription links on the PNNA website at http://www.pnna.org/applic.html. These links have been updated with the new e-mail.

#### **Scholarship Application**

Applications for the annual PNNA adult and YN scholarships to attend the 2007 ANA Summer Seminar are not yet available. Please contact Scott Loos (scottloos@msn.com) for more information, or watch the PNNA website.

## Joe Boling announces his bid for candidacy for the office of ANA governor

Joseph E Boling announced his intention to become a candidate for the office of ANA governor at the Michigan State Numismatic Society's 50th anniversary convention in Dearborn on Thanksgiving weekend. Boling is soliciting nominations from ANA members and ANA member clubs. In his letter to ANA clubs requesting their nominations, he cited his many years of experience as an officer of several numismatic organizations. He wrote:

"How am I qualified to be a governor of the ANA? I am a retired Army colonel (28 years service in the Infantry, Ordnance Corps, and Adjutant General's Corps), with a dual-concentration MBA (administrative theory/organizational behavior, and computer management). I was president of the International Bank Note Society 1986-1990 and have been their treasurer since 1993. I was secretary of the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association from 1994-2006 and also their treasurer 1996-2006 (I now reside in Indiana, so I gave up those posts this year)."

"I have been an ANA member since 1974 (converted to life member in 1981), and have been an ANA exhibit judge since 1978. I have been a member of the ANA's exhibiting and judging committee for eighteen years. I have been ANA's chief judge for fourteen years. I have taught at the ANA Summer Seminar (both weeks) for the past eight years (principal or coinstructor in four courses, assistant or guest instructor in eight courses). I have been recognized by the ANA with the Glenn Smedley Medal, the Medal of Merit, the Howland Wood Medal, and the Farran Zerbe Memorial award."

Boling's platform is founded on the ANA's role as a service organization for hobbyists. He says —

"I believe that the ANA has strayed from serving its individual members (including clubs). The emphasis has moved toward becoming a 'heavy hitter' with government agencies, inserting ourselves into movements to establish museums and other 'outreach' programs that do little to serve individual collectors. Yes, it is desirable to raise public awareness of numismatics, but not when that means draining the organization's fiscal resources and diverting staff hours to programs in which most members cannot participate. If such efforts can be funded with donor money, then we can provide the specialist knowledge to ensure that the programs are accurate and, if possible, benefit the collecting community. But those millions of dollars cannot be generated from member dues. If ANA wants to play in those parks, we need someone on staff who can bring in donations of several million dollars annually. Nobody is doing that today."

"Speaking of the ANA staff, having been to HQ every year for quite a while, and to every convention for quite a bit longer, I can see the deterioration of morale that has occurred among ANA's employees. The ferocious turnover rate is a symptom of a leadership climate that must be changed. I will do what I can as a member of ANA's governing body to effect such changes."

"ANA should be a collector-oriented organization. Selling our name and reputation to the highest 'industry' bidders when we cannot (or will not) regulate the efficacy of the product provided by those bidders is a disservice to the membership and to those in the general public who believe that the ANA represents collectors. We are doing nothing to rebut the statement that 'ANA cares more for dealers than for collectors.' Yes, dealers are also members — but a dealer with an annual revenue stream approaching a billion dollars should have no more voice than a member who collects nickels from circulation."

Boling is requesting nominations (and later, votes) from individual and club members of ANA. His campaign manager is Thomas W Sheehan, who can be reached at PO Box 1477, Edmonds WA 98020-1477. Boling can be reached at PO Box 29344, Indianapolis IN 46229-0344. Phone 317-894-2506; Fax 317-894-2910; email joeboling@aol.com.

To request an individual and/or club nomination form to support Joe Boling's candidacy, please contact Tom Sheehan, PO Box 1477, Edmonds, WA 98020, call Tom at 206-949-2646, or e-mail Tom at the address thomassheehan@msn.com. If you use e-mail, Tom can simply e-mail the form(s) back to you, which you can then print out, obtain signatures, and return to Tom by mail.

# WILLAMATTE-PNNA MINI-CON 2 'SIMPLY AMAZING!'

By Walter Ostromecki

"God, this is one great show!" quipped a smiling Beaverton, Oregon family of five to the volunteers at the registration table as they departed the show (after being there over three hours). "Your special youth focused activities and a coin treasure hunt was simply the coolest idea ever. Our kids were both educated and entertained while we had ample time to pursue our coin collecting needs. Walter is just great with kids and families. We sure enjoyed his outgoing spirit, hobby knowledge and novel outreach approach to youngsters.

His Deal or No Deal game was the high point for us. It was more exciting than the television show with host Howie Mandel. 'Howie Walter' is awesome. We commend your coin group for making our visit a family fun day and memorable event. Will be back next year!"

The Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association (PNNA) in conjunction with the Willamette Coin Club sponsored the second annual fall convention and coin show in Portland, Oregon at the Doubletree Portland Lloyd Convention Center Hotel, October 13-15th. Over one hundred dealers were present, with some coming in all the way from the east coast.

General Chairman Larry Gaye commented: "Despite the heavy showers at times, public attendance was nothing short of phenomenal. The dealers were very happy as sales were up, especially on Friday afternoon when the show opened. Over 300 people came through the doors in a five hour period.

Tom Deering, Liberty Coin and Currency, Vancouver, WA stated: "Type collector coins and paper currency were being snapped up by the public. My wife and I didn't even have time to get lunch on Saturday because we were so busy filling collector needs. My Friday sales alone paid for the trip. Portland is a great town for a coin show!" Lorraine Weiss, Weiss Collectible Sales, Hopatcong, NJ noted: "my husband attended and east coast show while I ran west to Portland. I probably had far more sales activity than he!"

"One of the added drawing features of the convention was the addition and emphasis on youth and families programs and activities," noted Mr. Gaye. "The Deal or No Deal Game - the numismatic version conducted by Walt Ostromecki was an exciting fun filled educational crowd pleaser. It was exciting to see young contestants open the numbered cases, deal with the banker and (who first had to pass a state quarter trivia quiz to enter) win US coins and currency from one cent to a two-and-half peso Mexican gold. Some were risk takers and went all the way. Others took the deal. Two youngsters during the show went away with the top gold prizes. Others went away with Flying Eagle Cents, Two Cent Pieces, Morgan Dollars, Barber coinage, etc. It was a wild exciting program that kept many a kid or family educated and entertained for hours. Walter is just great with kids!"

In addition to the Treasure Hunt and other youth outreach activities provided by Ostromecki, local Scoutmaster, James Reinders conducted a Boy Scout Collecting Merit Badge Clinic on Saturday afternoon. It was attended by 40-50 boy scouts, girl scouts, venture scouts, sea scouts, cub scouts and webelos. He along with Ostromecki not only provided the nuts and bolts of the fun coin collecting hobby, but also taught

them how to act and interact with dealers on the bourse floor. The scouts together completed the 12 stop numismatic treasure hunt in patrols of five or six. Competition was keen as a top coin prize was presented to the fastest completion time group. The scouts not only picked up coins like 1943 steel Lincoln Cents, Barber dimes and Buffalo nickels attached in 2 x 2's to information cards, but learned about the early minting process from Ian Cnulle as he struck metals on a hand screw press. The shows dealers love to see the scouts come. "It really adds a buzz to the whole show," noted Scott Loos, Bourse Chairman. "It also brings in the Scout parents and others." His daughter, Katie a Girl Scout and junior exhibitor at the show, was one the first winner of a gold coin in the Deal or No Deal game as parents and leaders encouraged her on to keep her case #10 and not take the deal. A cheer of amazement and joy rang out as she revealed the gold card in her case. "I can't beleive it. It was an awesome feeling. I almost took the deal. I'm glad I didn't"

The show also included a number of non-competitive exhibits for the public to enjoy. Chairman, Larry Rowe said: "This format works well in that PNNA members are more likely to bring out their specialties and not worry about how the exhibit is judged." And they did just that. The public spent a lot of time viewing with great interest all the specialty displays.

PNNA member Steve Cox once again produced a set of commemorative convention script in \$1 and \$5 dollar denominations. Production quantities were limited to 70 serially-number \$1 notes and 30 \$5 notes. They are sold at face value and were redeemable at the convention for there full value, though according to reports, none were. These colorful 2006 PNNA notes depict historic scenes in Oregon history with Mt. Hood and yellow and red roses. Portland is nicknamed the Rose City.

The next PNNA convention is slated for Tukwila (just outside Seattle), April 13-15, 2007. Bourse information can be obtained from chairman Scott Loos, PO Box 2210, North Bend, WA 98045, or e-mail: scottloos@msn.com.

#### 2007 PNNA CONVENTION

After another successful convention in Tukwila in April, the PNNA will hold its 2007 convention in the same facility on the weekend of 13-15 April 2007. Dick Billings will again serve as general chairman for 2007. 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 2007 PNNA Convention

Now is the time to build your exhibits for next spring's PNNA convention in Seattle (Tukwila). There is also an opportunity to show exhibits at the Boeing Employees Coin Show (January); use this show as a proving ground 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 next opportunity to exhibit at the national level is in Charlotte, NC, 16-18 March 2007. The next World's Fair of Money® will be in Milwaukee, WI, 8-12 August 2007.

#### **Bob Everett Memorial Award**

It's time for the committee to select a recipient for the Bob Everett Memorial Award, to be announced (and hopefully presented, if the awardee is present) at the 2007 convention. The recipient need not be a PNNA member; s/he need only be someone who has promoted numismatics in the Pacific Northwest during 2006. Please send your nominations (name and achievements that merit receipt of this award) to one of the committee members: Eric Holcomb, Del Cushing, Dick Billings, Joseph Boling and Larry Gaye.

More information, including a list of past award recipients, is available on the PNNA website at http://www.pnna.org/everett.html.

#### WASHINGTON Quarter Set for 2007

According to the U.S. Mint website, the second commemorative quarter-dollar coin released in 2007 honors Washington, and is the 42nd coin in the United States Mint's 50 State Quarters® Program. Washington, nicknamed the "Evergreen State," was admitted into the Union on November 11, 1889, becoming our Nation's 42nd state. The reverse of Washington's quarter features a king salmon breaching the water in front of majestic Mount Rainier. The coin bears the inscriptions "The Evergreen State," "Washington" and "1889."

For the complete story and an image of the design, go to the Mint's website at http://www.usmint.gov/, select "Coins and Medals" from the menu, and then select "50 State Quarters® Program." You can also see Washington State's own website at http://www.governor.wa.gov/quarter/. We're all looking forward to seeing the Washington State quarters in the spring of 2007! (The release is expected in late March or early April. The Washington quarter will be preceded in 2007 by Montana and followed by Idaho, Wyoming and Utah.)

# Tom Sheehan is looking

for information on the panic scrip of 1893, 1907 and 1914 from anywhere in the country.

Tom is also interested in buying Washington State Nationals.

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Deadline for submission of material for 2nd Quarter 2007 Nor'wester: March 15, 2007.

Please send ad copy to Eric Holcomb (e-mail Eric @Holcomb.com), and payment to the new PNNA treasurer or to the PNNA PayPal account. Call Eric (253-850-2996) for more information.

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\$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)

### **Tacoma Club 50th Anniversary**

The Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2007. The club has minted silver and bronze medals to commemorate this occasion, and there will be a 50th anniversary gala banquet on Saturday, March 10 following the first day of the club's semi-annual coin show in south Tacoma. See the club's website, http://tlcc.info/, for more information, or contact club president David F. Schmidt, PO Box 11192, Tacoma, WA 98411, Phone 253-565-6565. The Tacoma Coin Club (founded in 1957) merged with the Lakewood Center Coin Club in 1988.

## American Numismatic Association News

# Summer Seminar YN Scholarship Applications Online

The ANA seeks applications from young numismatists ages 12 to 22 for scholarships to attend the annual Summer Seminar educational conference in Colorado Springs, home of the ANA Edward C. Rochette Money Museum and the Dwight M. Manley Numismatic Library.

Scholarship recipients will attend a week-long class of their choice, stay in a Colorado College dormitory with experienced chaperons, and participate in seminar programs and special events. Dates for the two one-week sessions in 2007 are June 24-29 and June 30-July 6.

The ANA has been awarding Summer Seminar scholarships to YNs since 1973, and in the past 10 years, more than 100 YNs have received full or partial scholarships.

YN Scholarship applications are available on the ANA website at www.money.org (click on "Young Numismatists" from the "Explore the World of Money" drop-down menu) or by calling the ANA Outreach Department.

Applications are due Feb. 16, and will be reviewed by a selection committee. Scholarship awards will be announced in March. For more information, call the Outreach Department at 719.482.9872 or e-mail outreach@money.org.

#### **NUMISMATIST to Hit the Newsstands**

NUMISMATIST, the official publication of the American Numismatic Association, will be available at a limited number of independently owned newsstands and Kroger® supermarkets in 23 states beginning with the December issue.

The ANA has partnered with Anderson News Company of Atlanta, Georgia, to test the market for NUMISMATIST magazine at public news outlets. Approximately 4,300 copies will hit the stands in early December. The magazine's cover will differ slightly from the version received by members and will include a UPC code in the lower left corner.

"As the premiere magazine for collectors of coins, tokens, medals and paper money, NUMISMATIST has a loyal and very enthusiastic following in the hobby community" says Editor-in-Chief Barbara J. Gregory. "We're extremely proud of our publication and excited about sharing it with the public."

If test marketing is successful over the next three months, the ANA hopes to expand the magazine's distribution.

Celebrating its 120th year of publication in 2007, NUMISMATIST magazine began as a four-page pamphlet under the editorship of Dr. George F. Heath, who founded the American Numismatic Association three years later in 1891.

## The ANA Board will Meet at FUN

The ANA Board of Governors will hold a business meeting at 10 a.m., Jan. 4, at the Orange County Convention Center, room N322, in Orlando, during the FUN Show.

The Board will discuss feedback received to date on the draft bylaw recommendations, and the status of the grading service agreements.

"With the exception of a short executive session after the open session, meetings are open and the public is welcome to attend," said ANA Executive Director Chris Cipoletti. "Materials will be available before the meeting that is pertinent to agenda items."

For a summary of the feedback or to review and comment on the proposed bylaw changes, go to the ANA website at www.money.org and click on "Member Feedback" from the "Communications" drop down menu. Items submitted via the "Comment and Recommendations Feedback Form" will go to the entire Board of Governors and the ANA Executive Office.

Questions regarding agenda items can be sent to executive office @money.org. Materials, as they become available, will be posted on the ANA website under "Board of Governors" from the "Communications" drop down menu.

# Lane Brunner Named ANA Deputy Executive Director

Lane Brunner, Director of Numismatic Outreach at the ANA, has been promoted to Deputy Executive Director of Museum, Library and Research Services, Executive Director Chris Cipoletti has announced. His promotion is effective Dec. 1.

Brunner, who joined the ANA in 2004 as Director of Numismatic Curriculum, is a former professor at The University of Texas in Austin and 25-year member of the ANA. He has taught numerous numismatic courses, seminars and workshops at ANA conventions, Summer Seminar and at The University of Texas.

In his new role, Brunner will be responsible for directing library and museum operations in Colorado Springs, developing the museum and library at the proposed American Money and Gold Rush Museum in the San Francisco Old Mint, and for organizing the effort to place a numismatic museum in Washington D.C.

"Lane's skills will provide a strong base as we look at designing space and exhibits for museum and library expansion in Colorado Springs, museum and exhibit design and virtual library space in San Francisco, and a museum, library and research center in Washington D.C.," Cipoletti said. "Lane brings a vast array of numismatic knowledge to the ANA and has been an invaluable resource for us since he joined the ANA staff."

Since joining the ANA, Brunner has helped build the Coins in the Classroom program, introduced new workshops and seminars at ANA conventions, and expanded Numismatic Theatre offerings at conventions. He has played a key role in creating the ANA Journal, modernizing the Dwight N. Manley Numismatic Library and positioning the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum for potential accreditation by the American Association of Museums.

### COIN SHOW and EVENT CALENDAR

To list a show contact Del Cushing; P.O. Box 88984, Seattle, WA 98138-2984; Phone 206-244-1596. Highlighted shows and events are PNNA, ANA or CNA sponsored or co-sponsored. Shows will occasionally be subject to changes or cancellations.

#### 2007

JAN 6-7 GREATER TACOMA COIN SHOW, King Oscar Convention Center, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

JAN 20-21 BOEING EMPLOYEES' COIN CLUB SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

JAN 27 OLYMPIA COIN CLUB SHOW, Comfort Inn Conference Center, 1620 74th Ave SW, Tumwater, WA 98501

FEB 4 (9AM-Noon) NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, 8820 So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

FEB 10 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN & CURRENCY SHOW, Kirkland Baymont (formerly Best Western) Inn, 12223 NE 116th St, Kirkland, WA

FEB 10-11 OCEAN SHORES ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE SHOW, Convention Center in Ocean Shores, WA

FEB 11 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, WA

FEB 15-17 LONG BEACH COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES EXPO, Long Beach, CA

FEB 17 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

FEB 24-25 MCMINNVILLE COIN CLUB SHOW, Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 NW 44th, Lincoln City, OR

MAR 3-4 GRAYS HARBOR COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES SHOW, South Shore Mall, Aberdeen, WA

MAR 10-11 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, King Oscar Convention Center, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

MAR 16-18 ANA National Money Show<sup>TM</sup>, Charlotte, NC Convention Center

MAR 23-25 **Cancelled!!** ANA National Money Show<sup>TM</sup>, Sacramento, CA

MAR 31-APR 1 OREGON STATE SPRING COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn (Ballroom), Portland Airport, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd, Portland, OR

APR 7 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N. Kent. WA

APR 8 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, WA

APR 13-15 PACIFIC NORTHWEST NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION (58th Annual), Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave. So., Tukwila, WA

APR 15-21 ANA National Coin Week (83rd Annual)

APR 19-22 SANTA CLARA COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES EXPO, Santa Clara, CA

MAY 6 (9AM-Noon) NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, 8820 So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

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MAY 31-JUN 2 LONG BEACH COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES EXPO, Long Beach, CA

JUN 10 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, WA

JUN 24-JUL 6 ANA Summer Seminar (preregistration and payment of tuition required to take courses), Colorado Springs, CO

JUL 7-8 NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY 22ND ANNUAL CONVENTION & AUCTION, Vancouver Elks, 11605 SE McGillivray Blvd (Exit 28), Vancouver, WA

JUL 14 OLYMPIA/TUMWATER/SOUTH SOUND COIN&CURRENCY SHOW, Comfort Inn, 1620 74th Ave SW, Tumwater, WA (I-5 Exit 101)

AUG 3-5 MILWAUKEE 2007 SUMMER PRE-SHOW, Four Points by Sheraton Airport, 4747 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee, WI

AUG 4 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN & CURRENCY SHOW, Kirkland Baymont (formerly Best Western) Inn, 12223 NE 116th St, Kirkland, WA

AUG 8-12 ANA World's Fair of Money®, Milwaukee, WI

AUG 12 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Eagles #1, Corson & Michigan, Seattle, WA