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President's Message

by PNNA President Lisa Loos

Since the new board has been in office just over a year, I think it is appropriate to give a "State of Numismatic Union" speech. Okay, it is more like an update...

Membership: This committee is tasked with bringing new benefits to both individual and club members. For individuals, we now have membership cards available. We are sending them out to all new members and to those that request one. To request a membership card, please contact our membership coordinator, Rachel Irish at mrirish5@roadrunner.com. For our Life Members, we are discussing providing extra privileges to our Life Members who attend the Spring Convention. One idea is to grant them a name badge and ribbon for free entry and use of the dealer hospitality room. Our next task is to create and distribute a membership flyer by September.

For all the club members, we have now instituted a formal process for you to rent cases for your show. We have established a policy of 40 cases for FREE with each additional at \$10/per case. You will now need to sign a rental agreement form and be responsible for pick-up and delivery to/from our storage facility. If interested, please contact Del Cushing at 206-244-1596 to make arrangements and to receive the rental agreement.

Second, we now have procured an additional projector (to go along with the one housed in Oregon) for our WA clubs to be used at your meetings for presentations. You must supply your own laptop. To make arrangements for pick-up, please contact me. Lastly, we are working with the Convention Committee to have a designated assigned table at the PNNA Tukwila show for our member clubs to use for recruitment. Any ideas on what you want to see as a member, please contact me at pnnavp@yahoo.com or by phone 425-831-8789.

Education: Once again, we offered two scholarships to the ANA Summer Seminar. Congratulations to this year's winners-Jason Failla (Adult) and Hannah Powell (YN).

We are in discussions about educational seminars to be held sometime next year. If there is a topic of interest to you, please contact Education Chair, Scott Loos, at scottloos@msn.com or by phone 425-831-8789.

Publications: We continue to maintain the pnna.org site and are looking at purchasing newer (and better) software to make the site more attractive. This site continues to be updated regularly; if you have not visited, take a look. Also, the show calendar continues to be produced and distributed to various venues. It is also available on the website.

Outreach: This is an important bridge to the community. Our biggest outreach event is having a booth at the Puyallup Fair in the Hobby Hall. This means that we need to man this table the duration of the Fair. This is a great way for the PNNA to educate the public about numismatics and to use as a recruiting tool. Greg Smith, Puyallup Fair Coordinator, will begin visiting local clubs to solicit volunteers. If you have not done so in the past, I encourage you to sign up for a shift to be part of this great event. Another important part of outreach is to encourage our young people to get involved in our hobby. To do this, I have appointed James Reinders as the Scout Chairman and Lora Hetzel as the YN coordinator. These two have already been successful with scouting clinics at the Portland ANA show as well as the Tukwila convention.

Election: The next PNNA election is approaching. We will install new officers and board members next April. This committee is beginning to create a pool of interested candidates. If you are interested in becoming part of the PNNA board, or know someone that would make a great candidate, please contact Election Chair, Bill McKivor at 206-244-8345.

I hope this update helped all of you understand what the board has accomplished this past year. We continue to work hard to make the PNNA a great organization. Please let myself or any of the board members know what you would like to the organization to accomplish.

Have a FANTASTIC Summer!

Lisa

PNNA 2009 Annual Awards Summary

by Danny Bisgaard

On April 18, 2009, the following awards were presented to the membership at the PNNA Tukwila show:

President's Awards – President Lisa Loos presented awards to Greg Smith for his involvement as the coordinator at the annual Puyallup Fair, Mike Pepka for his coordination of the YN treasure hunts and to Richard Billings for his General Chairmanship of the PNNA Tukwila show.

Nina Nystrom Memorial Award – President Lisa Loos announced the award winner as Greg Franck-Weiby. Greg has been a supporter of the PNNA and their shows. He has been instrumental in “coining” the pewter, silver, gold and copper medals that are sold at the shows. He was not in attendance in Tukwila this year, so Vice-President Danny Bisgaard presented the plaque to Greg at the May board meeting of the Salem Numismatic Society in Salem, Oregon.

Bob Everett Memorial Award – Two nominations were submitted to the committee (the past five winners of the award) and the 2009 winner is James Reinders. James has been very instrumental in promoting the hobby, serving as scout coordinator for the PNNA and ANA. At the Spring ANA show in Portland, over 450 boy and girl scouts participated, which is a record for an ANA show. He was not in attendance in Tukwila, so Vice-President Danny Bisgaard will present the plaque and check to James at a future Willamette Coin Club meeting in Portland.

Scholarships – The PNNA Awards subcommittee received seven scholarship applications – five adult and two YN. We want to take this opportunity to thank all the members that took the time to apply. Last year we only had one application. The adult winner is Jason Failla and the YN winner is Hannah Powell. Both are excited to win the award, and will report back on their experiences this summer in Colorado.

National Coin Week – ANA's National Coin Week was April 19-25, 2009 and this year's theme was the celebration of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday. We asked for more clubs to participate this year but only one did. Olympia Coin Club, once again, wins this year's National Coin Week award – a monetary contribution from the PNNA to the Olympia Coin Club.

Once again, thanks for taking the time to nominate or submit an application for these important PNNA awards. The membership is the life blood of the PNNA. Your interest and knowledge and continued education are the reasons these awards are made available to all of you.

More information about the various PNNA awards can be found on the PNNA website at <http://www.pnna.org/awards.html>.

PNNA-Willamette Fall Convention

Put October 24-25 on your calendars ... the 5th Annual PNNA/Willamette Coin Club Fall Convention and Coin Show will be here before you know it. This year will feature an expanded bourse, YN program, Scouting Clinic and expanded exhibit area – more details will follow in the fall issue of *The Nor'Wester*.

Call for Puyallup Fair Volunteers

Greg Smith of the Boeing Employees Coin Club is the Puyallup Fair Hobby Hall volunteer coordinator. Volunteers are needed to work 68 three-hour shifts (4 per day for 17 days, September 11-27) at the Hobby Hall coin collecting table, greeting the public and presenting a positive image of our hobby. Extensive numismatic knowledge is not required – we have handouts with a phone number and e-mail that people can use to get more information. We also usually have foreign coins for kids!

All volunteers receive two free Fair admission tickets per shift, and may also receive one or more parking passes if volunteering for at least two shifts. Admission is good for the entire day, so there's plenty of time to “cruise” the Fair before or after working.

Shift times are 10 AM to 1 PM, 1 PM to 4 PM, 4 PM to 7 PM and 7 PM to 10 PM (11 PM Friday and Saturday). Although you can sign up at certain coin club meetings including the Tacoma-Lakewood, Olympia and Boeing Employee club meetings, it may be easiest simply to contact Greg by phone at 206-766-4269 or E-mail at smithgd11@comcast.net to volunteer. First-come, first-serve with respect to dates/shifts!

PNNA Officers 2008-2010

President - Lisa Loos

Vice President - Danny Bisgaard

Secretary - Michael Labosier

Treasurer - Scott Loos

Directors

Larry Gaye (Past President), Bruce Wonder, Eric Holcomb, Del Cushing, William McKivor, Gawain O'Connor, Steve Cox, Craig Korstad, David L. Ownbey, Rob Anglemier, Michael Sanders

Appointed Positions

Dealer-Director - Mark Gruner

Editor/Webmaster - Eric Holcomb

2009 Convention Exhibit Report

by Larry Rowe, Exhibit Chairman

To those who remember, I was not able to attend last year's convention due to illness. In my place, Chief Judge Eric Holcomb took care of all exhibit duties and did a fine job. As I am no longer on the board of directors, all my duties were to cease at the end of my term at last year's convention. President Lisa Loos contacted me and asked if I would continue to serve as Exhibit Chairman, to which I agreed. Therefore, I have returned to handling convention exhibits. This is my report for 2009.

As usual, there were few but excellent exhibits. The judging of the competitive exhibits was carried out by Chief Judge Eric Holcomb, Del Cushing and Al Westerhof. My sincere thanks to all of them for donating their time to perform a difficult task. Following are the results of their work.

Competitive Exhibits

Class 1 - United States and Canadian Coins

No entries

Class 2 - United States and Canadian Paper Money

No entries

Class 3 - Tokens, Medals and Decorations

No entries.

Class 4 - World Coins and Paper Money

1st Place – Steve Cox, “The Bank Notes of the Bank of Tabasco”

2nd Place – Milt Blackburn, “Zimbabwe's Inflation Currency – 2006 – 2009”

Class 5 - General or Specialized

1st Place – Larry Gaye, “What is Arab Byzantine Coinage?”

2nd Place – Tom Sparks, “The Short Snorter Project”

Class 6 - Pacific Northwest Numismatic Material

No entries.

Best Tokens and Medals

C.E. “Hepp” Heppner Memorial Award

Not awarded.

Best of Show

Byron F. Johnson Jr. Memorial Award

Steve Cox, “The Bank Notes of the Bank of Tabasco”

Congratulations to all the winners.

It occurred to me that most people do not know what exhibit winners receive for their awards, and thus never have seen any. Since the PNNA cannot afford to carry awards on hand for all the classes and placements to be presented at the convention, as the cost would be prohibitive, awards are custom made after the convention and mailed to the recipients.

A 3x4” or 5x7” plaque is made by Northwest Numisplastics which has the proper information on it. To enhance the award, a feature item is encased in the plaque. For first place and best of show, a current one ounce Silver Eagle is included. For second and third place (and for the judges), a current show medal is included. These make a very attractive award. These awards are not cheap to produce, and make a nice memento.

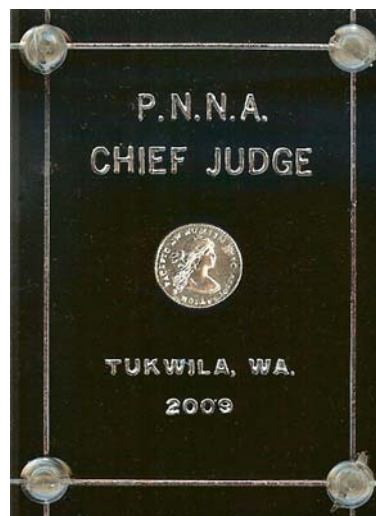


Image: PNNA Chief Judge award plaque for 2009.

Looking forward to next year's exhibits.

Larry Rowe,
Exhibit Chairman

Deadline for submission of material for 4th Quarter 2009 Nor'wester: September 15, 2009.

Please send ad copy to Eric Holcomb (e-mail Eric @Holcomb.com), and payment to the PNNA treasurer or to Rachel Irish. Call Eric (541-647-1021) for more info.

Advertising rates (per regular/convention issue) are:

\$4.00/\$5.00 (1 column inch; no oversized text)

\$7.50/\$10.00 (1/8-page; business card)

\$10.00/\$12.50 (1/6-page)

\$15.00/\$18.00 (1/4-page)

\$25.00/\$30.00 (1/2-page)

\$45.00/\$50.00 (full page)

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)

ANA National Money Show, March 13-15, 2009 in Portland

The ANA National Money Show™ was held March 13-15, 2009 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon! The local host clubs were the PNNA and the Willamette Coin Club, with the Salem Numismatic Society as an honorary host club. We had a great event, with an attendance of over 7,500 as reported by the ANA.

Show Reports

ANA Governor Walt Ostromecki – I want to again express my thanks to the PNNA, Willamette Coin Club and Salem Numismatic Society for hosting a simply fantastic and successful ANA National Money Show. The entire committee and volunteer core were very friendly, zealous and dedicated. Kudos to all!

I do hope the ANA will consider the Portland venue in the future. Again, thanks for all your volunteer hours and hard work. I know the numismatic press will play up the show as one of the top, if not the most outstanding ANA National Money Shows in many years. I am honored and proud to be a longtime PNNA member!

PNNA officer Del Cushing – I wish to extend my congrats to all who were instrumental in putting together what I believe was a highly successful convention. The organizations did the Northwest proud again. I know that the amount of interest by the Junior set surprised the ANA staff as they were not prepared for the number of future collectors to come through for the Treasure Trivia. It was heartening to see that much interest as THEY ARE the future of the hobby.

John and Nancy Wilson (Letter to the Portland chairmen, workers, and host coin clubs) – Thank you Portland! The ANA National Money Show recently concluded in Portland was a huge success. We grade all aspects of this convention MS70. We want to thank and congratulate the following for a “job well done.” General Chairman Scott Loos, his local Committee and workers; the host coin clubs; ANA Exec. Dir. Larry Shepherd along with Meeting Services Manager Brenda Bishop and all their staff; the ANA National Volunteers, Bowers & Merena Auctions, the exhibitors, judges and speakers; Scout Clinic coordinators; the BEP, U.S. Mint and Post Office; public relations (publicity), security, coin publications; the thousands of visitors who attended and the hundreds of great coin dealers who had tables at the show. Without the dealers, we wouldn't have coin conventions. Wow, what an outstanding coin convention! Thanks again to everyone who contributed to the success of this show. We look forward to the summer ANA Convention in Los Angeles, CA. – John and Nancy Wilson, Ocala, FL. [John is a past ANA President.]

Also see http://www.pnna.org/ana_2009_portland.html

The 2010 ANA National Money Show™ will be held March 26-28, 2010 in Fort Worth, Texas.



ANA President Barry Stuppler presents award to Larry Rowe in recognition of Larry's longtime service as an ANA National Volunteer.

Convention General Chairman Scott Loos presents his special convention tokens to ANA Convention Manager Brenda Bishop (left), Larry Rowe (left of Scott) and Larry Gaye (right of Scott).



View of the host club table with the bourse floor in the background. The host table was busy during the show, and a number of new club members were recruited with introductory free membership offers.



Team of moneyers dressed in medieval and colonial garb: from left, Journeyman Moneyer Armand de Force (“modernly known as” Paul Cooper), Minister of the Moneyers' Guild Master Ian Cnulle (m.k.a. Greg Franck-Weiby), Journeyman Moneyer Arion the Wanderer (m.k.a. Dave Peters), Fellow of the Guild Master William Bjornsun (m.k.a. Bill Dawson), and Fellow of the Guild Derian Le Breton (m.k.a. Brian Fergusson).



Oregon Historical Society marquee exhibit of the “Portland Penny” and the gold “Beaver” coins and dies.

PNNA 60th Annual Convention, April 17-19, 2009 in Tukwila

The biggest annual coin show in the Pacific Northwest, sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association (PNNA), was once again a success, although attendance was down a bit from 2008 for various reasons, including a weak economy, nice weather convention weekend, and the national ANA show in March.

In addition to bourse activity, there were exhibits, awards, numismatic theater programs on Saturday, and a popular Young Numismatists (YN) program conducted by ANA Governor Walt Ostromecki.

- Juniors on the bourse floor were excited to have the opportunity to complete a set of numismatic items as part of the Young Numismatist (YN) "Treasure Hunt" game. Participation was excellent again this year!
- There were four competitive collector exhibits this year, all of which were quite interesting! [See detailed report on page 3.]
- Attendees once again received custom designed and struck pewter "tokens" while supplies lasted! [See the PNNA memorabilia catalog at <http://www.pnna.org/catalog/index.html>.]

he PNNA is pleased to announce that the association's annual convention will again be held at the Tukwila Community Center the weekend of April 16-18, 2010.

Also see:

http://www.pnna.org/convention_report_2009.html

and

<http://www.pnna.org/convention.html>.

Dealers who wish to receive a bourse application should contact Scott Loos, PO Box 2210, North Bend, WA 98045, phone 425-831-8789, E-mail scottloos@msn.com.



Steve Cox (left) receives speaker award from numismatic theater chairman Gawain O'Connor (right). Steve's talk was "A Brief History of the Japanese Yen."

ANA museum curator Douglas Mudd (left), receives award for keynote speech, "An Overview of A House Divided; The Money of the Civil War."



Bill McKivor (left) receives award for his talk, "Talbot, Allum, and Lee – The 'Conder token' that never was."

Dick Billings (right) is recognized by PNNA President Lisa Loos (left) for his service as spring convention general chairman. Dick is retiring as chairman this year.



James Reinders, scouting co-chair at the 2009 ANA National Money Show in Portland, received the Bob Everett Memorial Award.

Moneyer Greg Franck-Weiby, who has struck souvenir "tokens" for the PNNA for many years, received the Nina Nystrom Memorial Goodwill Ambassador Award.

See page 2 for the PNNA 2009 annual awards summary by awards committee chairman Danny Bisgaard.

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PNNA Board Meeting Minutes

18 April 2008, Tukwila, Washington

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

Members absent: Larry Gaye, Past President; David Ownbey, Director.

Guests in attendance: Walter Ostromecki, Alex Pancheco, Owen Gruner.

The board meeting was called to order by President Lisa Loos at 8:05 a.m. Lisa welcomed the directors and introduced guests.

Scott Loos presented the Treasurer's report. Club revenues for the first three months of 2009 totaled \$26,137 and expenses were \$3,085. At March 31, 2009 the club held cash balances of \$83,913, including \$21,736 held temporarily on behalf of the Token Congress. Most of the cash is invested in money market accounts and certificates of deposit. The Treasurer's report was approved (Mark/Craig).

The minutes of the January 17, 2009 meeting were approved (Danny/Scott). Mike Labosier reported that the board had approved by email vote a nomination request from ANA Governor candidate Tom Palmer.

Old Business:

Scott reported that the rental agreement form to be used for the club's digital projectors was being finalized.

Committee Reports:

Convention – Dick reported that convention attendance on Friday was estimated at 450. He also briefed the board on police activity in the parking lot on Friday. A suspicious person was reported to the police and arrested on outstanding warrants. Scott reported that the new policy of admitting dealers for setup at 8:00 a.m. and early bird pass holders at 9:00 a.m. had gone smoothly. Next year, an additional change will be implemented, with dealers limited to three listed persons on their table, rather than the current four.

Scott reported that the ANA National Money Show in Portland had exceeded expectations, with 8,000 attendees including lots of families and young people. Walter Ostromecki thanked the PNNA on behalf of the ANA for all of the club's efforts as co-sponsor of the

show. Walter also suggested that the PNNA follow up with the Burton Elementary Campus of the Evergreen Public School in Vancouver, WA. A group of teenagers from that school attended the show and had a great time.

Lisa announced the passing of Ace Reiswig's wife Juanita. The PNNA will send a sympathy card; memorial donations should be sent to the American Heart Association.

Publication – The Board discussed offering a membership category that provides for an electronic only version of *The Nor'wester* versus a hard copy by mail. Scott reported that 17 or 18 new members had signed up at the ANA show in response to an offer of one year free membership with the electronic version only. A similar offer was being made at the PNNA convention, and Scott described how this came about. In the future, the board will be involved in deciding such changes. After further discussion, a motion was passed (Eric/Craig) to offer a free one year membership to attendees at conventions sponsored or co-sponsored by the PNNA for a trial period of one year, commencing with the March, 2009 ANA show. Those who take advantage of this offer will have all the benefits of regular benefits, except that they will have access only to an electronic version of *The Nor'wester* and will not be mailed a hard copy. After the one year trial period, the board will decide whether to continue, amend, or drop this promotion.

In the context of this discussion, the board discussed the possibility of offering a two tiered membership dues structure (similar to the new ANA approach), where dues would be higher for those who want a hard copy of *The Nor'wester*. Given the current modest dues rates, the PNNA will not now take that approach. However, Scott asked Eric to post a notice on the website that members may choose to forgo receiving *The Nor'wester* by mail, and instead receive quarterly email notices to access an electronic version.

Eric reported that the PNNA website was attracting 400-500 page views per day. He has some ideas for website upgrades which may require additional funding.

Education – Scott reported on Numismatic Theater offerings and noted that convention medal sets were being given to the speakers. We may consider offering seminars through the ANA, but the participant fees would be high—possibly \$195 to \$250.

Membership – Rachel has mailed membership cards to new and renewing members as of January 1, 2009. Lisa and Rob are working on a flyer that would describe the benefits of PNNA membership. Lisa noted that the membership committee chair position is open.

Outreach – The chair position for this committee also is open. Lora Hetzel of the Everett Coin Club currently serves as YN coordinator and Greg Smith will continue in charge of the Puyallup Fair outreach effort.

Election – Bill reported that Larry Rowe had retired from the committee. Bill also noted that at least two committee members should be involved in the balloting process to avoid the appearance of conflict of interest, since he will be a candidate in the next election. Lisa has a potential new candidate and will forward the information to Bill.

Exhibits – Eric reported on the convention's exhibits. Participation was light this year, and Eric has plans to formalize the process more next year and ensure that we know in advance who will exhibit and how many display cases will need to be reserved.

Awards – Danny discussed the awards process and announced the following 2009 winners:

Nina Nystrom Award – Greg Franck-Weiby,

Everett Memorial Award – James Reinders.

The committee received eight applications (six adult and two YN) for the scholarship to ANA's 2009 Summer Seminar. The winners were:

YN – Hannah Powell, Adult – Jason Failla.

In addition to these awards, there were four Presidential Awards to be presented by Lisa at the Annual Membership Meeting. (See minutes of that meeting.)

Other Business

Bill provided an update on the British Token Congress. About 20% of the attendees will be traveling to Seattle from the U.K. Based on paid registrations received to date, Bill was happy to report that the \$2,000 subsidy offered by the PNNA would likely not be needed.

Lisa proposed a new format for the Annual Members Meeting. The board agreed with her idea to introduce board members, present committee reports, and then open the meeting to a general Q&A session to be followed by the awards presentations.

There was a brief discussion of a published appeal to the PNNA board to purchase a PNNA memorabilia collection for \$2,750. The consensus was that the club already had most if not all of the items for sale.

As a planning point for future Annual Conventions, Craig suggested that we approach the grading services to see if any of them would be interested in participating.

There being no further business, Lisa adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Michael Labosier, Secretary, Recording.

PNNA Membership Meeting Minutes

18 April 2008, Tukwila, Washington

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Board members absent: Rob Anglemier, Director; Steve Cox, Director; Craig Korstad, Director; David Ownbey, Director; Bruce Wonder, Director.

Club members and guests in attendance: Walter Ostromecki, Jerry Bobbe, Dick Cowley, Dennis Reed, Dorothy Reed, Bob Graham, Gay Graham, John Wasserman, Larry Rowe, Owen Gruner.

President Lisa Loos called the meeting to order at approximately 6:15 p.m. Lisa introduced herself, welcomed the attendees and explained the meeting format, noting that it would include a new general Q&A session.

Introductions

The board members then introduced themselves and noted their committee assignments: Danny Bisgaard—PNNA Vice President, Awards Committee; Mike Labosier—PNNA Secretary, Election Committee, and Asst. General Chairman of the PNNA Annual Convention; Scott Loos—Treasurer, Education Committee; Michael Sanders—Director, Elections and Membership Committees; Gawain O'Connor—Director, Education and Awards Committees; Del Cushing—Director, responsible for the club's storage locker and distribution of *The Nor'wester*; Mark Gruner—Dealer-Director, Publication and Education Committees; Eric Holcomb—Director, Publication Committee, Editor of *The Nor'wester* and Webmaster; Larry Gaye—Past President, General Chairman of the PNNA Portland Convention; Larry Rowe—Chair of the Exhibits Committee; Bill McKivor—Director, Election Committee; Dick Billings—Director, General Chairman of the PNNA Annual Convention.

Other PNNA Members and guests (noted above) introduced themselves.

Larry Rowe expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation for the PNNA's support of the Presidential Award he received from the ANA in recognition of his 15+ years of volunteer service.

Committee Reports

Membership – Lisa reported that membership cards are being sent to all new and renewing members

as of January 1, 2009. She is working on a flyer that will explain the benefits of PNNA membership.

Outreach – Lisa described the PNNA's continuing outreach efforts through participation in the Puyallup Fair's Hobby Hall and by sponsoring scout clinics.

Elections – Bill reported on election activities, with the next election scheduled for 2010. He plans to coordinate work on a flyer that would explain duties of board members. Bill also noted that we have seen light voter turnout in past elections and solicited ideas to encourage members to return their ballots.

Publications – Eric explained the new promotion offering one year of free PNNA membership with access to *The Nor'wester* online only. He reported that the PNNA website attracts between 400 and 500 page views per day and that website upgrades are being considered.

Q & A / General Discussion

Danny suggested the PNNA may want to model its member benefits flyer after the ANA's membership pamphlet. Primary membership benefits currently are: receiving *The Nor'wester*, the ability to exhibit at PNNA shows, and eligibility for PNNA scholarships.

Dennis Reed suggested that the PNNA offer a life membership option [it already does]. Larry Gaye added that a different color of ribbon could be used to distinguish life members at PNNA shows. Larry also proposed that board members personally contact current members to encourage membership renewals.

Membership benefits to clubs were discussed. Dick Cowley would like website development help for member clubs. Danny noted that current benefits to clubs include links to their websites from the PNNA site and the PNNA's online coin show listing. A list of speakers is also available to the clubs. Lisa added that free case rentals and use of the PNNA's digital projectors are other benefits to member clubs. Dennis Reed proposed possible dealer member benefits, including discounts on bourse fees and educational offerings.

Larry Gaye discussed the need for the PNNA to investigate Liability and Directors and Officers insurance coverage. Others joined in this discussion and noted other clubs that carry such coverage, which is available at a reasonable cost.

Jerry Bobbe described his success with giving talks at middle schools and distributing free coins as part of the presentation. This outreach activity contributed to the many families in attendance at the ANA show in Portland. He suggested that the speakers list on the PNNA website be updated, as this is a valuable resource. [Please submit updates to Eric Holcomb.]

Awards

Eric announced the exhibit award winners.

[See Larry Rowe's article on page 3 for a list of those awards.]

Danny discussed the PNNA awards process and announced the following 2009 winners:

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Greg Smith, Puyallup Fair Coordinator,

Mike Pepka, YN Treasure Hunt Coordinator,

Richard Billings, General Chairman, PNNA Annual Convention,

James Reinders, ANA Scout Coordinator.

There being no further business, Lisa adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Michael Labosier, Secretary, Recording.

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Additional ANA and PNNA News

ANA to Debut Museum Showcase in Los Angeles

World's Fair of Money to Feature Smithsonian Institution Exhibit

The American Numismatic Association will introduce its inaugural Museum Showcase, featuring rarely seen numismatic treasures from the Smithsonian Institution, the ANA Edward C. Rochette Money Museum and private collectors, at the 2009 Los Angeles World's Fair of Money®, Aug. 5-9 at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

The Museum Showcase will be located on the bourse in a separate location from the Collector Gallery and Mint Promenade, and will feature museum-quality exhibits.

Among the rarities on display will be 20 coins from the Smithsonian Institution's National Numismatic Collection, including the first (1849 pattern) and last (1933) double eagles ever produced as well as a 1907 Saint-Gaudens ultra high relief pattern that President Theodore Roosevelt gave his daughter Ethel as a Christmas gift in 1907.

Also featured from the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum and private collections are the finest known – and possibly first minted – 1794 silver dollar; America's first gold coin, the EB on breast Brasher Doubloon; three of the five known Liberty Head nickels and a rare, 490-year-old original copy of the first illustrated, printed numismatic book, *Illustrium Imagines* ("Images of the Illustrious").

"Our new Museum Showcase is one way we will use our conventions to pay something back to our members," said Executive Director Larry Shepherd. "The ANA is in a unique position to share numismatic treasures because of who we are, because of our museum and because of our connections. We want our Museum Showcase to become a unique draw for our shows – and we'll enhance your experience by ensuring the stories and history of each object are told in an informative and entertaining way."

The Museum Showcase will feature informative displays set in special lighting. Informal discussions led by noted numismatic scholars also will be scheduled throughout the show.

The World's Fair of Money is the largest coin show in the country, and features more than 1,100 ANA-member dealers, a wide array of educational programs, a Collector Gallery featuring fascinating exhibits created by ANA members, a Mint Promenade with mints from throughout the world, a \$1 billion display by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and a special exhibit presented by the United States Mint. For more information, visit www.worldsfairofmoney.com or call 719-482-9857.

The show is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 (\$20 for a five-day pass), and free for ANA members and children 12 and under.

Additional PNNA News ...

British-American Token Congress in Seattle a Big Success!!

Thanks to the efforts of British token dealer and enthusiast Bill McKivor, the British-American Token Congress in Seattle, May 14-16, 2009, was a great success (including 11 attendees from the UK), and plans are already underway to hold similar events in the U.S. again.

This event was modeled after an annual event held in the United Kingdom, and featured a number of educational programs, including a talk by Dr. Richard Doty of the Smithsonian. There was also a bourse available only to program participants (not open to the public).

Memorials

Al Nystrom, PNNA HLM 16, passed away on April 30, 2009. Al was best known in the numismatic community for his wooden money collection. His wife, Nina Nystrom, passed away many years ago, and the PNNA's Nina Nystrom Memorial Goodwill Ambassador Award is named in her honor.

Alden "Al" Erickson, Jr. (born July 12, 1939) passed away on February 3, 2009.

Information supplied by Mike Patton:

The Northwest has lost one of its more avid token collectors, token catalogers and all around good guy and friend to many. Al truly enjoyed the quest for that elusive special token to add to his collection. He collected a wide variety of tokens, although his main passion was for Washington State trade tokens. He authored two popular token books, *The Washington State Trade Tokens* and *The Saloon Tokens of the United States*. He also wrote several smaller exonomia publications dealing with Washington State.

Al corresponded with literally hundreds of collectors in his quest for data for his continuing research. At the time of his passing he was working on books for Vermont and New Hampshire tokens.

Al was active in NWTAMS for the past 28 years. He was a board member most of this time. He was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Al loved to travel to all of the regional and national token shows. He really enjoyed meeting people he had corresponded with over the years and trading those "can you top this token" stories. I know that I speak for many of you when I say that he will be deeply missed by his many friends and fellow collectors. Al truly did live and breathe tokens for a number of years.

COIN SHOW and EVENT CALENDAR

To list a coin show contact Eric Holcomb, Eric@Holcomb.com, phone 541-647-1021. Highlighted shows and events are PNNA, ANA or CNA sponsored or co-sponsored. Shows will occasionally be subject to changes or cancellations.

2009

JUN 27-JUL 10 ANA Summer Seminar (pre-registration and payment of tuition required to take courses), Colorado Springs, CO

JUL 11-12 NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY 23RD ANNUAL CONVENTION & AUCTION, Vancouver Elks Lodge #823, 11605 SE McGillivray Blvd., off I-205 at the Mill Plain exit #28, Vancouver, WA

JUL 18 OLYMPIA/TUMWATER/SOUTH SOUND COIN&CURRENCY SHOW, Comfort Inn, 1620 74th Ave SW, Tumwater, WA (I-5 Exit 101)

JUL 25 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN & CURRENCY SHOW, Kirkland Baymont Inn, 12223 NE 116th St, Kirkland, WA

AUG 2 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn, 1 South Grady Way, Renton, WA

AUG 5-9 ANA World's Fair of Money®, Los Angeles, CA

AUG 12-16 Royal Canadian Numismatic Association annual convention, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

AUG 15-16 12TH ANNUAL FLORENCE COIN SHOW (also stamps & jewelry), Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Florence, OR

SEP 4-5 NTCA ANNUAL TOKEN & MEDAL SHOW, Salt Lake City, UT

SEP 10-12 LONG BEACH COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES EXPO, Long Beach, CA

SEP 11-27 PUYALLUP FAIR, PNNA-sponsored coin exhibit and information table in Hobby Hall

SEP 12-13 WASHINGTON STATE 30th ANNUAL COIN SHOW, King Oscar Convention Center, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

SEP 12-13 North Shore Numismatic Society Annual Coin Fair, Oakridge Auditorium, 41st & Cambie, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

SEP 13 (9AM-Noon) NORTHWEST TOKEN & MEDAL SOCIETY, King Oscar Motel, 8820 So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

SEP 19-20 CAVE MAN COIN CLUB COIN, CURRENCY, TOKEN and STAMP SHOW, Josephine County Fairgrounds, Redwood Hwy., Grants Pass, OR

OCT 3-4 TACOMA-LAKEWOOD COIN CLUB SHOW, King Oscar Convention Center, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

OCT 10 KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW, Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

OCT 10-11 TRI-CITY COIN CLUB SHOW, Hampton Inn, 486 Bradley Blvd., Richland, WA

OCT 10-11 (Tentative) Boise 52nd Annual Southern Idaho Coin Show, Hilton Garden Inn, 7699 W. Spectrum St., Boise, ID

OCT 11 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn, 1 South Grady Way, Renton, WA

OCT 24-25 PNNA-Willamette Coin Club 5th Annual Fall Convention & Coin Show, DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland, OR

OCT 30-31 DENVER COIN EXPO, National Western Complex, I-70 & Brighton, Denver, CO

OCT 31-NOV 1 INLAND EMPIRE COIN CLUB'S FALL COIN, CARD & STAMP SHOW, Sons of Norway Hall, 6710 N. Country Homes Blvd., Spokane, WA

NOV 7 KIRKLAND-EASTSIDE COIN & CURRENCY SHOW, Kirkland Baymont Inn, 12223 NE 116th St, Kirkland, WA

NOV 14 4TH ANNUAL KING COUNTY COIN SHOW, Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave South, Tukwila, WA

NOV 15 North Shore Numismatic Society Oakridge Stamp & Coin Fair, Oakridge Auditorium, 41st & Cambie, Vancouver, BC, Canada

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

NOV 21-22 EVERETT COIN CLUB 47th Annual Coin Show, Normanna Hall, 2725 Oakes Ave, Everett, WA

NOV 28-29 THE HOLIDAY COIN SHOW, King Oscar Convention Center, 88th & So. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA

NOV 28-29 SALEM COIN and STAMP SHOW, Oregon State Fairgrounds, 2330 17th St. NE, Salem, OR

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

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DEC 13 FENWICK STAMP & COIN SHOW, Holiday Inn, 1 South Grady Way, Renton, WA

Coin Show Promoters

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