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Convention Action

Edmund Wlodarski, with his wife, Shirley, above, was surprised with a cake on his 80th birthday at the ESNA convention annual dinner on Nov. 20 at the Ramada Inn in Syracuse. Mark Caiello, below left, and Gary Pipher share a moment during a convention action break on Nov. 21. [Maria Pipher photos]



President's Message

Three More Trips

By Terry Campbell

Since my message in the fall ESNA Briefs, I have taken three more trips. I am going to write this letter like last time as I have gotten back positive feedback. I even got an e-mail from Clifford Mishler that he liked it.

Trip No. 1 — the Yankee Security Convention

My first venture started on Oct. 22, at 7:30 a.m. when my wife and I dropped our daughter Karen off at school. From there we headed out to drop off her weekend bags at our friends' house where she was staying in Nelson, NY. From there we headed up to Canastota where we stopped to get gas and I figured out that I had left my wallet at home. This took us on a 65-mile delay that cost us about two hours.

After we had retrieved my wallet we were on our way to Sturbridge, MA, for the annual Yankee Security Convention. We try to go every year as it is relatively close and there are lots of antique shops there to investigate. I like to look for coin-related and lock-related items. We usually have some luck. Last year I picked up several old coin banks. Our luck was not as good this year as we did not give ourselves enough time.

When we arrived at the hotel, setup for the show was already underway. One of my friends who setup at the show called me while we were on our way and asked me to stop in and give him a hand when I got there. So after we had checked into our room at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, I went down to help. Judy stayed in the room to relax and unpack. When I got to the exhibition hall, I found out that my friend Robert could use some help, as his brother did not come and he was going to have to run his booth alone otherwise. So after we got his booth and then helped Christine and Hope from Fradon Lock set up there booth. We then went to registration and got me an exhibitor badge.

We then set up a dinnertime and went to our rooms. Needless to say my wife and I did not get time to go antiquing. That night we went to Applebee's for supper. We all had a good time and caught up on old news. Robert is going to take my family to Hawaii next spring. It is going to be for our 25th wedding anniversary. It will be a year late but that was when we could get the reservations.

I spent the next day working at the show with Robert taking short breaks to tour the show and see some other old friends. We sold quite a lot of the merchandise he had brought to the show. The show closed at 6 p.m. and from there we went right to the dinner that Arrow Lock puts on each year. At this year's dinner I won a door prize of a DeWalt palm sander. After the dinner and the presentation, we all retired to the bar at the hotel to watch the World Series on their large screen TV. It was around 11:30 before we decided to go back to our room.

The next morning Judy and I packed and loaded the car first thing. We then met everybody for breakfast and to say our goodbyes. After breakfast I stopped into the show for just a couple of minutes and it seemed quite busy for 10 a.m. on a Sunday. After a five-hour drive we arrived home in time to meet with our fellowship group from church.

Trip No. 2 — A Free B & B

Our next outing began on Nov. 5 at 3:30 p.m., when I picked up my wife at work. We headed to Trumansburg to a bed and breakfast at which we had won a weekend at on WCNY's television auction last spring. We arrived there at 7:30 with no problems. The people there were very nice.

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From the Watertown Daily Times, Sept. 7, 1963

Intense Search for Coins Makes Hobby Serious Affair

*By A. W. Starkweather, Jr.
Staff Writer of The Times*

Coin collecting, once a casual hobby, has become a serious business. Once a person has begun a collection he is never satisfied with what he owns, but is ever searching for some other item that will soon be forgotten once it is acquired.

This change could be witnessed at the opening of the 27th semi-annual convention of the Empire State Numismatic convention at the Hotel Woodruff Friday morning.

As soon as they had set up their displays exhibitors were "off to" the dealers' bourse or area where coins are sold. And they had many to choose from as 45 dealers from New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Manitoba, and Ontario had brought the best of their stock to choose from.

And what is there to choose from? Coins, medals, tokens, and paper money from the United States, Canada, Britain, and many foreign countries. Prices range from less than a dollar to several hundreds of dollars.

For those who want to try to save a little on their purchases, there is an auction. Coins valued at mere than \$37,000 will be offered at auction sessions. The first was held Friday night. The second will be tonight and the third Sunday afternoon.

One particularly interesting item being offered for sale is a silver assay bar from the old San Francisco mint. According to its owner Adrian Gregor, East Syracuse, the bar was used to determine the fineness of purity of the silver. The bar, weighing 24.97 ounces, is valued at \$85 and has a weight value of \$32.21, silver being valued at \$1.29 an ounce.

Mr. Gregor said the bar is extremely scarce, but that demand for such items was very slight. He added that there were only 100 of this type of bar in existence. The bars were sold to the public when the mint closed in 1955. Similar bars are still available at weight cost from the Philadelphia and Denver mints.

Although collectors are reputed to eat, drink, and sleep coins, there was a considerable lag in the crowd at lunchtime. However, at the dining table coins were the number one topic of conversation. And for those with insatiable appetites there is a banquet this evening which will offer food, awards, and, of course, talks on coins!

Editor's Note: I wrote this article about a year after joining the staff of the Watertown Daily Times — my first newspaper position. I was paid a princely \$92.50 per week at the time, which was why I didn't attend the ESNA auctions.

Brief Notes from the Editor

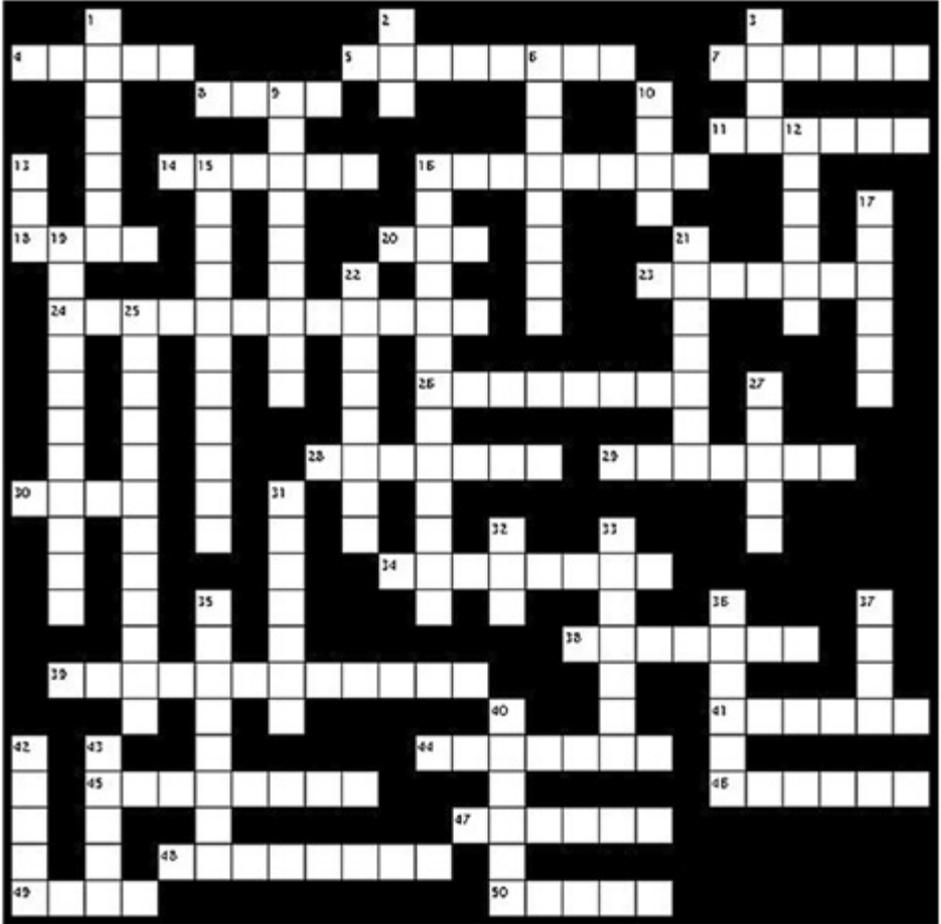
ESNA BRIEFS continues to grow. In this 16-page issue, I have introduced a numismatic crossword puzzle ... and apologize right up front for any bad puns. I am also able to generate word find puzzles as well. However, I welcome other puzzles and brain teasers from the readers, as well as any other material they care to submit.

Please send me your feedback to designondemand@verizon.net or 5520 Gunn Hwy. #1406, Tampa, FL 33624-2847. You may be assured that I will respond.

— Albert W. Starkweather, Jr.

Coin Crossword

By Albert W. Starkweather, Jr.



Across

4. A clueless coin?
5. A literate edge?
7. What Clement Moore's coin might have?
8. Fleshy part of the ear
11. Coin sporting event?
14. A coin related to flour?
16. Credit card coin?
18. U2 coin feature: "The ----"
20. Numismatic diamond
23. What the engaged coins chose?
24. Homebody coin?
26. Coin modifier
28. What the carolers would accept

Down

29. Place for ship repair
30. Jones of locker fame
34. Numismatic cereal?
38. Mao's coin catalogue?
39. A song for an Eagle?
41. A famous coin?
44. Shave and a haircut equivalent
45. Go out on too many dates?
46. What an oboe and some edges are
47. Lone Ranger's companion
48. Victor D. Brenner
49. See ---- price run
50. Metal marriage?

Down

1. Sleep deprived Liberty half dollar?
2. Playboy coin accessory?
3. A stubborn coin?
6. A syndicated coin?
9. Like some Chinese coins
10. ---- de France
12. What Roloids® offers coins
13. Old numismatists never ---
15. What the coin wrote in a book
16. Pirate's coinage
17. Legal "----- is the Night"
19. St. James Infirmary Blues coin

21. The spice of life?
22. A Nobel coin feature?
25. Mobile crane for collectors?
27. A regal coin
31. Numismatic soup?
32. A nude coin?
33. The flip side
35. What a good coin and a good dog share
36. A priestly coin device?
37. Numismatic dessert?
40. Term for a tanned coin?
42. A collector should have good ----
43. In God We Trust

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Site Seeing on the Web

The RNA's Online Presence

By Albert W. Starkweather, Jr.

An attractive, well-designed Web site is helping the Rochester Numismatic Association in its outreach to serve its current membership roster as well as in attracting new members. The site, which may be accessed at <http://www.the-rna.com>, works in conjunction with *RNA News*, the association's official journal.



The site is broken into ten easily navigated main subsections — the home page which includes all-important contact information and news flashes, a meetings schedule, membership and merchandise, newsletter information, show information and pictures, medals RNA has issued, information about its collection and library, an illustrated history, links to other numismatic organizations including the ANA, and a news page linked to Coin Today.

Sections with extensive information, such as the history and medals pages, are further broken into sub-subsections, meaning that the pages load quickly and the site visitor is spared extensive scrolling.

There appears to be only one glitch on the otherwise flawless site: links for the newsletter are broken and generate an error message. (I have notified the RNA's Webmaster about the problem.)

Of particular note is the association's membership and merchandise page, which is linked to Amazon.com and PayPal. Some RNA items, including a subscription to its journal may be ordered directly through PayPal. The site lists several books and periodical publications which may be ordered through Amazon.

Convention Meeting Minutes

Session Lacks Quorum

By John A. Cali
Secretary

ESNA's annual convention meeting was to be conducted on Nov. 20, 2004, but there were insufficient members for a quorum. An informal discussion was held in lieu of a formal meeting. Most of the actions taken during this session are not binding as there was no quorum.

Minutes were not read, but accepted through a motion.

Treasurer's Report: This was to have been presented. However, due to the unexpected illness of Treasurer Shirley Scialdo this report was not available. It will be sent separately.

Old Business: President Terry Campbell spoke on establishment of an ESNA Web site, but no decision was made.

Newsletter: *ESNA BRIEFS* was mentioned as having a very promising look. Another issue is expected in January. John A. Cali indicated that Albert W. Starkweather, Jr., *Stamp Insider* editor and a new ESNA member, was instrumental in making the newsletter appear professional.

Pages: There were no Young Numismatists acting as pages available to assist dealers this year.

Rochester Convention: The venue for the next convention is to be Rochester, although the time frame for this has been revised to be spring 2006. There was much conversation. Mark Caiello indicated that he would check to see if November for the Syracuse Ramada Inn still might be available.

Promoting the Show: Attendance was up on the convention's opening day, Nov. 20, but ESNA needs more advertising and to spend more to conduct business. Ron Pugh spoke of his advertising efforts in Albany. There were no Rochester dealers present. Thirty-five dealers were available to fill collectors needs at this convention. ESNA shows are becoming weaker; we need better attendance.

Ron spoke on his store's closure due to the show and a desire to maintain store as well. Ron spoke at length on how best to promote a show. He prefers doing shows locally but things are becoming softer. It was noted that the Internet has made quite an impact. Promotional areas, some of which are already being used, include Syracuse Newspapers' *Stars* magazine, *Stamp Insider*, *Numismatic News*, *Coin World*, *Numismatist*, and the *Pennysaver*. Other ideas: use handbills and contact officers of various clubs. Also mentioned as being crucial is the need of a person dedicated to obtaining advertising and producing publicity.

Constitution and Bylaws Revisions, which are included in this issue's pullout section for a vote by the general membership, were discussed by Terry Campbell. He indicated that a board meeting was held prior to this meeting to review the previously convention approved Constitution and Bylaws of 1999.

Nominations: Current officers will serve beyond January until the new Constitution and Bylaws are in place. A nominating committee is to be composed of John A. Cali, Mark Caiello, and Dale Cleckner. Write-ins may be made. A recommendation was made that the Bylaws stipulate that a nominee for the treasurer's office be required to have been an ESNA either one or two years.

Adjourned through a motion made by Mark Caiello and seconded by Edmund Wlodarski.

Coin Club Formed in Rome

The Rome Collectors Club will have its first official meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 21. The following interim officers were appointed at an organizational meeting held on Jan. 9:

President — John Poplowski

Vice President — Christopher Grande

Corresponding Secretary — William Watson

Recording Secretary — Joseph O. Christofaro

Treasurer — Lavinia Tilton

Bourse Chair/Auction Chair — Dale Cleckner

Program Chair — Kurt Sunderland

Sergeant-at-Arms, 50/50 Chair — Bruce LaPointe

A second organizational meeting will be Feb. 5 at 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to participate in developing the Constitution and Bylaws, holding an office, or learning more about the organization should make an effort to attend this meeting.

Location

All meetings of the Rome Collectors Club will be at the meeting room of Mideastern Galleries, LLC, 607 E. Dominick St., rear Gallery entrance.

Eligibility

Anyone with an interest in U.S. or foreign coin, currency or token collecting is eligible and encouraged to join. Dues are yet to be determined, but will be such that they will not be a burden on a prospective member. Any member under the age of 14 will qualify for a 'junior' membership and should be accompanied by an adult or older sibling.

Further Information

Please contact Joseph O. Christofaro at Mideastern Galleries LLC, 607 E. Dominick St., Rome NY, 315-339-1628 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. His e-mail is mideastern@verizon.net.

2005 Election Ballot

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Mail To:

President Terry Campbell

P.O. Box 49

Fabius, NY 13063

Deadline: 30 days from postmark on back cover.

New Haven Coin Shows

A series of shows sponsored by Coin Superstore will be held at the Annex Club, 554 Woodward Ave., New Haven, CT, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, and Aug. 14.

Directions

From I-95 North exit 50 (Woodward Ave): At end of exit there is a traffic light. At light take a right, go down approximately 3/10 mile. The Annex Club is on the right.

From I-95 South exit 51 (Lighthouse Point/Frontage Road): At end of exit go straight, continue straight thru the next traffic light, continue straight. Go to next traffic light continue straight. At the next light take a left at Woodward Ave, and go straight through next light. Proceed approximately 3/10 mile to the club annex on the right.

From I-91 South merge onto I-95 north take exit 50 (Woodward Ave).

More information is available at www.coinsuperstore.com.

The Short-Lived Franklin Half Dollar

The Franklin half dollar was minted from 1948 to 1963. This short-lived series has many low mintage coins and may have possibilities as an investment set in BU and proof quality.

The coin was the design of John R. Sinock, whose initials appear below Franklin's shoulder. Mint marks appear on the reverse, just above the Liberty Bell.

The mint issued the Franklin proofs from the Philadelphia mint only during the years 1950 to 1963. The deep cameo ones are highly prized, especially the 1951 which is rarely found in high quality.

On July 26, 1775, Franklin was appointed U.S. Postmaster General, the first appointed under the Continental Congress; the establishment of the organization that became the United States Postal Service nearly two centuries later traces back to this date.



— Gary Weicker

2005 ESNA Election Ballot

Recommended by the Nominating Committee as advised by Dale Cleckner.

For President – Shirley Scialdo

For Vice President – Edmund Wlodarski

For Treasurer – Mark Caiello

No recommendation by the Nominating Committee as advised by Dale Cleckner.

For Secretary [Vote for one] —

John Cali

Terry Campbell

Mail to: Terry Campbell, President — P.O. Box 49, Fabius, NY 13063

Special Pullout Section

Amendments to the ESNA Constitution and Bylaws

Constitution Change

Article 3, Section 6: Junior Membership: Any individual under the age of 21 may become a member of ESNA upon application and payment of appropriate dues. These members cannot be officers or vote until 21.

[This amendment is proposed to comply with the educational aspect of our incorporation papers and to ensure that the group has a pool of new members for the future. This amendment also fits with our member application citing a junior category. News of this amendment was placed in our newsletter. There were no negative comments for this procedure. It is now a part of our Constitution and Bylaws effective with its publication in the March–April 2003 *ESNA Briefs*.]

Proposed Amendments

A copy of the current Constitution and Bylaws is included on the following three pages for comparison.

Constitution

Article 4 Section 1: Second sentence: “These officers, the editor, and past presidents ...” Delete “**the editor**.”

Article 5 Section 1: First sentence: “... the consent of two-thirds of the members present.” Change two-thirds to “**three-quarters**”.

Bylaws

Article 2 Section 1: “Elected and appointed officers shall serve a one year term. Exceptions to this are the president and vice president who serve one two-year term.” Replace with “**Elected officers shall serve one year terms. The President shall serve a two year term. The President may not serve two (2) consecutive terms of office.**”

Article 2 Section 8: New section: “**If an officer has to leave their office before their term expires, the board will appoint a replacement until the next general election.**”

Article 3 Section 2: “The board members shall be composed of the officers, and all past presidents and the editor of the association.” Delete “**the editor of the association**.”

Article 3 Section 4: “... *simple majority of its members.*” Change to “**a minimum of four (4).**”

Article 5 Section 4: “An individual must be a member in good standing to run for elected office.” Change to “**An individual must be a member in good standing for at least one year prior to an election to run for an elected office.**”

Article 9 Section 1: “These Bylaws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by the consent of two-thirds of the members present. Such alteration or amendment shall take effect immediately upon announcement of such vote by the secretary. The secretary shall notify all members of proposed changes to be voted upon by mail sufficiently prior to such action.” Change to “**Amendments to the Bylaws may be brought up at the annual meeting to be approved by a two-thirds majority of those present at a general membership ratification. The Secretary shall notify all members of proposed changes to be voted upon. A two-thirds majority of those members responding within 60 days of mailing will determine the outcome.**”

Amendment Voting Ballot

Note: You are voting to accept or reject all the proposed amendments.

I approve the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.

I reject the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.

Please return within 60 days of date on postmark.

Mail to: Terry Campbell, President — P.O. Box 49, Fabius, NY 13063

ESNA Constitution and Bylaws

Constitution (Current)

Article 1 — Name

Section 1: The name of this association shall be the Empire State Numismatic Association, Inc. hereinafter referred to as ESNA.

Article 2 — Purpose

Section 1: This nonprofit educational association shall encourage and promote interest in the science of numismatics by the gathering together of numismatists residing in New York State. This organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes.

Section 2: No part of the net earnings of this organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons except that reasonable compensation may be paid services rendered to or for the organization.

Section 3: No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Internal Revenue Code Section 501 9h) and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Article 3 — Membership

Section 1: Any person of good character, 21 years or over, who is a New York State resident, and who is sponsored by one member of the association in good standing, and gives one credit reference, may become a member, by paying regular dues as provided in the Bylaws.

Section 2: Such members shall constitute the governing body from which all officers and committees shall be chosen.

Section 3: Any person of good character who is not a resident of New York State, and who is sponsored by one member or non-resident member in good standing and gives one credit reference, may become a non-resident member, by paying the regular dues as provided in the Bylaws. Such non-resident members shall have the privilege of voting.

Section 4: Any club sponsored by one member in good standing, may become a member by paying the regular dues provided by the Bylaws.

Section 5: Life member is as defined by the Bylaws.

Section 6: Junior Membership: Any individual under the age of 21 may become a member of ESNA upon application and payment of appropriate dues. These members cannot be officers or vote until 21.

Article 4 — Officers

Section 1: The elective officers shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. These officers, the editor, and past presidents shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 2: The duties of the officers shall be as specifically set forth in the Bylaws.

Article 5 — Amendments

Section 1: This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by the consent of two-thirds of the members present. Such alteration or amendment shall take effect immediately upon announcement of such vote by the Secretary. The secretary shall notify all members of proposed changes to be voted upon by mail sufficiently prior to such action.

Bylaws (Current)

Article 1 — Dues

Section 1: All categories of membership will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and the amount set for the ensuing year. The exception to this is Life memberships which are \$100.

Section 2: members whose dues are not paid within three months after they are due shall be dropped from the membership list and shall not be privileged to vote at any meeting. Any such member may be reinstated after payment of the arrears.

Article 2 — Officers, Tenure of Office, Duties

Section 1: Elected and appointed officers shall serve a one year term. Exceptions to this are the president and vice president who serve one two-year term.

Section 2: The President: shall provide leadership and direction; preside at all meetings of this association; provide agenda for same; appoint all committee chairpersons, and may appoint committee members at the presidents' discretion; shall act as ex officio member of all committees, except the Nominating

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Committee; shall appoint all other than elected officers, with Board approval; shall keep all committees active; shall act as the spokesperson or shall assign a designee to act as spokesperson for the association in accordance with state objectives of ESNA and with the approval of the Board of Directors; shall consult with the Board of Directors upon all important matters pertaining to the welfare of ESNA.

Section 3: The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President; shall assume all the duties and responsibilities of the president in the event that the latter is restrained from so doing for any reason; shall assist in carrying out executive duties at the direction of the president; the vice president or a designee should welcome all guests to ESNA meetings and introduce guests to the members during the vice president's report.

Section 4: The Secretary shall keep a written record of all business meetings, including board meetings and committee meetings; shall issue regular or special meeting notices, shall distribute minutes in a timely fashion, shall handle correspondence as directed by the president, vice president or the board; and shall also keep available a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws for all members.

Section 5: The Assistant Secretary shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the secretary should the latter be absent or unable to perform the duties of that office.

Section 6: The Treasurer shall be the fiscal officer of ESNA; shall receive all funds paid to ESNA and shall keep all monies in a financial institution under the name Empire State Numismatic Association, Inc.; shall keep permanent records of all members; shall pay all bills as directed by the board; all bills must be paid by check with purpose indicated on the check, and receipts for expenditures turned in; shall keep financial records detailing receipts, and receipts for expenditures, and debts of ESNA and such records shall be accessible to the general membership; shall submit written reports to the general membership; shall keep a working set and a permanent set of records. Those records will be audited once or twice a year.

Section 7: The Treasurer may pay any recurring expense(s) not exceeding \$250.00 each. Such expense(s) does not require approval at a membership meeting.

Article 3 — Board of Directors

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall direct the organization's affairs separate and in concert with the membership and officers; shall assist by formulating and deciding policy of ESNA during and outside those times of regular meetings. The board shall direct the President to carry out said policies.

Section 2: The board members shall be composed of the officers, and all past presidents and the editor of the association.

Section 3: The board shall elect a chairperson. The chairperson shall facilitate all board meetings and vote only in a tie and be spokesperson for the board at membership meetings.

Section 4: The quorum of the board shall consist of a simple majority of its members.

Section 5: Board meetings shall be held four (4) times a year. Twice in concert with regular meetings with the remainder at the discretion of the chairperson or two members of the board.

Section 6: The board shall safeguard all monies and ESNA property; shall be responsible for the prudent expenditure of ESNA funds. The sitting board shall prepare and submit an annual report at the Annual Meeting which shall include (1) a review of the past year's activities and accomplishments (president); (2) a financial statement for the past fiscal year (treasurer). The incoming board shall prepare a budget and set the membership dues for the next year with subsequent approval of the membership. The board shall also set goals for the coming year at this time.

Article 4 — Meetings and Voting Procedures

Section 1: Two regular meetings shall be held each year, one such meeting to be held in the Spring and the other to be held in the Fall, the dates of such meetings to be filed by the board.

Section 2: One convention will be held each year in the Fall with the Annual Meeting to be held at that time. The general meeting will be held in the Spring.

Section 3: The order of business is according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 4: A quorum shall consist of twenty-five (25) members.

Article 5 — Election of Officers

Section 1: The president shall recruit and the board of directors shall approve a nominating committee. The committee shall consist of at least three and no more than five members, one of whom will be designated by the board as chairperson. It is understood that officers that wish to run for reelection shall not serve on the committee.

Section 2: Members interested in being considered for an elected office, or who wish to recommend another member for nomination, must contact any member of the nominating committee, in writing, prior to any meeting considering such offices. (nominating committee members shall not be excluded from running for office) The nominating committee may be expected to prepare a slate of at least two viable candidates for each elected office, and shall confirm with all prospective nominees their willingness to run for office prior to finalizing the slate.

Section 3: The nominating committee shall present its slate of candidates at a suitable time prior to the annual meeting. At that meeting, additional nominations may be accepted from the floor and shall require a majority vote of the membership in attendance to be added to the ballot.

Section 4: An individual must be a member in good standing to run for elected office. No person may run for more than one elected office in an annual election.

Article 6 — Committees

Section 1: The president shall appoint all standing and special committees, except the nominating committee, for a term of one year. Special committees may exceed one year for completion of their project(s).

Section 2: Committees expected to be appointed are Auditing, nominating, publicity, and others as they are needed.

Article 7 — Discipline

Section 1: A member or officer may be expelled or suspended for conduct considered unbecoming a participant of the organization. All charges shall be presented in writing to a board member in private by a concerned individual. The board shall give written notice explaining the charges to the member in question and the accuser requesting them to appear before the board for a hearing. The board shall schedule this hearing so that both parties shall be present. Recommendation to the membership for expulsion or suspension of a member must be by two-thirds vote of the board. This shall be kept confidential unless a discipline procedure is going to be conducted.

The board's recommendation for expulsion or suspension shall be presented to the membership at a general membership meeting. The member in question shall be given the option of presenting a defense of the charges. A vote by written ballot shall be taken at this meeting. Expulsion or suspension shall require at least two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at this meeting.

The member or officer may be reinstated one year from the date of expulsion by a two-thirds vote of the membership at a general membership meeting with submission of annual dues. Suspension provisions will indicate when a member may be reinstated.

Article 8 — Dissolution

Section 1: Upon dissolution of this organization, all the remaining assets and property of the organization shall be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code 1954 as amended; or to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

Section 2: (A) The board of directors, by their majority vote, must decide and explain a dissolution move in complete details together with reasons and method of disposal of all assets. This must be communicated in writing to all members in good standing sufficiently prior to the dissolution meeting.

(B) The dissolution meeting must meet all quorum requirements except that in this particular case quorum can be met in person or by written proxy. A clear written proxy with a yes or no vote, duly signed, can count as if the member were present.

(C) ESNA may be dissolved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members. If the motion passes, then the board of directors shall be authorized to pay all outstanding debts utilizing any remaining funds and assets.

Section 3: No member shall benefit whether on an individual or corporate basis from the financial disbursement.

Article 9 — Amendments

Section 1: These Bylaws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by the consent of two-thirds of the members present. Such alteration or amendment shall take effect immediately upon announcement of such vote by the secretary. The secretary shall notify all members of proposed changes to be voted upon by mail sufficiently prior to such action.

[Note: This version does not contain the proposed amendments.]

D — Revised Constitution and Bylaws

Secretary's Report

By John A. Cali

Amendments and 2005 Slate Require Member Action

You will find an insert in this newsletter of proposed revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws, as well as the 2005 Election Ballot. Please return both to ESNA President Terry Campbell — the ballot within 30 days of the postmark on the back cover and the revisions ballot within 60 days of the postmark date on the back cover.

Dues Renewals

Members are reminded that dues need to be renewed. Checks should be made out to ESNA or Empire State Numismatic Association. The combined new member/renewal form may be found inside the back cover and should be returned to Terry Campbell. Members who have paid in advance and life members should ignore this request.

Delinquent Members

We were forced to drop many from our mailing list as a result of non payment of dues. These actions were the result of a decision at a previous convention meeting. Our numbers, as a result, have been drastically reduced. It would not be fair for those who regularly keep up with things to have delinquent members remain. Adequate notice has been made to those concerned.

Convention Plans

Plans for the upcoming convention are also mentioned. You may recall that Rochester was the venue this year. This may be changed to the spring of 2006. Some of you may recall that the convention was actively held at least twice a year. Plans are being made as we speak. Some members favor holding a convention again in November at the Ramada Inn depending on dates.

Youth, Education, and ESNA

The educational aspect of our association must continue to be emphasized. Juniors are increasing, though slowly, in our membership. The mini-ESNA convention as Clayton is called is another of the ways in which we try to promote education through foreign exchange. We also now formally have a junior category for ESNA members. We hope to formulate programs to assist their numismatic education.

Two April Shows in the Works

Coin-O-Rama

This spring will mark the 45th annual Coin-O-Rama sponsored by the Dansville Area and Perry-Warsaw Coin and Stamp Clubs. The show will be held on Sunday, April 24, from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. at Dansville Senior High School, North Main Street. It will feature about 40 coin and stamp dealers.

CHECOPEX

The Buffalo Numismatic Association is sponsoring its CHECOPEX coin and stamp show on April 16 and 17. There will be more than 65 tables of dealers buying and selling coins, tokens, stamps, post cards, and other collectibles. Doors open at 10 a.m. Admission is free.

The show is located at the Knights of Columbus, 2735 Union Road, Cheektowaga, Thruway exit 52A (near the Buffalo airport exit). For more information contact Tim Oldenburg, phone 716-694-2724; e-mail: Oldytim@yahoo.com

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The room we had was quite nice and even had a library in it, so my wife was happy. The owners recommended a nice little restaurant in the village for supper, which we enjoyed. After supper we went back to the B&B and called it a night.

The next morning the breakfast consisted of cinnamon and ginger pancakes. It was quite tasty. We enjoyed a nice conversation with the owners. They gave us quite a history of the area. The house that the B&B was in was built in 1853 for the local dry goods store owner.

After breakfast we set out to see the sights and do some antiquing. Our first stop was Taughannock falls. It is quite a sight and is supposed to be the highest single falls in the east. From there we found an antique mall and did some serious searching. I found a nice coin bracelet that I believe is from WWII and made by some soldier in the Pacific theater. It was quite a deal so I had to take it. I also found several old padlocks that struck my fancy. My wife found a couple of books and bottles for her collection.

We had to cut our search short, as we had to be in Cortland at 3 p.m. as our daughter was playing her French horn in the area all-state symphonic band. It was a good show and we even ordered a CD of the performance. After the concert we headed back to the B&B. We stopped at the same restaurant for supper and then went back to our room to read. As I was reading my *Coin World*, I noticed that Q. David Bowers is writing a book on the 50 state quarters and each state's process of choosing their designs. As soon as I got home I e-mailed him to let him know about what we went through to choose New York's and he wants my file on it e-mailed to him. I still have to do it though.

Sunday morning we headed home and made a stop at the Amish shop on Route 89 along Cayuga Lake. It has some nice stuff, but a little out of our price range. From there we came home.

Trip No. 3 — The ESNA Convention

Our last outing was for the ESNA show in Syracuse. We always stay over night both Friday and Saturday nights, as I am not a big fan of night driving. At 7 a.m. Saturday, I left the hotel to pick up our daughter as she had done an overnight with a church group Friday night. We got back to the hotel at 8:30 for breakfast. Setup was well underway by then. Mike Whalen and Ed Wlodarski both showed up at 9:30 to set up the greeting and information tables. Krause Publications had sent us some *Numismatic News* and *Bank Note Reporters*, which were placed on the information table. We also had some word find puzzles that Mike had made some quarter boards and some other coin books for the young collectors. I tried to have a page service for the dealers, but I didn't get any response. I would appreciate any help on this, as they are our future.

By 10:30 there had been a steady flow of people through the door since it opened at 10 and by noon we had had around 120 through the door. The dealers I talked to all thought it was a good show. As for my collecting, I managed to find a couple of bust halves for my collection; my wife found a Chinese porcelain gambling token, two love tokens, and a Lincoln watch token. We had one new member join ESNA at the show.

By 3 p.m. the aisles seemed to empty out and by 3:30 the one-day dealers started packing up. Those of us on the executive board decided to have a meeting right after the show closed to discuss the bylaws, as there has been some disagreement over which one is in effect. Our discussion was quite productive. When we had finished we headed upstairs to the annual meeting. When we started the meeting I counted the members present and we did not have enough for a quorum, so all we could do was have open discussion and present what we had wanted to bring before the body on the bylaws. It was decided by the board

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Did You Know These Fun Facts?

Like Ruffles?

A dime has 118 ridges around its edge.

Succinctly Stated

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.

No Rockets Red Glare?

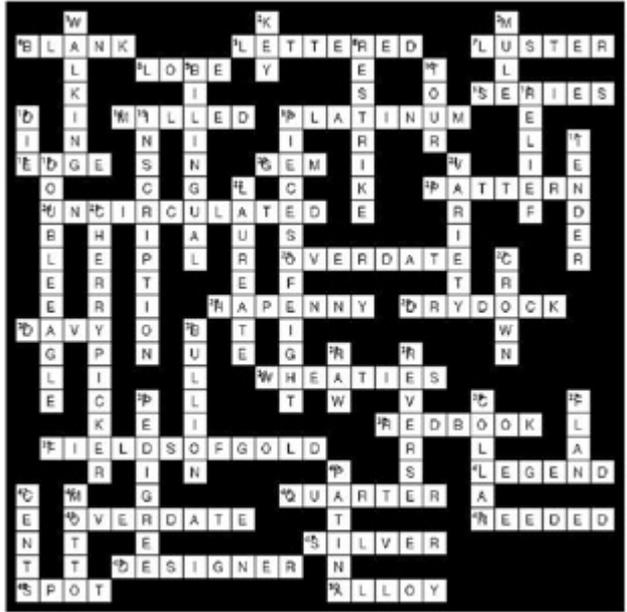
On a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.

Making Change

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

Wanna Buy Park Place?

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.



ESNA BRIEFS Schedule

Future quarterly issues of the newsletter will mail on about the first week of April, July, and October 2005, and January 2006. Note that this issue mailed late so we could include proposed revisions to the Constitution and By-laws as well as the proposed slate of officers. Copy deadlines are the 20th of the month prior to the mailing date.

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present to send the bylaws out with this letter and the renewal notices for the general membership to vote on. I hope you will read them and vote on them. We cannot have an election until the bylaws are straightened out. I have appointed a nominating committee, but they are waiting until the bylaw situation is straightened out.

There was more lively discussion on the next ESNA show and its time and location. We would like to have a show next November, but it is up in the air right now. The Rochester Numismatic Association is interested in hosting a show, but the earliest they could do this is the spring of 2006. I hope everyone will support the board as we try to get one for next fall. The RNA has been very generous in giving up their November dates to let us have them for the ESNA show. I personally would like to thank them and hope for their support in the future.

After the meeting we all headed down to the restaurant for the banquet. At the banquet we celebrated Ed Wlodarski's 80th birthday. He was surprised by the cake and seemed to enjoy it. We all had a good time and for those who did not make it this year we hope to see you at future shows and dinners. After dinner we retired to our room for the night.

The next morning we were up early to pack as I was going to cut out early so my family and I could go down to South Carolina for Thanksgiving.

Well that is about for now. I hope you all had a good turkey day and a blessed Christmas.

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February

- 5-6 — Niagara Frontier Coin Club Collectors' Semi-Annual Show/ Expo, Niagara Falls
- 6 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
- 13 — Coin, Stamp, Postcard & Collectibles Show, West Seneca
- 13 — Syracuse Stamp, Coin & Collectibles Show, Syracuse
- 20 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
- 20 — BNA Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, Cheektowaga
- 21 — Niagara Frontier Coin Club Auction Niagara Falls

March

- 6 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
- 13 — Coin, Stamp, Postcard & Collectibles Show, West Seneca
- 13 — Sherburne Coin Show
- 20 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
- 20 — BNA Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, Cheektowaga
- 21 — Niagara Frontier Coin Club Auction Niagara Falls

April

- 3 — Coin, Stamp, Postcard & Collectibles Show, West Seneca
- 3 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
- 9-10 — Syracuse Stamp, Coin & Collectibles Show, Syracuse
- 10 — Tri-County Coin Club
- 16-17 — BNA's CHECOPEX Show, Cheektowaga
- 17 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
- 18 — Niagara Frontier Coin Club Auction Niagara Falls
- 24 — MVCC Show, American Legion, Utica
- 24 — Dansville, NY

May

- 1 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
- 5 — Coin, Stamp, Postcard & Collectibles Show, West Seneca
- 15 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
- 15 — BNA Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, Cheektowaga
- 16 — Niagara Frontier Coin Club Auction Niagara Falls

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- 5 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany

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- 19 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
 19 — BNA Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, Cheektowaga
 20 — Niagara Frontier Coin Club Auction Niagara Falls

September

- 4 — Syracuse Stamp, Coin & Collectibles Show, Syracuse
 11 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
 18 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
 18 — BNA Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, Cheektowaga
 25 — Oswego County Coin Club, Municipal Bldg, Fulton

October

- 2 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
 9 — Cayuga County Coin Club, Auburn, Polish Falcon Hall
 16 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
 16 — BNA Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, Cheektowaga

November

- 6 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
 12-13 — Syracuse Stamp, Coin & Collectibles Show, Syracuse
 20 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
 20 — BNA Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, Cheektowaga

December

- 4 — Capital District Coin Dealers Association, Albany
 18 — Onondaga Numismatic Association, Syracuse
 18 — BNA Coin, Stamp, Currency Show, Cheektowaga

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Albany Numismatic Society meets at 8 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month except July and August at Channing Hall, 405 Washington Avenue, Albany. Ring side doorbell.

Bath Coin Club meets at 1:30 p.m. on the 2nd Sunday of the month in the Clyde Simone Apartment Conference Room, 105 Geneva Street, Bath. Door opens at 1:00 p.m. Following the meeting is an educational program, door prizes, and refreshments.

Buffalo Numismatic Association meets at 7 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of the month in the Polish Falcons Hall, 445 Columbia, Depew. No meetings in January, July, August, or December. Monthly coin, stamp, bourse & coin auction 3rd Sunday, K of C, 2735 Union Road, Cheektowaga. The door is always open for new members looking to study the science of numismatics. Call Brian Delmont at 716-876-6246 for more information. E-mail: jalmar@buffnet.net

Candor Coin Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Candor Library, Main & Bank Streets, Candor. Meetings are followed by educational program, auction and drawing.

Cayuga County Coin Club meets at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Polish Falcon Club, Washington Avenue, Auburn. Meetings are followed by an educational program, auction, and drawing. Everyone is welcome. For further club information contact David DeTomaso 315-255-6986.

Charles Ellis Coin Club meets at 7 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Chamber of Commerce, Geneva. Meetings are followed by an educational program, auction, and drawing. Everyone is welcome. For further club information contact Sam Stramandinoli 315-789-4816.

Cooper's Cave Coin Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Community Center, Glens Falls National Bank, Glens Falls. Meetings are followed by an educational program, drawing, and auction. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Crystal City Coin Club meets at 7 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Riverside Community Center, 35 Stanton Street, Riverside. Meetings are followed by educational programs and auction. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dansville Area Coin and Stamp Club meets at 2 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the Dansville Town Hall. Meetings are followed by an auction, door prize, and drawings. Everyone is welcome to attend.

East Syracuse Coin Club meets at 7 p.m. on the 1st Monday of each month except in September when they meet on the 2nd Monday at the East Syracuse Elementary School, East Syracuse. There are no July or August meetings. Meetings are followed by an educational program and drawing. Everyone is welcome. Contact Mark Caiello at his e-mail: mcaiello@twcny.rr.com

Israel Numismatic Society of Long Island meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month, except July and August, at the Syosset Library, South Oyster Bay Road and Long Island Expressway. Meetings are followed by an educational program and drawing. The public is invited. Stop in and say hello if you are in the area.

Jamestown Coin Club meets at 6 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month, except December, at BOCES, Route 394 Ashville. This is two miles south of the Southern Tier Expressway, exit 8. Meetings consist of a business session, educational program, drawing, door prizes & auction. Stop in and say hello if you are in the area. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Lockport Coin and Stamp Club meets at 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at the United Methodist Church, Lockport. Meetings are followed by an educational program and auction. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Mismatic Coin Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Camillus Municipal Building, 4914 West Genesee Street, Camillus. Everyone interested in errors is welcome to attend. Contact David DeTomaso 315-255-6986

Mohawk Valley Coin Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Dunham Public Library, 78 Main Street, Whitesboro. Meetings are followed by an educational program, auction, and drawing.

Northern New York Coin Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Square Lion, 91 Public Square, Watertown. Meetings are followed by educational program, auction and drawing. Everyone is invited to attend.

Ontario County Coin Club meets at 2 p.m. on the 1st Sunday of each month at the Canandaigua Elks Club, 19 Niagara Street, Canandaigua. Meetings are followed by educational program, auction, and drawing. Contact Gary Wycker 585-248-3382 or e-mail: gwycker1@yahoo.com. Website: <http://communities.msn.com/ontariocountycoinclub>. All are welcome to attend.

Oswego County Numismatic Association meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 1st Tuesday of each month, except August, at the Fulton Municipal Building, Fulton. Meetings are followed by educational programs and an auction. Refreshments are served after each meeting. Stop in and see what we are about. Contact John A. Cali, Secretary, at 315-592-4441 or e-mail him at rocket@dreamscape.com.

Otsuago Coin Association meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Harry Hoag Elementary School, Fort Plain. Meetings are followed by a drawing and auction. No meetings are held in June, August, November & December. Everyone is welcome.

Perry-Warsaw Coin and Stamp Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Silver Lake Sportsman Club, Walker, Perry. Meetings are followed by an educational program, drawing, and auction. Everyone is welcome.

Rochester Numismatic Association meets at 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, except July & August, at the Strasenburg Planetarium, 663 East Avenue, Rochester. Meetings are followed by educational programs, auction, and drawing. Web: www.the-rna.com

Southport Coin Association meets at 7 p.m. on the 1st Monday (Holidays: 3rd Monday) of each month at the Southport Senior Citizens Hall at Chapel Park, Pine City. Meetings are followed by educational program and auction. Everyone is welcome to attend. E-mail elj97@npacc.net.

Tri-County Coin Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Baptist Church, Hamilton. Meetings are followed by educational programs, auction, drawings, and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wayne County Coin Club meets at 7 p.m. on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Home, 200 E. Union Street, Newark, business meeting, drawing, and auction. Stop in and say hello if you are in the area. Contact Michael Pykare for further information at 315-331-0741.

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