

MICHIGAN STATE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY  
Meeting of the Board 11:30 a.m., January 28, 2017  
Cleary's Pub, Howell, Michigan

- I. Call to Order Irick  
A) **Meeting called to order at 11:39am**
- II. Roll Call Blinkiewicz  
1)President: Irick  
2)Vice President: Bobrofsky  
3)Secretary: Andrew Blinkiewicz  
4)Treasurer: Julianna Wostyn  
5)Past President: Julianna Wostyn  
6)Directors Present: Blinkiewicz, Chirco, Dombrowski, Friedman, Henderson, Klunzinger, Malhalab, Marzilli, Motley  
7)Directors Absent: Benvenuto, Dombrowski (Excused, attending funeral during meeting.), Hartung  
8)Confirmation of Quorum
- III. Introduction of Visitors Irick  
1)Brian Malnar - past MSNS Vice-President  
2)Brian Tideswell - MSNS Convention Coordinator  
3)Frank Passic - MSNS Exhibit Chairman
- IV. Invocation Chirco
- V. Minutes of November 25, 2016 Blinkiewicz  
A) Distributed to the Board on November 29, 2016.  
B) **Motion by Bobrofsky, seconded by Klunzinger to approve the minutes as amended- passed unanimously**
- VI. Emergency Additions to Agenda All
- VII. Approve Agenda Board  
**Motion by Friedman second by Bobrofsky to approve the agenda as amended - passed unanimously**
- VIII. Constitutional Amendment  
Al Bobrofsky- Amend Constitution to change wording so immediate family members can hold a non-voting board position. It has been a standing practice for a voting member of the board to also have a non-voting family member serve on the board in an ongoing advisory or officer capacity.  
**Motion by Al Bobrofsky, seconded by Blinkiewicz to amend Article III Section 6 from “Beginning with the election of 2004, only one immediate family member shall be allowed to hold any officer or Director position on the MSNS board. If more than one from an immediate family should run for office, then only the higher vote shall be entitled to the office, providing that the highest vote for said family member is enough to qualify against other candidates.” to “Beginning with the election of 2004, only one immediate family member shall be allowed**

to hold any voting office or Director position on the MSNS board. If more than one from an immediate family should run for office, then only the higher vote shall be entitled to the office, providing that the highest vote for said family member is enough to qualify against other candidates.”; the word “voting” being added - Roll Call requested: Henderson-Yes, Malhalab-Yes, Wostyn - abstain, Friedman-Yes Chirco-Yes, Motley-Yes, Klunzinger-No, Marzilli-Yes, Blinkiewicz-Yes, Bobrofsky- abstain, President Irick-Yes (voting to achieve the 8 yes votes required to amend the Constitution)

**Motion passed 8 Yes, 1 no, 2 abstain.**

IX. 2017-2018 Board Term Director and Officer Absences Blinkiewicz

A) As this is the first 2017-2018 Board meeting, there are no prior meeting absences.

X. Membership Comments Irick

- i. A written request by the Grand Rapids Coin Club was received requesting co-hosting of the next available Spring MSNS Show.

XI. Officer Reports

A) President’s Report and Appointments Irick

Mike Strub, Secretary, update. Mike suffered a debilitating stroke in May 2016. Various MSNS board members have assisted with the execution of his duties during his recovery. Still recovering, Mike Strub resigned the position of Secretary December 31, 2016 and his resignation has been accepted.

**Motion by Klunzinger, seconded by Blinkiewicz to go into executive session: 12:04pm**

**Motion by Klunzinger seconded by Bobrofsky to come out of executive session and break for lunch 12:33pm**

**Meeting called back to order at 12:56pm**

**To fill vacated positions, the following appointments are required:**

1)Appointment to fill vacancy of the Secretary position

- a. **Motion by Klunzinger seconded by Bobrofsky to provide Board Consent to the President for appointment of Andrew Blinkiewicz to a one-year term as Secretary to end on January 1, 2018 - passed 1 abstaining Blinkiewicz**
- b. **President Irick accepted Director Blinkiewicz’s letter of resignation and appointed him to a one-year term as Secretary.**

2)Appointment to fill vacancy of the Treasurer position.

- a. **Motion by Klunzinger seconded by Bobrofsky to provide Board Consent to the President for appointment of Julianna Wostyn to a one-year term as Treasurer to end on January 1, 2018 - passed 1 abstaining Wostyn**
- b. **President Irick accepted Director and Past President Wostyn’s letter of resignation and appointed her to a one-year term as Treasurer.**

3)Appointments to fill (2) Board Director vacancies and Past President vacancy.

1. **Motion by Klunzinger seconded by Friedman to appoint Ann Bobrofsky as Immediate Past President for the balance of the 2018-2019 term - passed- Al Bobrofsky abstained**
2. **Motion by Bobrofsky seconded by Motley to approve the appointment of Ron Sirna to a vacant 2017-2018 Directorship - passed unanimously**
3. **Motion by Bobrofsky seconded by Motley to approve the appointment of Logan Wostyn to a vacant 2017-2018 Directorship - passed, 1 no**

#### 4)Committee and Other Appointments.

1. I request Board Consent to make the following two year appointments with the understanding the President is an ex-officio member of all committees as noted in the MSNS Constitution:
  - a. Convention Coordinator: Brian Tideswell for a one year term.
  - b. Case Coordinator: Bill Summerell
  - c. Archivist: Al Bobrofsky
  - d. Executive Committee: Al Bobrofsky (chair), Steve Friedman, Brett Irick, Ron Sirna, and Julianna Wostyn
  - e. Exhibits Committee: Frank Passic (chair), Mike Strub, Tom Dombrowski and Ernie Nagy, Julianna Wostyn
  - f. Past Presidents: Ann Bobrofsky (chair), Julianna Wostyn, Dr. Andrew Parks, Al Bobrofsky, Chuck Fenwick, Ray Dillard, Kelly Finger, Richard Watts and Craig Whitford.
  - g. Publicity: Dr. John Chirco (chair), Al Brobrofsky
  - h. Michmatist/Website, to include position appointments of Michmatist Editor and MSNS Webmaster: Al Bobrofsky (chair), Mike Strub (Editor), Jennifer Strub, James Motley (Webmaster), and Andrew Blinkiewicz
  - i. Personnel Committee: TBD (Chair), Dr. John Chirco and Ron Sirna
  - j. Local Club Outreach and Development: Chuck Sharpe (Chair), TBD
  - k. Dealer Relations: Steve Friedman (Chair), Dr. John Chirco, David Hartung and Brian Tideswell
  - l. Sponsorship: Dr. John Chirco (Chair), Bill Anderson (sponsor spread sheet manager)
  - m. Auction Committee: Ron Sirna (Chair), Al Bobrofsky, Steve Friedman
  - n. Appraisal Road Show: Ron Sirna (Chair), Steve Marzilli and David Hartung
  - o. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Al Bobrofsky (Chair), Andrew Blinkiewicz, David Hartung, Brett Irick, Julianna Wostyn and Steve Marzilli.
  - p. Future Planning Committee: TBD (Chair), Al Bobrofsky and Ron Sirna
  - q. Education: Dr. John Chirco (Chair), James Motley (Vice Chair), Steve Friedman (YN Education Chair), Logan Wostyn (YN Convention), Dr John Chirco (Seminars/General Education Chair), James Motley (Seminars/General Education), Ken Potter (Convention Education Chair), Larry Sekulich, Tom Klunzinger and Mark Benvenuto
  - r. **Motion by Klunzinger, seconded by Motley to provide Board Consent of the appointments summarized in points a. through q. above - passed unanimously**
  - s. **President Irick made the appointments as summarized in points a. through q. above**

#### 5)President's Comments

1. Thank you for assisting with the beginning of MSNS Board Term appointments. The organization now has the basic structure required for a successful 2017-2018 Board term.
2. I want to thank all of you but especially Al Bobrofsky, Mike and Jennifer Strub and Julianna Wostyn for their significant personal assistance with the 2017-2018 Board transition.

B) Vice President's Report Bobrofsky

The Board needs to and will welcome and recognize suggestions from all concerned parties in regards to future finances for the organization.

C) Treasurer's Report Wostyn

- 1) **Motion by Klunzinger seconded by Bobrofsky to have Liberty Coin Service re-seal the full \$500 bag of silver from the Life-Membership funds pending satisfactory screening for the minimum quality standard- passed unanimously**
- 2) **Motion by Klunzinger, seconded by Chirco to approve the Spring 2017 Convention Budget as presented by our Treasurer, passed unanimously**

D) Secretary's Report Blinkiewicz

1) Membership Report

- a. Regular Members: 560
- b. Junior Members: 58
- c. Life Members: 390
  - i. Total Membership: 1,008

2) Life Member Applications

- 1)The following Life Membership applications have been received since our last board meeting:  
William A. Anderson, Donald L. White, Joe P. Falater and Sanford L. Pearl.
- 2)Their names will be published in the Winter 2017 Michmatist.
- 3)If no objections are received from the membership, a motion to approve these Life Memberships will be made during the April Board meeting.

3) Co-Host Awards

- a. **Motion by Klunzinger to name Lansing and Livingston to be awarded Spring 2018 co-hosts motion failed because of no second**
- b. **Motion by Klunzinger seconded by Sirna to award Lincoln and Michigan Treasure Hunters to be Co-Hosts for the Fall 2017 Convention – passed unanimously**

XII. Committee Reports

A) Exhibit Committee Passic

B) Personnel Committee Report Irick

- a. Updated Policy Manual position responsibilities for several were received from Past Director Anderson during the November 2016 Convention.

- b. With the separation of Secretary and Treasurer positions and several observations received, additional Policy Manual updates will be investigated with a target completion by the April Board meeting.
- C) Education Committee Chirco
- a. We plan to have six educational speakers for the Spring 2017 Convention.
  - b. Bill Brandimore on colonial money (Saturday)
  - c. John Twist on 2 cent pieces (Saturday)
  - d. Paper Money Collectors meeting and educational DVD (Saturday)
  - e. Jim Zylstra on ancient money (Friday)
  - f. Dany Rothfeld on Mich. National Bank Notes (Friday)
  - g. Ken Potter on error coins (Friday)
- D) Sponsorship Anderson
- E) Local Club Outreach and Club Development Sharpe
- a. Past Director Sharpe will continue his Club Outreach and Development initiative, as well as continue to host a President's Roundtable at MSNS Conventions
- F) 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Bobrofsky
- a. As reported by the Treasurer, the cash profit, to date, of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event is \$449.28 after payment of all expenses to date.
  - b. There are an additional \$1,555.00 of potential MSNS 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 50c elongated coins at the approved prices of counter stamped at \$75 each x 9 pieces \$675 and non-counterstamped x 22 pieces at \$40 each \$800 = \$1,555.
  - c. A Michmatist article will be written to market the on hand elongateds.
  - d. The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary banquet was successful and attended by nearly 120 people.
  - e. The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary YN Silent auction raised \$2,495 for youth education.
- G) Michmatist Report Strub
- H) Webmaster Report Motley
- a. A detailed report regarding hit traffic was provided by Director Motley; for the year 2016, the MSNS website averaged 137,000 hits, from 2,800 unique visitors per month. All in all, very strong activity has been recorded.
  - b. **Motion by Sirna, seconded by Malhalab appoint Blinkiewicz with the help of Directors Motley and Wostyn to reserve the name Michigan State Numismatic Society and Michigan Coin Club to develop a Facebook page going forward**
- I) Dealer Relations Committee Report Friedman
- a. Still processing feedback from Dealer surveys
- J) YN Education Report Friedman
- a. Progress has been made to get a Santa Claus event for the Fall Conventions and Mike Denny has offered to be Santa Claus.
  - b. **Motion by Sirna seconded by Klunzigner to have Santa Claus at the 2017 Fall Convention-passed unanimously**

- c. **Motion by Klunzinger seconded by Henderson to approve the YN Bucks Rubric documents for a YN Auction element for the Fall 2017 YN Program - passed unanimously**

XIII. Old Business

- A) Fall 2016 Convention Recap Tideswell
  - a. Total attendance around 2,700 attendees
  
- B) ICTA Renewal Wostyn/Irick
  - a. (Wostyn) MSNS ICTA membership was renewed for 2017 based on the approved motion on the subject during the Fall 2016 Board meeting.
  - b. (Irick) In New Business A), MSNS Board will discuss a continuing resolution to maintain a ICTA Basic Annual membership the annual cost of which is currently \$300.
  
- C) World Wide Traders- Spring Convention Update Irick
  - a. WWT was successful at our fall 2016 Convention and approached the board to return to our Spring 2017 Convention.
  - b. The MSNS Board agreed to their return to the Spring 2017 Convention pending execution of a contract by both parties.
  - c. The contract is expected to be in place by mid-February.
  
- D) Pruchnicki Trust Liquidation (Gold Coins) Irick
  - a. The 2016-2017 Board resolved to sell the gold coins held in this trust account at the best possible price which is not to be below Coin Dealer Newsletter Gray Sheet bid and mark, in the Treasury, that the funds received are only authorized to be used for MSNS Educational activities.
  - b. **Motion by Klunzinger seconded by Motley to reaffirm the motion that designates Ron Sirna as the sales agent to liquidate the Pruchnicki Trust Coins- passed, Sirna abstained**
  
- E) MSNS Medal Dies Chirco
  - a. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary die is now in the possession of the MSNS archivist Al Bobrofsky.

XIII. New Business

- A) ICTA Annual Membership – Continuing Resolution to Renew Annually Irick
  - a. MSNS has maintained a basic membership in ICTA for a number of years.
  - b. Discussion indicated that the consensus of the Board is that the ICTA renewal will continue to be approved annually to ensure visibility of the renewal cost and benefits of ICTA membership.
  - c. **Motion by Malhalab, seconded by Chirco, that the annual ICTA Basic membership dues be paid by the Treasurer every year contingent that the ICTA membership price does not increase.**
  - d. **Motion by Sirna, seconded by Klunzinger to table the above motion**
  
- B) Authorized Check Signer One Signature Authority Increase from \$500 to \$1,000 Irick
  - a. Currently, the MSNS Policy manual authorizes the Treasurer, or in the Treasurer's absence, other authorized signers, to provide a single signature on checks up to and including \$500.
  - b. The \$500 control point is now triggered one to several times per month resulting in extra effort and cost to mail the physical check to a second signer and then have the check mailed on.

- c. Depending on the travel schedule, both planned or unplanned, of the second signers, there can be second signature delay. This causes a risk of a check not being received on time with the potential of late fees being assessed on our account.
  - d. **Motion by Sirna seconded by Marzilli to authorize the Treasurer, or in the Treasurer's absence, other authorized signers to provide a single signature on checks up to and including \$1000. - passed unanimously**
- C) Ray Dillard Elongated Coin Proposal Bobrofsky
- a. Gifts of elongated coins are a long established tradition during MSNS Conventions.
  - b. Ray Dillard, advising advanced age of 92 advised that starting with the Spring 2017 Convention he will attend Conventions when possible but not throughout the entire Convention.
  - c. He is willing to continue to produce and deliver the same quantity of elongated coins to future Conventions.
  - d. **Motion by Bobrofsky seconded by Sirna to approve the continuation of the elongated program - passed unanimously**
- D) Reimburse Al Bobrofsky for 1956 Convention Prints Irick
- a. **Motion by Motley, seconded by Klunzinger, to approve reimbursement of Al Bobrofsky for \$155.32 to preserve the prints - passed unanimously**
- E) Spring 2017 Convention Outlook Tideswell
- F) Preparation of 2016 Federal Income Taxes
- a. **Motion by Sirna seconded by Klunzinger to have the MSNS 2016 Federal Income Tax be prepared by Jack Huggins at a price of \$250- passed unanimously**
  - b. (President Irick: As of January 31, Jack Huggins accepted our income tax preparation contract in the approved amount if \$250)
- G) Executive Session
- XIV. Open Discussion All
- XV. Adjournment
- A) The next meeting will be held Saturday April 8, 2017 6:30 pm in the Macomb Room, Macomb Community College Sports and Convention Center, Warren, Michigan.
- B) Motion to adjourn by Chirco, seconded by Henderson to adjourn- passed unanimously at 4:16pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
 Andrew Blinkiewicz  
 MSNS Secretary  
 Submitted for review:

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Approved-President, date

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Approved-Secretary, date