

MICHIGAN STATE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
Meeting of the Board 11:30 a.m. February 3, 2018
Cleary's Restaurant
Howell, MI

- I. Call to Order Irick
A) Meeting called to order at 11:42am
- II. Roll Call Blinkiewicz
A) President: Irick
B) Vice President: Bobrofsky
C) Secretary: Andrew Blinkiewicz
D) Treasurer: Julianna Wostyn
E) Past President: Ann Bobrofsky
F) Directors: Dombrowski, Benvenuto, Klunzinger, Motley, Wostyn, Chirco, Friedman, Hartung, Sirna
Absences:
Excused: Marzilli, Henderson
- G) Confirmation of Quorum
- III. Introduction of Visitors Irick
i Frank Passic- MSNS Exhibit Chairman, William Anderson- Sponsorship Committee, Brian Tideswell- Past MSNS Convention Chairman, Brian Malnar
- IV. Invocation Chirco
- V. Approve Minutes of November 25, 2017 Board Meeting Blinkiewicz
i **Motion by Klunzinger to approve minutes with corrections seconded by Bobrofsky- passed**
- VI. Emergency Additions to Agenda All
i President Comments- appoint a Sergeant at Arms
- VII. Approve Agenda Board
i **Motion by Klunzinger seconded by Sirna to approve agenda with additions- passed**
- VIII. 2017-2018 Board Term Director and Officer Absences Blinkiewicz
Absences: Benvenuto (Jan 2017), (April 2017 – excused, hosting work event), Dombrowski (Jan 2017 – excused, attending funeral), Al and Ann Bobrofsky (Summer 2017 – excused, private matter), Malhalab (Summer 2017 – excused, private matter), Sirna (Fall 2017 – excused, family event)
- IX. Membership Comments Irick
- X. Officer Reports
A) President's Report Irick

- 1) A volunteer is needed to be our Sponsorship Coordinator. Dr. Chirco stepped down after our last Convention. Past Director Anderson and I are currently sustaining the program. Around \$3,000 in sponsorships are projected for our Spring Convention.
- 2) Continued efforts are required to find opportunities to increase revenue and decrease expenses without sacrificing our programs. Treasurer Wostyn will present a proposed budget that also presents realistic projections for each of the major budget categories. The actions implemented in 2017 were successful, and thank you to all for your contributions.
- 3) The Call for Nominations of Officers and Directors was written by the President as required in Article III Section 3 of the MSNS Constitution for inclusion in the Winter Michmatist and the MSNS website. This publication must be completed by April 1.
- 4) Article III Section 5 requires the President to appoint an Election Committee consisting of a chair and not less than two or more than four members after receiving approval from the majority of the board. These appointments must be made not more than fifty (50) days before the MSNS fall Convention. Exception of the Chair, I plan to make recommendations for the balance of the Election Committee during the Spring 2018 Board Meeting. At this time, I request a motion to approve my selection of past Election Chair Pat Heller as follows:
- 5) Sergeant at Arms, the Constitution allows for the appointment of Sergeant of Arms,
 - a Motion by Motley second by Wostyn to be appoint Brian Malnar to the Official MSNS Sergeant at Arms- passed

Motion Sirna, Second Wostyn President Irick is authorized to contact Pat Heller to request his services as MSNS Election Chair with a professional fee not to exceed \$500 not including the postage to mail the ballots. If he accepts, at or below \$500, President Irick is authorized to appoint him MSNS Election Chair for the 2018 MSNS Election- passed

- B) Treasurer J. Wostyn
 - 1) Profit-Loss for full year 2017
 - 2) 2018 Full Year Budget
 - 3) Spring 2018 Convention Budget
 - 4) Preparation of 2017 Tax Return
 - a **Motion by Klunzinger seconded by Hartung to prepare the tax return *****
- C) Vice President's Report Bobrofsky
- D) Secretary Blinkiewicz
 - 1) Membership Report
 - 1 Regular: 519
 - 2 Junior: 57
 - 3 Life: 378
 - 4 Club: 23
 - a Total: 23
 - 2) Life Member Applications
 - 1 Applications for Edward Hammond and Paul Elles were received and their names will be published in the next Michmatist and then voted on at the next Board Meeting
 - 3) Service Awards – 2018 and beyond
 - 1 Sufficient inventory on hand, action to purchase will occur at a later date
 - 4) Co-Host Awards
 - 1 Livingston and Lansing are Co-Hosts for Spring 2018 and awardees for Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 have been notified

5) Correspondence

- 1 **Motion by Klunzinger seconded by Chirco to approve the Secretary's Report as read-passed**

XI. Committee Reports

- A) Convention Status Report L. Wostyn
 - a. Diligent work is being done to get dealers to attend the Spring 2018 show
 - B) Exhibit Committee Passic
 - a. Work is being done with getting applicants for the Spring Show as well as being fiscally responsible regarding rewards spending and the like
 - C) Personnel Committee Report Irick
 - D) Education Committee Chirco
 - 1) Spring Education Seminar
 - 1 Multiple speakers have already confirmed various talks and a few more are in the works to attain a full slate for the Spring Show
 - 2) Dealer Early Departure Proposal
 - 1 **Motion by Sirna seconded by Dombrowski to table motion of adopting a Dealer attendance policy- passed**
 - E) Convention Advertising Chirco
 - a. The process is well underway on all avenues both paid and unpaid for promoting the show
 - F) Sponsorship Anderson/Irick
 - a. Pledges for the show are coming in with more commitments pending
 - G) Michmatist Bobrofsky/J. Wostyn
 - 1) Printing/Mailing Cost Reduction Update
 - a Changes to the paper stock will reduce cost which could reduce postage expenses on the back end once implemented
 - 2) Michmatist Advertising Revenue Review
 - H) Webmaster Report Motley
 - a. The website is averaging over 100,000 hits per month, top pages reached are for the local shows, clubs, as well as various education articles
 - I) **Meeting broke for lunch: 1:05pm**
 - J) **Meeting reconvened at 1:45pm**
 - K) Dealer Relations Committee Friedman
 - a. Discussion deferred to closed session
 - L) YN Education Friedman/L. Wostyn
- XII. Old Business

- A) CSNS Fall 2018 Educational Seminar during Convention Irick
 - a. CSNS has accepted our MSNS \$500 sponsorship of the event.
 - b. Speakers will be chosen over the next few months. Please advise me if there is/are speakers that you would like on the program. CSNS will pay their travel here from all points in the United States and Canada. Suggestions received to date are Past ANA President Bob Campbell on Coin Toning Real or Fake and Peter Huntoon on Michigan National Bank Notes. A total of four speakers will present on Sunday of our Fall Convention.
- B) MSNS Website Advertising Motley/J. Wostyn
 - i A plan has been made and Mr. Motley intends to send out the plan for web advertising to dealers

- 1 **Motion by Klunzinger seconded by Wostyn to approve and distribute the communication drafted for dealers to explain the website advertising plan- passed**
- C) Status of five Hatie Award blank purchases Bobrofsky
 - i Discussion among the Past Presidents committee has been made in regards future recipients
- D) Photography during MSNS Events Motley
 - i Dealers were asking regarding their preference toward being photographed at conventions and those photographs being used by MSNS, from the responses a policy needs to be adopted- discussion ensued
 - ii **Call to question- passed**
 - iii **Motion by Sirna seconded by Benvenuto to approve a general photo release and a separate document for minors- Passed, Malhalab opposed**

XIII. New Business

- A) Appointment of Secretary for a term of two years 2018-2019 Irick
 - i **Motion by Bobrofsky second by Wostyn to appoint Andrew Blinkiewicz to a two-year term for the 2018-2019 as Secretary of MSNS- passed**

XIV. Open Discussion Roundtable All

XV. Executive Session

- a. **Motion by Wostyn by Klunzinger to go into executive session at 2:28pm- passed**
- b. **Motion to return to option session by Klunzinger seconded by Wostyn-passed**
- c.
 - 1 **Motion by Klunzinger seconded by Sirna to accept Logan's Wostyn donation for the Spring Awards Banquet**
 - 2 **Motion to transfer 3% of cash life funds into the general fund for 2018 by Sirna second by Chirco- passed**
 - 3 **Motion by Sirna that the Treasurer contact to contact bullion dealers to sell the \$500 sealed bag of silver, seconded by Klunzinger**
 - 4 **Motion by Klunzinger to put a \$4 cover price on the Michmatist, second by Dombrowski- passed**
 - 5 **Motion by Klunzinger of censure seconded by Wostyn regarding Director Mahalab for rude and disrespectful statements at the November 2017 Board Meeting and for bringing up and discussing Close Session matters during Open Session of the February 2018 Board Meeting- 8-3 passed**
 - 6 **Motion by Klunzinger seconded by Wostyn to adjourn-passed 4:02pm**

XVI. Adjournment

Agenda respectfully submitted for review,
 Andrew Blinkiewicz
 Secretary