

MICHIGAN STATE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
Meeting of the Board 11:00 a.m., August 29, 2015
Howell, Michigan

- I. Call to Order 11:07 Wostyn
- II. Roll Call Strub
Present: President Wostyn, Vice-President Bobrofsky
Directors: David Hartung, Brett Irick, Andrew Blinkiewicz, Steve Friedman, Chuck Sharpe, William Anderson, Tom Dombrowski, Tom Klunzinger, Steve Marzilli, Ron Sirna, Dave Henderson
Absent: Immediate Past President Parks, Dr. John Chirco
- III. Introduction of Visitors Wostyn
Dany Rothfeld, Pat Heller, Frank Passic, Webmaster Jim Motley, Don Johnson of Exact Tax, Brian Malnar, Ann Bobrofsky
- IV. Invocation Strub
Dear Father, thank-you for your constant love and care; let us remain true as your image and likeness in responsibly utilizing the resources entrusted to our care, so that we can foster learning and enjoyment in the numismatic community. Please help us to have an open heart and an open mind so we may hear you and obey. You speak to us every hour of every day with your love and guidance. Amen.
- V. Minutes of April 11, 2015 Strub
Transmitted to the board June 7. Deferred from mid-May by a motherboard failure. Klunzinger stated that unanimous with one nay means NOT unanimous
Klunzinger moved, and Anderson seconded, a motion to approve the minutes as edited, which passed unanimously.
- VI. Emergency Additions to Agenda Wostyn
None.
- VII. Approve Agenda Board
- VIII. Klunzinger moved, and Blinkiewicz seconded, a motion to approve the agenda, which passed unanimously.
- IX. Director Absences Strub
January 24 and April 11 meetings: Director Sharpe (excused), and Past President Parks. In addition, Past President Parks has not attended a single board meeting since the conclusion of his term.
Klunzinger moved, and Sirna seconded, a motion to declare it is the sense of the board that Andrew Parks has effectively resigned from the functioning position of immediate past president because of complete absence from the previous 9 board meetings and therefore is no longer a sitting member of this board. Passage was Unanimous.
Klunzinger moved, and Sirna seconded, a motion to fill the position of immediate past president on the past president committee, appointing Ann Bobrofsky to fill it. Passage was Unanimous.
- X. Membership Comments Wostyn
Frank Passic took the bus to the ANA – went to US Mint and saw goodies – as a 501c3 we are entitled to many items – let us get some: mousepads, Lincoln cents with a blank, pencils, bookmarks. Frank

Hopes board will obtain these for our show in the fall, theme of which is Lincoln. State this is for the youth. Thank-you for always looking out for MSNS, Frank.

Jim Motley – working on a Boy Scout merit badge national program with US Mint and MSNS.

Dany Rothfeld – Education Secretary at Lansing Coin Club. Asks if their club could be considered as co-host for next available show. Already did a written request.

Brian Malnar of Lincoln CC – Brian spoke with Bill Ewald and asked what the YN program needs? His answer was: Roughly 60 proof sets. Brian told the Lincoln Coin Club, and the members donated 60 proof sets and a few mint sets. Secretary Strub was directed to write a formal thank-you.

XI. Officers Reports

A) President

Wostyn

Julie has, since our last meeting, spent at least 12 hours reviewing split of secretary and treasurer positions: phone calls and meetings with accountants and book keepers. Executive committee met in Grand Rapids about it too. Attended Steve Friedman's show and represented MSNS. Spoke with Steve Roach about grading seminar. Spent another 10-12 hours on the agenda. Made plans for this location/meeting. Promoted MSNS thru travels. Researched banking issues, switching accounts. Concerned with policy on changing signatories and documentation.

B) Secretary-Treasurer

Strub

1) Financial Holdings Report

LIFE FUNDS \$110,753.21

a) \$50,000.00 Life Funds CD.

b) \$46,453.21 Life Member Savings at 5th/3rd

c) \$14,300.00 Life Member Fund – one \$500 face bag of silver recorded at cost

CASH RESERVES \$34,580.98

d) \$28,415.34 Checking at 5th/3rd

e) \$3,397.31 Checking at First Merit

f) \$538.68 Checking for PayPal (used as a savings account to tie to PayPal)

g) \$0.00 PayPal Account Funds.

h) \$2,229.65 Reserve Funds – Audit, etc.

PROPERTY \$27,765.86

i) \$15,430.30 Miscellaneous Property – one \$500 face bag of silver; lamps; projector.

j) \$2,997.32 Planned Awards Owned

k) \$5,970.00 Pruchnicki Trust Collection (estimated value from initial acquisition)

FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS \$4,768.18

l) \$4,768.18 Schlag Savings at 5th/3rd

LATE-BREAKING ITEMS

m) Acquired 3 rolls of BU Original Franklin Halves for \$870 through eBay using our eBay account.

2) Membership Report

23 Honorary Life Members

373 Life Members

24 Club Members

49 Junior Members

541 Regular Members

1010 Total

3) Credit Card Report

a. 83,363 points earned on the card through 7/21/15.

4) Insurance Report

a. General Liability:

i. Renewed for \$1111 on 8/5

ii. Molestation claim coverage is included.

b. Bonding of Directors and Officers, including Secretary/Treasurer: Renews in November

c. Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees: Renews in December

- 5) Spring Convention Budget Update
 - a. Net income of \$8187 (172.4% of budgeted \$4750)
- 6) Fall Convention Budget
 - a. Net income projection of \$2758 (extremely conservative, likely to exceed)
 - b. Next Time, Klunzinger requested we compare final from last year to our projections
- 7) Update for 2015 Budget
 - a. Net income projection of \$94 (conservative, but still will be close)
 - b. Sirna asked for previous year comparisons going forward
- 8) Correspondence
 - a. Correspondence has been forwarded to board members as received.
 - b. Kalamazoo Numismatic Club News, vol 11 issue 7, 3Q2015 was forwarded by Blinkiewicz to board.
- 9) Report on Fall Grading Class e-mail vote
 - a. ALL directors and Vice President and President have unanimously voted in favor of the following proposal put forward on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at 8:15 am.:
 - b. **MOTION: Proposed by John Chirco, Education Chairman, Seconded by Julianna Wostyn, President: Move that MSNS, in an effort to further education in the numismatic community, hold a Grading US Coins Class at the Fall 2015 Convention, with costs not to exceed \$1,000.**
 - c. Vote concluded Monday, August 10 at 12:17pm.
 - d. Note: not incorporated yet into budget.
- 10) 2016 Spring Table Fees
 - a. Recommendation: \$395 single, \$845 corner, \$1690 end cap.
\$200/table for supplies/books. No discount for 2nd/3rd/4th straight tables.
 - b. **Friedman moved, and Bobrofsky seconded, a motion to make the following bourse table price changes effective with the Fall 2016 show: \$395 single, \$845 corner, \$1690 end cap. \$200/table for supplies/books. No discount for 2nd/3rd/4th straight tables. 2016 Spring to remain same as Fall 2015. Motion Passed.**
Now we can market entire year of 2016.
The Dealer committee was asked to come up with a proposal for tiered pricing at the fall board meeting. This is to come from Steve Friedman and the dealer committee.

XII. New Business

- A) Exact Tax Proposed Bookkeeping Presentation Wostyn
Don Johnson from Exact Tax was present to present his company's qualifications and capabilities. They have been in this business for 16 years, and have a staff of 5 in Algonac. They are QuickBooks Certified Experts. Quickbooks has many new capabilities. It can give reports that compare items to previous years, as well as generate graphs. It can bring in Accounts Receivable. "Job costing" can be implemented. Invoicing can be automated and done electronically and by paper. Invoices can be clicked on and paid online! (This is not done by paypal but through QB itself, though there is a fee.) Exact Tax employees are professional book-keepers, but not CPAs. Cost could be monthly or hourly, not decided. They are bonded. Bills due can be flagged so they are not missed.

12:13 Break for lunch Re-convene 12:53

- B) ANA – Michigan State Table Report Strub
Directors Bobrofsky, Blinkiewicz, Henderson, Anderson, Chirco, Friedland, Klunzinger, plus officers Motley and Strub, and bussed volunteers on Friday, manned our table. Experience ranged from slow to boring. Even so, we did sell at least one table, a couple of ads, and a membership; Coin World spoke with us Mike Strub; and Strub shared his experiences publishing the MichMatist with two other clubs who will benefit from our printer. Less business for us than at previous ANA. However, having the table afforded a home base and early entry into the convention for several volunteers. Gave away many copies of advertising for our seminar, our convention (including applications for dealers and exhibitors), and applications for membership, as well as old rolled coins and copies of our MichMatist.

Bobrofsky added that Blinkiewicz was a stand-out worker. A gentleman from Ohio brought an MSNS program from 1956, our very first convention. Ron Sirna suggested sending a countermarked half to him in thanks. Klunzinger added that, obviously, at next year's ANA in Anaheim, we shouldn't have a table.

C) CSNS 2016 – MSNS Club Table

Strub

Strub proposed that MSNS accept the free table offered. Reasons this is a good idea:

a) volunteers get in early – equivalent of a free early bird

b) exposure is good for the club

c) closer pool of prospect members/exhibitors/dealers than ANA

He will, as before, get a sign-up list going. But primary support or lack of it is from the board members and officers. If there is not enough support to staff throughout their show, Strub will withdraw this proposal.

Wed. April 27 12-6, Thur. April 28 10-7, Fri. April 29 10-6, and Sat. April 30 10-5, 2016 are the event dates. It will be at Schaumburg, IL, Renaissance Convention Center.

Sirna moved that we accept offer to take a CSNS Spring 2016 table subject to getting enough manpower. Second by Bill Anderson. Unanimously approved. → Mike to get the volunteers now.

D) 60th Anniversary Committee Report

Bobrofsky

The 60th Anniversary Committee is moving forward with its planning for the 60th Anniversary celebration for MSNS in the fall of 2016. At this time extensive research has been done with regard to the possibility of creating special edition elongated 1956 coins, which would be given to each attendee at the banquet, with a limited number offered for sale to individuals. A very limited number of these coins could be counter-stamped for additional fund-raising. Hopefully enough raw 1956 50-cent coins will be available; if not, this part of the celebration will be cancelled.

More details will be given during the meeting by the 60th Anniversary Committee Chairman, Director Bobrofsky.

Sirna moved we convert our bag of silver into a bag of 1956 U.S. silver by direct swaps, and to use it for promotions, prizes, rolling out, sale items, and gifts. Friedman supported. Motion passed.

Irick moved we expend up to \$250 for the required die for the 60th anniversary half dollar. Sirna supported. Motion passed unanimously.

E) Exhibit Committee Proposal Regarding Colorado Trip

Wostyn

Anderson moved, and Hartung seconded, that MSNS adopt the proposal for Exhibit of the Year and the new language set forth for Rule 22, as follows:

22. The Best-of-Show winners (one Adult & one Junior) at each of the two MSNS Conventions held during the same calendar year (spring, fall) will compete for "Exhibit of the Year" at the Fall Convention. One Adult and one Junior Exhibit of the Year will be chosen by a judging team. The Spring Best-of-Show winners are required to bring back their displays to the Fall Convention in the non-competitive classification, so that they may be judged along with the Fall Best-of-Show winner to determine the Exhibit of the Year. The winners will receive a plaque for their accomplishment.

The Exhibit of the Year winner in each division (one Adult, one Junior) at the Fall MSNS convention will be awarded a tuition and travel expense paid trip to the Summer Seminar of the American Numismatic Association, subject to these conditions: 1) There is a 3-year time interval before the winner of a trip is eligible to win another trip; 2) the eligibility begins with the month the trip is awarded at the Fall Convention; 3) The trip must be taken within the two (2) subsequent Summer Seminars. Trips not taken after two years will expire. The exception is a junior exhibitor who cannot attend before the age allowed by the ANA. In such cases the two year eligibility will begin with the Seminar that they are old enough to attend; 4) It is the responsibility of the winner to join the American Numismatic Association and register for the summer seminar in a timely

manner, and indicate that MSNS is paying for the tuition on the application form; 5) MSNS will reimburse for travel expenses up to \$500 upon completion of the summer seminar session/class. Travel expenses will be reimbursed after verification of summer seminar/class completion and copies of receipts for expenses are provided to the MSNS Treasurer. The \$500 travel expense is inclusive of either airfare for coach (not first class) rates or for those driving to the seminar - students will be reimbursed according to the comparable coach airfare rate, rather than mileage rates.

Said change will take effect January 1, 2016. Passed.

F) Exhibit Committee Proposal Regarding Rule Changes Wostyn

Anderson moved, and Blinkiewicz seconded, an amendment to the exhibit rules which adds an additional classification #12: Non-Competitive Emeritus, to consist of previous MSNS best-of-show displays, and also those displays that have won 2 first-place awards. They further moved changes that result in the following set of standard rules for exhibiting:

1. All exhibitors must be members of the Michigan State Numismatic Society. If not a member, you must join **prior** to the Convention. A membership application and further information is found on the www.michigancoinclub.org website. Write to: MSNS Membership, P.O. Box 72, Keego Harbor, MI 48320.
2. Only one entry per classification. No more than 10 total cases per exhibitor, and no more than **3** displays per exhibitor. If entering more than one display, exhibitors must file a separate application for each. All applications must be signed and dated. The signature of a parent or guardian is also required if the exhibitor is under 18 years of age. Exhibitors should mark their order of priority on each application if entering more than one display in the event we have space/case limitations and have to make cuts. In such circumstances, the exhibitors will be notified.
3. Junior exhibitors have the option of entering their exhibits in either the adult classifications, thereby competing as an adult; or in their own age group class. Age is determined by the exhibitor's age on the opening day of the Convention. A Junior exhibitor may only place one (1) exhibit in his/her age-group, but may compete with additional exhibits in the adult classifications. This provision may be suspended by the Exhibit Chairman or the Exhibits Committee at their discretion due to space limitations or other reasons.
4. If an exhibit contains items belonging to more than one classification, at least 65% of the items must be from the classification to which it is entered. If it is less than 65%, then the display should be entered in the Miscellaneous classification. The Exhibit Chair and/or Chief Judge have the discretion by mutual agreement of changing the classification of a display if it is determined that the exhibit was improperly classified. The Exhibit Chair and Chief Judge, at their discretion, may confer with the exhibitor before making their determination. An exhibitor may not request a classification change at the Convention.
5. Exhibit material is displayed in standard 34" long x 22" wide x 3" (Note: those are **outside** measurements; please allow for lesser inside placement measurements) high cases which will be arranged horizontally and provided by MSNS. An exhibitor may also bring their own cases if so-indicated on the exhibit application.
6. Other-sized cases, panels, and vertical displays are allowed at the discretion of the Exhibit Chair. In such instances however any special requirements (including other-sized case measurements) need to be submitted in advance with the exhibit application so proper logistical and layout needs can be considered.
7. No titles, signs, placards or numismatic materials of any kind may be placed outside the exhibit cases. Switches or buttons intended to operate lights or educational displays in the cases or magnifying glasses provided to assist exhibit readers may be mounted on the table or on the cases, given that nothing extends more than one inch above the top (glass) surface of a case. Outside lights are not permitted.
8. All material shown must be the personal property of the exhibitor, which may include property owned jointly with a spouse.
9. The displays must be prepared and set up by the exhibitor or the exhibitor's designated agent. The Exhibit Chair should be notified by the exhibitor of any designated agent. **Juniors must set up their own displays, except for a physical**

limitation or special circumstances approved by the Exhibit chair. The narrative text in a display should be in the exhibitor's own words, except when using direct quotes as indicated.

10. No items are to be displayed that are in violation of United States laws or regulations. Copies of U.S. Federally-issued/printed paper money/items, whether in color or black-and-white, must be less than 75% of original size, or more than 150% of original size. The regulations as provided in the U.S. Secret Service website state: *"The Counterfeit Detection Act of 1991, Public Law 102-550, in Section 411 of Title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations, permits color illustrations of U.S. currency provided: The illustration is of a size less than three-fourths or more than one and one-half, in linear dimension, of each part of the item illustrated. The illustration [must] be one-sided."*

In addition, under "Other Obligations and Securities," the regulations state: *"Photographic or other likenesses of other United States obligations and securities and foreign currencies are permissible for any non-fraudulent purpose, provided the items are reproduced in black and white and are less than three-quarters or greater than one-and-one-half times the size, in linear dimension, or any part of the original item being reproduced."*

In the event a violation of this Rule No. 10 is discovered prior to the beginning of the judging process, an exhibitor must remove the offending material upon being notified of the violation. If the exhibitor cannot be reached in time, or a violation of this Rule is not discovered until the judging process is underway, a total disqualification will result, even if the violation is unintentional. Either way, the offending material must be removed or covered over. Application of this rule will be administered by the Chief Judge. Full size color copies of foreign paper money that is no longer legal tender (for example, German government inflation notes of the 1920s) are allowed, because it is no longer a legal tender currency, and such copies are allowed at ANA conventions. See Rule No. 11 below.

11. Color photographs/photocopies/scans of paper numismatic items such as obsolete banknotes or no-longer-legal-tender foreign paper money/items are allowed and can be full size, but must be so-marked or indicated with the word "copy." This can be indicated either in the text or captions, or on the color photograph/reproduction itself. See also Rule No. 10.

12. Photographs or photocopies or scans of numismatic items such as coins, tokens, or medals, either in color or in black-and-white, are generally not considered copies and do not have to have the word "copy" attached to them. The exception are **color** photographs/photocopies/scans of paper numismatic items (See Rule No. 11 above), which could be confused by the viewer with authentic paper items. Illustrations lifted directly from other sources should be directly attributed to those sources. If photographs displayed to represent an item are not taken of the actual items being displayed, then that should be indicated in the text. There are no size limitations as to photographs (with the exception of Rule No. 10), as they would be covered under the criteria of creativity, originality, attractiveness, and balance on the judging form.

13. Forged, spurious, or counterfeit material and replica copies may not be displayed unless each such item is described as such in the exhibit and unless such items are displayed for educational purposes and are not in violation of U.S. laws. So-called "Liberty Dollars" are not allowed to be displayed at MSNS Conventions. In the event a violation of this Rule No. 13 is discovered prior to the beginning of the judging process, an exhibitor must remove the offending material upon being notified of the violation. If the exhibitor cannot be reached in time, or a violation of this Rule is not discovered until the judging process is underway, a total disqualification will result, even if the violation is unintentional. Either way, the offending material must be removed or covered over. Application of this rule will be administered by the Chief Judge.

14. The exhibit text should be in the exhibitor's own words. Exhibitors, in preparing their texts, may choose to lift information verbatim from one or more sources. For details judged as "basic numismatic information," such as mintage, designer, composition, etc., it is sufficient that sources for such information will be shown in a list of references. For text relating more to "special numismatic information," such as historical, biographical or economic matters, it is best for exhibitors to present information in their own words. Text or illustrations lifted directly from other sources should be directly attributed to those sources. Instances where material is presented as "original" that has been copied from other sources without attribution will result in significant point deductions.

15. The name or photograph or identity of the competitive exhibitor may not appear in the exhibit, except as an author in a bibliographic reference, which will be sufficiently general that the exhibitor cannot be linked to the exhibit by that reference. In the event a violation of this Rule No. 14 is discovered prior to the beginning of the judging process, an exhibitor must remove the offending material upon being notified of the violation. If the exhibitor cannot be reached in time, or a violation of this Rule is not discovered until the judging process is underway, a total disqualification will result, even if the violation is unintentional. Either way, the offending material must be removed or covered over. Application of this rule will be administered by the Chief Judge.

16. No exhibit may contain any current advertising of items therein for sale.

17. Judging procedures, including judging times, are set by the MSNS Exhibits Committee and Chief Judge, according to the needs of each Convention. Judging will be guided by the rules of the American Numismatic Association. **The decisions of the judges are final.** Competitive exhibitors will not be permitted to attend their exhibits while they are being judged.

18. The Exhibit Chair and Chief Judge, and members of their immediate families may not place competitive exhibits. No MSNS board member nor MSNS officer may enter competitive exhibits. Non-competitive exhibits are encouraged, and are still eligible for the People's Choice award. MSNS board members and officers may still receive the same judging appreciation awards given to exhibit judges.

19. Applications for Non-competitive displays should be made on a regular exhibit application and marked "non-competitive." Non-competitive exhibit applications received after the application deadline can be allowed at the discretion of the Exhibit Chairman.

20. First, Second and Third Place awards may be given for each competitive classification. An exhibit must earn an average of at least 80 scoring points to merit a First Place; 70 points for a Second; and 65 points for a Third. An exhibit which has previously won two First awards, or one Best-of-Show award at MSNS Conventions may not be entered in further competition.

21. A "People's Choice Award" will be given at each convention. All displays (except past People's Choice Award winners), both competitive and non-competitive, are eligible for the People's Choice Award. The winner will receive a plaque or other award as determined by the Exhibits Committee. The winner will also be awarded free tuition at an MSNS-sponsored numismatic educational class.

22. There will be separate Best-of-Show awards: An Adult Best-of-Show will be selected from the First Place exhibits in the Adult Classes 1 through 8. A Junior Best-of-Show will be selected from the First Place exhibits in the Junior Classes 9 and 10.

23. The Best-of-Show awards at MSNS Conventions approved by the board of directors of MSNS are as follows: Spring Adult Best-of-Show: Irving Moskowitz Memorial. Spring Junior Best-of-Show: Al and Ann Bobrofsky Award. Fall Adult Best-of-Show: Paul Schilling Memorial. Fall Junior Best-of-Show: Florence Schook Memorial Junior Best-of-Show.

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25. All exhibits are displayed at the risk of the owner. Each exhibitor must agree to and sign a waiver and release from liability statement on the exhibit application which states: "I hereby release the Michigan State Numismatic Society, all participating clubs and their officers, members, committees, agents and employees, in their official and/or individual personal capacities, from any liability for loss, damage, or destruction through negligence or otherwise, of any numismatic material, and for personal injury and property damage of any kind, including judging results, which the undersigned may suffer or incur before, during or after this Convention. The foregoing shall not however, limit the liability of any individual who may personally be guilty of theft, willful damage or destruction. I also agree to allow my name and/or photograph to be published along with other exhibitors in The MichMatist and/or other numismatic publications. **I have read and hereby agree to abide by the exhibit rules, waiver, and release from liability statement.**"

SPECIFIC RULES, LOGISTICS, and SCHEDULES FOR EXHIBITORS FOR THIS CONVENTION

All times, schedules, logistics, and case limits are subject to change. In such cases the exhibitors will be notified.

26. Exhibit applications must be **received** by mail not later than **Monday, November 2, 2015** in order to qualify for the competitive classifications at the Convention. E-mail applications are also accepted with the same deadline. E-mail applications should be sent to the Exhibit Chairman with the subject line "MSNS Exhibits" at: **albionfp@hotmail.com**, and a cc. to the MSNS Secretary-Treasurer as a back-up, at: **msnssectreas@michigancoinclub.org**.

27. Exhibitors may begin placing their displays on **Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving Day), 2015** beginning at **3:00 pm.**, provided that the exhibit area is set-up and labeled. If not, then exhibitors will need to wait until that is accomplished in order to place displays. Exhibits can be placed up until **6:00 pm** that day. Exhibits can also be placed on **Friday, November 27, 2015** from **8:00 am to 6:00 pm.** All displays must be placed by **6:00 pm. on Friday, November 27, 2015** in order to be eligible for competition. No Saturday placements are allowed. **Exhibitors must obtain official name badges upon entry, and must wear/display them at all times while on the Convention floor.**

28. All exhibits must remain on display at the Convention for a least 24 continuous hours, in order to qualify for awards. Exhibits must be removed by **3:00 p.m.** on Sunday, November 29, 2015.

29. Each exhibitor will receive a complimentary ticket at the Convention for the Sunday morning Awards Breakfast which begins at 8:30 am on Sunday, November 29. A Junior exhibitor is granted an extra ticket for an adult driver. Exhibit judges also each receive one complimentary ticket. Additional breakfast tickets may be purchased from the MSNS secretary-treasurer at the designated rate.

The Abraham Lincoln Classification No. 8 consists of displays featuring numismatic items centered on the theme: Abraham Lincoln.

The Non-Competitive **Emeritus** Classification No.12 consists of previous MSNS best-of-show winning displays, either adult or junior at the time of winning, and previous exhibits that have won two (2) first place awards at MSNS Conventions. Exhibitors entering this classification will provide the Exhibit Chair with a paragraph or two describing their display along with their application. This information will be published in a booklet/sheet in which the viewing public can "follow along" as they read the display. The name of the exhibitor will not be published. The description should also identify the MSNS Convention in which the display won the award, such as: "Spring 2009 Adult Best-of-Show," or "Fall 2011 Junior Best-of-Show." Persons entering the Emeritus class who are also exhibiting in the regular competitive classes will not have the cases used in the Emeritus class count against their case limit in the competitive classifications.

Julie commended the exhibit committee for taking the initiative to review the exhibit rules and for proposing revisions to the Board so the final product could be added as a section in the policy manual.

G) Education Committee Report

Chirco

Director Sirna did some field work while at the ANA to recruit new, fresh speakers for the MSNS education line-up at our upcoming conventions. Mr. Leo Frese has expressed an interest in doing a talk for MSNS at the fall 2015 show on original Mint sets from the 1940s-1958. This would be during our regular educational forum on Saturday afternoon.

Additionally, Mr. Todd Pollack (a very good numismatic photographer) is also willing to conduct a class at MSNS on Numismatic Photography. Mr. Pollack would like to hold this class at the 2016 MSNS Spring Convention. Mr. Pollack teaches Numismatic Photography at the ANA Summer Seminar. This class would not be a short talk for our education series on Saturday during the convention, but would be a fee class offered prior to the opening of our convention, possibly on Thurs. afternoon before dealer move-in. If MSNS wishes to have these two individuals participate in our education forum at the upcoming MSNS Conventions, we must formally contact them to set the details so promotion can begin. This is a real opportunity for MSNS to enhance its education program, furthering the transformation of our events into true Conventions!

H) Publicity Committee Report

Chirco

I) Sponsorship Report

Chirco

\$775 committed to date. Handed out form to fill out for further donations.

J) Outreach to Local Clubs Report

Sharpe

Ann Arbor has now had their second meeting. 18 participants. 9/3 (first Wed) is next meeting.

Director Sharpe is pursuing additional areas which may be receptive to forming a coin club.

If anyone is from where there is no club, ask the question and test the waters!

Julie commended director Sharpe for his invaluable work.

- K) Personnel Committee Report Anderson
 - L) Adoption of Secretary Position Description Wostyn/Anderson
- Anderson took all data and compiled. Wostyn consulted with many in and out of MSNS.

Anderson moved, and Sharpe seconded, a motion to adopt the language submitted for the description of the Secretary position for MSNS. Passage was unanimous.

- M) Adoption of Treasurer Position Description Wostyn/Anderson

Anderson moved, and Klunzinger seconded, a motion to adopt the language submitted for the description of the Treasurer position for MSNS. Passed with one abstention.

Executive Session 1:54pm – 2:31pm 2:48 resumption Wostyn

Sirna moved to hire Don Johnson of Exact Tax as the Treasurer of MSNS effective October 1, 2015. The contract is to be on a month-to-month basis, subject to review in 6 months. In addition he moved to hire Exact Tax a month earlier, as of September 1, as a transition month. Anderson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Exact Tax is to be contacted Monday, August 31.

Sirna moved to set the Treasurer fee at: up to \$400/month on an annualized basis beginning October 1. Klunzinger seconded and approval was unanimous.

Sirna moved to set the Secretary fee at \$550/month effective October 1. Klunzinger seconded and approval was unanimous.

- N) Dealer Badge Committee Wostyn
- Last Fall Ron set up the computer and program, and worked with Logan Wostyn. We have hardware, software, and supplies.

Sirna moved that we ask Logan Wostyn to do our badges in the fall 2015 show. With backup person to be Andrew Blinkiewicz and David Hartung. Motion passed with notable abstention of Logan's mother, Julianna Wostyn.

- O) MSNS Photographer Position Wostyn
- Brett Irick suggested we should put an ad in the MichMatist soliciting volunteer photographers.

Sirna moved that the board appoint a compensation committee to recommend what, if any, positions should be paid. Friedman seconded. Passed with one opposed.

Klunzinger moved to continue the current policy of the editor paying for contributions ... no second.

- P) Future Conventions Wostyn

Klunzinger moved, and Dombrowski seconded, a motion to authorize President Wostyn to negotiate for 2017-2019 conventions at the current location, Macomb Community College.

- Q) Expanded Show Ideas/Possible Convention Exhibits Wostyn

- R) Signatories for Accounts Wostyn
- Since the removal of former Vice President Brian Malnar from the MSNS accounts at the conclusion of his term, we are short one signatory. Wostyn proposed adding Steve Friedman as a signatory. Director

Friedman has an extensive accounting background, as well as working knowledge of running accounts for his own business, both in the furniture and numismatic world. His insight and integrity would be a welcome addition. Due to potential conflicts and travel considerations, there needs to be a full 4 signatories on each account. With the required two signatures on a check over \$500, having 4 signatories ensures that bills will not be delayed due to the absence of signatories due to travel, business obligations, family emergencies, etc.

Bobrofsky moved, and Irick seconded, a motion that Steve Friedman be added as a signatory to the MSNS accounts. The motion passed with Friedman abstaining.

XIII. Old Business

- A) Policy Manual – Prior Board Motion Directive/Policy Wostyn
- B) Klunzinger alone read the last 10 years' of board motions compiled by President Wostyn. Other board members are asked to do so by the next board meeting.
- C) 50-year member proposal Klunzinger

Klunzinger moved, and Al Bobrofsky seconded, a motion that in the event that a regular non-life member shall have paid dues for at least 50 contiguous years, that member shall no longer be obligated to pay dues and shall receive a life membership. The motion passed unanimously.

- D) Schlag update Bobrofsky
- E) Dealer Photo ID Wostyn
Steve Marzilli to research designs on badge holders and/or designations that can be placed on dealer badges to identify from one convention to the next convention. Ideas are to be submitted to the President for review and final proposals are to be submitted to the Board in November.
- F) Ship & Insure Sirna
Ship & Insure is a program that can be of great benefit to our membership. As part of our mission to enhance member benefits, we need to formalize the agreement between Ship & Insure and promote it to our membership, via e-mail blasts, the MichMatist and our web-site. Ship & Insure has agreed that to cull out any .ca emails so that no Canadians receive our mailing. This is an MSNS Member Benefit, so you could create a Member Benefits category, listing this as well as the reduced rates received by MSNS members for reduced fees for education seminars. Let's move forward on this and build the future benefit stepping blocks of MSNS membership! Ship and Insure has made a proposal to us (distributed). Let us put it in the MichMatist.

Sirna moved, and Marzilli seconded, a motion that we both put this in the MichMatist, and comply with the other elements of their proposal, e.g. sending out an email blast. Motion passed unanimously.

- G) Education. Leo Frese and Todd Pollack.

Sirna moved, and Klunzinger seconded, a motion that we invite Leo Frese to give a talk at the fall, 2015 MSNS convention on Mint Sets. Motion passed unanimously.

Sirna moved, and Klunzinger seconded, a motion that we invite Todd Pollack to explore giving a 3-4 hour seminar at the Spring 2016 show in exchange for a suitable compensation package, and that MSNS determine what to charge for the seminar. Motion passed unanimously.

Member comments:

Dany Rothfeld explained that he and Director Brett Irick have been awarded the ANA's Glen Smedley award.

XIV. Adjournment