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Fanton Resigns From ANA Board of Governors

COLORADO SPRINGS – Brian Fanton has announced his resignation from the American Numismatic Association Board of Governors, effective April 1, citing the need to attend to family matters.

Fanton, of Hiawatha, Iowa, was appointed to the Board in October 2005. In accordance with prior practice, Fanton's resignation will be submitted for action by the Board at its next, regularly scheduled meeting in August at the World's Fair of Money in Milwaukee. He also has not accepted his nomination to run for a seat on the Board of Governors for the 2007-09 term.

Fanton, a numismatic scholar and life member of the ANA, founded the Hiawatha Coin Club and owns B.E.'s Coins/Hiawatha Coin Shop. He's collected coins for more than 50 years and has been a full-time dealer since 1999.

"Brian is a dedicated numismatist and educator who clearly loves the hobby," said ANA President William H. Horton, Jr. "We wish him the best in the future."

Fanton ran for a two-year term as governor during the July 2005 elections, polling 4,027 votes from the ANA membership. As the next-highest vote-getter, he was next in line to fill the vacancy created when Walter Ostromecki Jr. was removed from the Board in October 2005.

Fanton grew up in Waterloo and graduated from Waterloo High School in 1963. A six-year Navy veteran, he served in Vietnam and was later awarded a National Defense Medal, the Vietnam War Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He makes presentations on numismatics to more than 1,000 students annually.

The American Numismatic Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating and encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. With nearly 32,000 members, the Association serves the academic community, collectors and the general public with an interest in numismatics. The ANA helps all people discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of programs including its education and outreach, museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit www.money.org.
