

2021-23 ANA BOARD CANDIDATE BIOS

The following individuals (listed alphabetically by office) have received the required number of nominations for candidacy in the American Numismatic Association's 2021 election of officers.* All have accepted their nominations and provided the following statements. Every Association member entitled to vote will receive an election ballot via the U.S. Postal Service or email. Ballots must be received by the tabulating firm by July 1.

FOR PRESIDENT



DR. DONALD H. KAGIN
Tiburon, CA
LM 724

Numismatics is in my blood. I worked summers for my father, A.M. "Art" Kagin, in the 1950s and began my professional career cataloging auctions in 1968. Numismatic education and innovation have been at the forefront of my endeavors,

having attained the nation's first bachelor's degree in numismatics at Northwestern University and the first numismatic Ph.D. from the Union Institute and University. Since 1972, my research papers have appeared in several professional journals, including *The Journal of Economic History* and *The Numismatist*, being awarded multiple Heath Literary Awards.

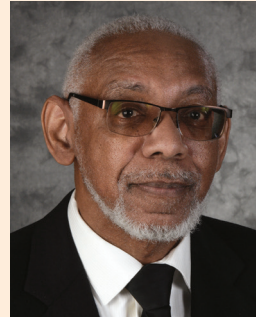
My first book, *Private Gold Coins and Patterns of the United States*, published in 1981, is considered the reference work for this series. A new treatment on the series should be published in June 2021. My book on *Treasury Notes of the War of 1812* is also considered the definitive work on the subject.

I'm always looking for innovative ways to share numismatic stories, including my one-man shows "The Oldest Living Pioneer" and "Colonial Man," serving as academic dean for the University of Rare Coins, and spearheading the 2006 U.S. Coin Commemorative, which raised \$4.5 million.

My numismatic service awards include the Glenn Smedley Memorial Award, Numismatic and PNG Ambassadors, NSDR Lifetime Achievement and two ANA Presidential Awards.

I've learned so much by teaching internationally, conducting seminars and educational forums, and instructing at the ANA Summer Seminars since 1973. I'm a proud 53-year ANA life member, serving 8 years on the Board including as vice president, a member of several numismatic clubs and organizations, served on several academic, educational and numismatic boards, and am co-founder and board member of ICTA and the National Silver Dollar Roundtable.

My platform includes: 1) Significantly expanding online educational programming by providing access to numismatic curriculum 24/7 on any electronic device. 2) Implement, manage and share best practices for club virtual meetings and provide clubs a database of live and virtual presentations. 3) Revamp and revitalize all ANA Committees by engaging a new generation of volunteers. 4) Secure long-term financial stability by emphasizing partnerships and numismatic donations. 5) Over 80 additional initiatives can be viewed at kagin4anapresident.com.



DR. RALPH W. ROSS
Sugar Land, TX
ANA 1096461

Dr. Ralph W. Ross, mathematics professor and environmental toxicologist, earned bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics and a Ph.D. in chemistry. Born and raised in Muskegon, Michigan, Dr. Ross moved to Houston, Texas, after a

fellowship at the University of Michigan to work as a seismologist in the oil and gas industry. Dr. Ross loved the engaging work of seismology but left the lucrative corporate world and chose the less beaten path of educator, a path that has been rewarding and fulfilling. An esteemed educator, Dr. Ross has received countless teaching awards, including the prestigious Network of Educators in Science and Technology (NEST) Teacher-of-the-Year Award. NEST, headquartered at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), honors the nation's top educators in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). A grassroots coin collector since age 4 and a dedicated educator for nearly 4 decades, Dr. Ross combines his love of teaching and the hobby to introduce numismatics in the classroom to improve academic scholarship and expand interest in coin collecting. Dr. Ross founded the world's largest high school coin club, Clements Coin Club (C3) and has been instrumental in the start of many elementary, high school and university coin clubs through the years. Dr. Ross strives to empower youth with knowledge so they can be the elders of tomorrow, and his passionate work promoting young numismatists will foster interest in coins and currency for a lifetime.

Dr. Ross has valiantly served the ANA for the past 43 years, including the last 8 years as a member of the Board of Governors and 2 years as vice president. He is a proud recipient of some of the ANA's most distinguished awards, including the Medal of Merit, the Glenn Smedley Memorial Award, the Adult Advisor of the Year award, two Presidential Awards and the revered title of Numismatic Ambassador.

Dr. Ross is married (39 years) to Phyllis, an attorney and presiding judge; father of three beautiful children, Jason, Jeremy (deceased) and Jillian (a third-year medical student); and the grandparent of three. Dr. Ross enjoys jazz music, sports (he is the proud uncle of NBA Boston Celtic All-Star Jaylen Brown) and traveling.

*The ANA has learned that candidate Barry Stuppler is term-limited and not eligible for election. His name will not appear on the 2021 election ballot. The ANA regrets the late discovery of this information and honors Stuppler's enduring commitment to the organization.

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FOR VICE PRESIDENT



JOSEPH E. BOLING
Indianapolis, IN
LM 2888

It came to my attention that there was no declared candidate for the office of ANA vice president in the next term, and that nobody

was aware of anyone gathering the requisite 25 nominations to become a candidate. At that time (20 days before the close of nominations), there were not enough known candidates (5) to even fill the ANA Board. In the event there was no candidate for vice president, the new Board would select a vice president from among themselves, and the vacancy thus formed would be filled by the governor candidate who had the next highest vote count. There might be nobody in line (commonly called the “bridesmaid”). I did not think that was a very good situation, and since, as a prior two-term governor, I was eligible to run for vice president, I offered my services. On February 11, I sent out emails soliciting nominations. I was pleasantly surprised that in 11 days, headquarters staff had received 34 signatures supporting my candidacy. So, initial problem solved—the ANA would have a vice president.

By way of qualification, I have been an ANA member since 1974. I have served on many committees and have been chief exhibit judge on and off since 1992 (a total of 23 years on that job). I served four years as an ANA governor (2007-11). I have taught at Summer Seminar for 20 years (frequently in both weeks). I was treasurer of the International Bank Note Society for 21 years.

I do not come to the job of vice president with a “plan.” I come with a desire to assist the president and to offer my thoughts and labor on whatever projects the Board decides to pursue. The pandemic has caused major changes in ANA programs and staffing.

I do not yet know how my skills will aid the organization to adapt to these changes, but I have every confidence that I will be an asset.

If readers have suggestions, please make them. If you have axes to grind, have at it. All input is welcome.

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Ballot Deadline: *JULY 1, 2021*

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MIKE ELLIS
Camilla, GA
LM 6363

I appreciate the members who had enough confidence in me to elect me to the ANA Board of Governors for a third

term. I hope you will do so for a fourth time. I have repeatedly stated we need a hardworking, diligent, communicative Board while further improving the Association. Thankfully, most of this Board meets these qualifications.

Unfortunately, the ANA experienced extremely difficult times over the past year (as has the entire world) with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. It has brought on unprecedented changes at headquarters and throughout the organization. While killing more than half a million U.S. citizens, it also cost us many of our talented staff, since many annual activities were lost temporarily as well. We likely had the hardest decisions any ANA Board ever had to make.

Thankfully, along with the exceptional talent on staff, this incredible Board made the right decision virtually every time a crucial decision had to be made. For example, the Board decided it was not a healthy decision to move ahead with the 2020 World's Fair of Money® (WFM). Had we held the WFM, there was not one restaurant open in downtown Pittsburgh during the time we would have been there!

Not only did the Board make prudent decisions, we worked hard with staff and various committees, creating several new educational programs that clearly improved on the mission of the ANA while making good use of the pandemic downtime.

As for me, I have been a teacher at the ANA Summer Seminar since 1996, been awarded the Glenn Smedley Memorial Award and an ANA Presidential Award from Clifford Mishler while he was president. I served four terms as president of the Combined Organizations of Numismatic Error Collectors of America (CONECA), where I was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2009. I have edited several numismatic references, written several columns for various publications and many feature articles. In addition to serving as a governor of the ANA, I am president of the Southwest Georgia Coin Club in Albany.



MURIEL EYMERY
Paris, France
ANA 3184873

Thank you for trusting me as a governor two years ago. In addition to chairing the Membership Committee, I have en-

joyed actively participating in the Finance/Budget, Convention and Outreach Committees, and working with the ANA team and my fellow members to offer more meaningful benefits, services, sustainability and safety. For two decades, I learned from and interacted with many numismatic communities across many types of collectibles, cultures and countries. This, along with my relationships, financial and business-development experience, can further benefit our Association. From 2016 to July 2019, as vice president, global head of coins and medals departments at Spink, I managed auctions while overseeing specialists in London, New York and Hong Kong, and developed sponsorships such as with the British Museum's Numismatic Gallery. From 2007 to 2015, I was vice president of international business development at PCGS, developing its activities overseas. I exponentially jump-started their worldwide presence, engaging thousands of collectors and dealers, and setting up grading offices in Europe, Hong Kong and China. Prior to PCGS, as B-to-B director and head export Americas at the French Mint from 2003 to 2007, I managed commemorative medals and secured new coin distributors and media coverage with USPS, the ANA and museums. Currently, as director of Alternative Collections, Ltd., I advise collectors in high-end collectibles. A member of WIN, ANS and the British Numismatic Society, I hold an MBA in finance from Baruch College, a Master of International Public Policies from SAIS, John Hopkins University, and a *maîtrise en finance* from Paris IX University. Speaking also French, German, Spanish and Portuguese and holding a French/United States citizenship and a permanent residency of Hong Kong are additional assets to market the ANA to a broader constituency. As governor, I will keep striving to include more world and foreign members to represent the rich diversity of our hobby. Extending our online educational offerings, social media and grassroots initiatives, revisiting our convention's model, generating new revenues and membership benefits are also keys to grow and diversify the ANA. Let's reach out to a world of numismatics, which puts you and the ANA at the center of it!



MARY LYNN GARRETT
Lexington, KY
LM 6959

In 2019 I was honored to have been elected to the ANA Board of Governors. The past year has been an incredibly

difficult time for the Association. Many events that provide funding for our numismatic education programs were canceled. Hopefully, the COVID-19 crisis will soon be under control, and the ANA can again host such events as Summer Seminar, National Money Show® and the World's Fair of Money®.

During my first term, I have been the Chair of the Fund Development Committee. The long-term financial health of the ANA has always been my primary focus as a member of the Board. We have made great progress in the last 18 months, and if re-elected, I will continue to build on this success. The educational mission of the ANA cannot be fulfilled without proper funding.

For over 25 years, I have worked with numismatics as administrative manager of Mid-American Rare Coin Galleries. During this time, I have attended numismatic conventions and club events around the world. My business and numismatic background have given me an advantage in serving the ANA during my first term of office.

Coin clubs are critical to numismatics, and many years ago I helped my husband organize the Bluegrass Coin Club in Lexington, Kentucky. Today, the club is very healthy, with over 50 members. Club outreach is vital for the ANA, and after the COVID-19 crisis, I hope to participate in meetings around the country once again.

I have been a member of the ANA for over 25 years. By attending the Summer Seminars, I have seen the wonderful work of the ANA staff and volunteers. These seminars gave me the opportunity to learn more about numismatics and discover the importance of this pillar of numismatic education.

During the past year, ANA numismatic education has moved online with great success. If re-elected, I will continue to support this important and successful new initiative. Online education is the future of the ANA, and we all need to help the organization make this transition.

Please consider me with your vote in this summer's election.

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FOR GOVERNOR



MARK LIGHTERMAN
Sanford, FL
LM 3521

As many of you know, I have been involved with numismatic organizations for more than 40 years. I started

attending shows in the 1970s and then held tables at shows from the early 1980s until I began to work for those organizations by being elected to their boards. I have held at one time or another every position from a board member to secretary and treasurer (just stepping down from TAMS after 25 years) to president of FUN. My involvement has always been behind the scenes, giving support where it is most needed. When asked to help, I have given talks, exhibited, judged and authored both articles and books on numismatic subjects.

This work and dedication to the hobby have rewarded me with many honors, including the ANA's Farran Zerbe Memorial Award and named a Numismatic Ambassador. As member of the ANA for over 40 years, I again began working behind the scenes as a national volunteer within the Collectors Exhibit area. I was selected to become the ANA's first National Exhibit chairperson and have held that position as my duties expanded. Eight years ago, I was asked to join the ANA's Board as special officer, serving as its parliamentarian, and have done so for the last four ANA presidents. During my service as a Board member, no matter what organizations I was serving on, I was approached by many members who brought their concerns and ideas to me, knowing I am willing to listen to them and bring them to the attention of those who can either answer their questions or implement their ideas into new programs.

This is why I have decided to run for the ANA's Board; so I can move some of these ideas forward and give a voice and accessibility to the ANA Board to those members who feel the Board is too far out of reach. I will always be honest and fair to both the collector and dealer members of the Association.

I would appreciate your vote for Governor and am looking forward to being your voice on the ANA Board.



CLIFFORD MISHLER
Iola, WI
LM 391

My commitment to the ANA as an organization, to the diverse hobby community it undertakes to serve, and to

each and every engaged collector and dealer, is to judiciously husband ANA assets to best serve the present membership, while reaching out in pursuit of modifying and exploring fiscally responsible programs with an eye to solidifying the pathway for the community's future growth.

We are blessed to be involved in this most exciting era of this community. The opportunities and options seem to be boundless. What that we are doing or propose to do is good... what just feels good? The challenge, of course, is to separate the wheat from the chaff, as my farmer friends would implore. Given the multitude of options there to challenge us—avenues of communication, diversity of informational resources, wealth of collecting options and depth of marketplace—the ANA must proceed cautiously and with deliberation in its elections. A significant misstep could easily exact irreparable harm to the ANA's welfare.

Do I know all the pathways and hurdles to be surmounted? Certainly not. What I do possess is a lifetime of immersion in the marketing and realities of this community. Having been a lifetime collector since my first introduction in 1950 at the age of 10, as an ANA member since 1955, as a career starting in 1963 at the age of 23, and ANA Board member (2007-13 and 2019-21), the storehouse of experiences I possess will provide balance when debating the pros and cons of the Board's challenging issues.

I welcome your support and would also welcome the opportunity to discuss issues of concern by communication or in-person, should our paths cross somewhere. In fact, you're invited to embark on a road trip by way of Iola, Wisconsin, with an invitation to stop by my office anytime. Regardless of how you vote, I'll treat you to a slice of home-baked pie of your choice and a cup of coffee at The Crystal Café across the street.



CHARLES MORGAN
Glen Allen, VA
ANA 3164177

Millions of coin collectors around the country know me as the editor of *coinweek.com* or as the host of the *CoinWeek*

Podcast. As a professional numismatist, I research, write, produce videos, and provide our audience with an unbiased, enthusiastic and sometimes even irreverent look at the numismatic hobby. Ours is a fun hobby!

My interest in numismatics began at a young age when I came into contact with coins through my grandmother and uncle, both of whom were collectors. My serious interest in numismatic study began in my adult years, after attending college at the University of Virginia and Susquehanna University, after serving in the United States Army as a Russian linguist, and after serving as the executive vice president for a textile company.

At *CoinWeek*, I cultivate a culture of publication excellence. Our website has taken home the coveted NLG award for best website in five of the past seven years. As editor, I have grown our audience from 45,000 to 1 million unique monthly visitors and developed one of the most popular and informative numismatic channels on YouTube. I have individually won 18 NLG awards for writing, podcasting and video production. Most recently, my cowriter Hubert Walker and I took home the NLG award in 2020 for our book *100 Greatest Modern World Coins*.

My expertise in numismatic publishing has earned me seats on two prestigious panels: the marketing panel at the 2016 World Mint Directors' Conference held in Bangkok, Thailand, and at the 2019 ANA Future of Numismatics Symposium held in Orlando, Florida.

It is my belief that the role the ANA can play in cultivating a hobby that is growing and vibrant rests in its ability to transform the relationship between the national Association and its member clubs at the local and regional level. If elected, my focus will be on reforming the ANA, refocusing its educational programs. We need to provide potential collectors compelling incentives to join while providing current members programs that will make them feel that the ANA is the essential resource they need to enjoy the hobby at its fullest.



ROB OBERTH
Marietta, GA
LM 6471

The ANA has been the shining beacon of numismatic education for over a century, and it has been my honor to

serve as your governor. During my first term, I was appointed chairman of the IT Committee. I made it my top priority to launch virtual learning. On a shoestring budget and working with several committees and the truly amazing staff, we were able to put together the first stage of what I coined The Graduate Numismatist Program. Thousands of members eagerly joined our amazing online classes.

Because of my contacts with eBay, the ANA has been able to explore ways for the two organizations to expand the hobby and protect numismatic consumers. The new relationship will also allow the ANA to market its branded products to a much larger audience and encourage new collectors to become members.

Using the power of social media and working with Mary Lynn Garrett and the Fund Development Committee, I was able to encourage dealers and collectors nationwide to contribute over \$10,000 when we needed it the most, much of it going toward our youth programs. Social media is a tool that the ANA must continue to capitalize on. I was instrumental in forming the first official Facebook group for our members. Hundreds of members strong, we now see collectors and dealers interacting in a positive way every day.

The IT Committee also worked to bring greater accuracy and accountability to our inventory of the ANA Museum and Library. These pillars of the ANA can better serve members with the help of technology. I look forward to exploring ways to improve both departments with the staff and committees.

Despite the COVID-19 crisis, the ANA has done remarkably well, as can be seen by the huge spike in membership. We cannot let the momentum slow. We need the right energy and fresh new ideas on the Board. None of these projects would have come to fruition without the vision and dedicated work of the president, staff, committees and the Board. I ask for your vote to continue to work for you. Please vote!



SHANNA SCHMIDT
Oak Park, IL
ANA 3130326

Shanna Schmidt graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Science in 1993. Her course of study was com-

munications with a minor in classical piano. Previous to entering the world of numismatics, Shanna worked for the Chicago advertising firm Leo Burnett both in the United States and abroad, in Copenhagen and Frankfurt. After almost 10 years of working overseas, Shanna Schmidt returned to Chicago to work in the company her father had founded, Harlan J. Berk, Ltd. She graduated with a Master of Liberal Arts from the University of Chicago in 2013. Her master's thesis was on the cultural property debate as it relates specifically to ancient coins. In 2016 Shanna Schmidt decided to become an independent coin dealer, enabling her to focus efforts on her customers and building their collections.

Shanna Schmidt is a specialist in ancient numismatics, with a particular focus placed on Greek coinage. In the last few years, she has broadened her inventory to include areas of world coinage with an emphasis on British hammered, German *talers* and English Conder tokens. Shanna is also extremely dedicated to enriching her customers with history on the coins she handles and has worked to create her own numismatic library. Since becoming an independent dealer in 2016, Shanna has purchased over 1,000 books for self use. She strives to create a world-class numismatic library.

When still at Harlan J. Berk, Ltd., Shanna coordinated a cooperation with the University of Chicago Regenstein Library to create a satellite numismatic library with Harlan J. Berk, Ltd. She is also the initiator and one of the founders of the History in Your Hands Foundation, a charitable organization that aims at giving schoolkids and students the chance to hold original coins in their hands.

Shanna Schmidt was elected to the Board of Governors of the American Numismatic Association in 2019 and is running again in 2021. She also held a board member position with the IAPN and is a member of the Chicago Coin Club. Shanna is fluent in German.

