

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

Board Convenes in Atlanta

ANA governors consider banquet tickets, mediation policies and membership recognition.

➤ THE ANA BOARD of Governors met in open session during the American Numismatic Association's National Money ShowSM at the Cobb Galleria Centre in Atlanta, February 27-March 1. Present and voting were President Walter A. Ostromecki Jr., Vice President Jeff Garrett, and Governors Gary Adkins, Mike Ellis, Greg Lyon, Ralph Ross and Scott Rottinghaus. Governors Laura Sperber and Jeffrey Swindling were unable to attend. Also present were ANA Executive Director Kimberly Kiick, General Counsel Hollie Wieland, Treasurer Lawrence P. Baber, Secretary Sanford Pearl, Parliamentarian

the exception of those who have 10 or more years of volunteer service, effective with the 2014 World's Fair of Money in Chicago.

Colloquy: The \$25 increase will help reduce the Association's share of the cost, which currently is \$55 to \$60 per person. In so doing, the ANA will lower its overall banquet expenses, in keeping with its strategy to reduce costs and better balance its budget. However, an increase in ticket prices might have an adverse effect by reducing the number of exhibitors and others who attend the banquet. This could have financial implications if the ANA fails to meet its banquet attendance goal/guarantee.

Motion withdrawn

Motion by Garrett, second by Adkins, to set the discounted price of banquet tickets at 50 percent of a full-price ticket, without exception, effective with the 2014 World's Fair of Money in Chicago.

Failed—3 Yes; 3 No (Ellis, Lyon, Rottinghaus); 1 Abstain (Ross); 2 Absent (Sperber, Swindling)

Mediation Policy

Motion by Garrett, second by Rottinghaus, to adopt the following proposed changes in the Mediation Policy and incorporate them in the ANA Policy Manual.

1) Delete the section entitled "Informal Review," which states: "Upon receipt of a written complaint, the Mediation Department will notify the person about whom the complaint has been made and attempt to facilitate a resolution

between the Complainant and the member Respondent to arrive at a mutually acceptable solution. No formal response is required at this stage of the mediation process. Most complaints are resolved in this manner."

Colloquy: Should the Respondent be responsible, this process allows more delay in satisfying the complaint. No action will be taken until the mediation form is completed and the applicable fee paid. On average, half of the complaints received are preceded by months or even years of negotiation between parties.

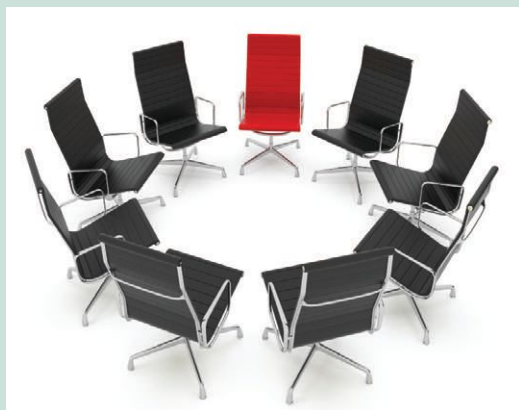
2) Simplify the section entitled "Formal Mediation Proceedings" to read as follows: "For all such complaints that meet the necessary criteria, the following Association guidelines will apply. The Respondent will be notified of the complaint, and a written response will be required within 30 days of notification. The Complainant will be notified of the Respondent's reply and, if desired, can respond to the Association within 15 days of notification. The formal complaint and both parties' documentation will be referred to the Mediation Committee. If disciplinary action is taken against an ANA member, the name, city and state of the member in question, along with the grounds for disciplinary action, may be published in *The Numismatist* per ANA Board approval.

3) Increase basic mediation fees by \$25 for ANA members and \$50 for non-members, and eliminate the additional percentages (5 and 10 percent, respectively) assessed for transactions over \$2,500:

REVISED FEES & TRANSACTION AMOUNTS

| VALUE | MEMBER | NON-MEMBER |
|----------------|--------|------------|
| \$0 to \$1,000 | \$100 | \$200 |
| \$1,000.01+ | \$150 | \$300 |

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Mark Lighterman, Board Youth Intern Cole Schenewerk, and Controller Carol Shuman. Excerpts from the open meeting on February 28 are featured here.

Subsidized Banquet Tickets

Motion by Garrett, second by Adkins, to increase the discounted price for banquet tickets at the ANA World's Fair of MoneySM from \$25 to \$50 per person, with