

## **ANA BOARD EXTENDS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CONTRACT**

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) Board of Governors, meeting at the Association's 110th Anniversary Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, August 8-12, extended the contract of ANA Executive Director Edward C. Rochette.

"The Board recognized the importance of keeping Ed in his current position for another two years, especially with the need to fund the ANA headquarters renovation in Colorado Springs, Colorado," said President H. Robert Campbell on August 11. "Work on our museum and library is continuing, as is the \$3 million fund-raising drive. Ed has been instrumental in shepherding the building project, and the Board wanted him to oversee it to completion."

Work on renovating the ANA Money Museum and Library began late last year and is expected to be finished in fall. It includes doubling the library space and completely remodeling the museum area. The project began after the Harry W. Bass Jr. Foundation announced it was building a high-tech exhibit of the late Harry W. Bass Jr.'s core collection of United States gold coins, patterns and paper money.

"I am flattered that the Board has asked me to stay on through the end of the 112th Anniversary Convention in Baltimore in 2003," Rochette says. "We have accomplished a great deal in the last year, but there still is a tremendous amount of work to be done."

Fund-raising efforts have generated about 10 percent of the needed \$3 million. The Board has asked Rochette to be actively involved in the headquarters renovation fund campaign.

The extension of Rochette's contract, which was set to expire on July 31, 2002, also will give the new Board of Governors, which were installed August 11, an opportunity to develop a profile and complete the search for a new executive director.

Rochette, who served 20 years on the ANA staff (1966-86) - both as executive director and editor of the ANA's monthly journal, *The Numismatist* - and six years on the Board of Governors (1987-93), including a term as president, was asked by the Board in July 1998 to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Association on an interim basis. In 1999 the Board made him the permanent executive director.

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The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. The ANA helps its 28,000 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of education and outreach programs, as well as its museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or go to [www.money.org](http://www.money.org).