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Gail Baker to Chair ANA Membership Committee

COLORADO SPRINGS – Gail Baker, former education director for the American Numismatic Association, has been named chairperson of the ANA Membership Committee, President Barry Stuppler has announced.

Baker, who retired May 31 following a 10-year career with the ANA, will replace Alan Herbert, who is stepping down as chair, but who will continue as a member of the committee.

"I'm very pleased to announce that Gail has agreed to replace Alan as chair," Stuppler said. "She is an innovator who cares deeply for the Association, and who brings with her very relevant recent experience as an ANA staffer. We are fortunate that she is willing to fill Alan's shoes."

Baker was hired as the ANA education director in 1998, and was instrumental in creating a second one-week Summer Seminar session as well as launching Coins in the Classroom. Most recently she was the Association's national numismatic advocate.

"I'm pleased that the Membership Committee has made strides in moving the Association forward," Herbert said. "We are reaching out to a younger, more Internet savvy group of members – and I'm very pleased that Gail has been named to continue that effort."

The ANA Membership Committee meets monthly via teleconference. For more information on ANA committees, go to www.money.org, click on the communications drop-down menu and go to committees and minutes.

The American Numismatic Association is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. The ANA helps its 32,000 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 visit www.money.org.