

ANA Registers 565 New Members at Los Angeles World's Fair of Money *Total marks record for ANA convention*

The American Numismatic Association welcomed 565 new members during the 2009 World's Fair of Money®, August 5-9 in Los Angeles. The total includes basic (online), regular and life memberships, and marks the highest new member total ever registered at an ANA show.

"We are thrilled at the number of people who saw the advantage of becoming a member of our Association," said ANA Executive Director Larry Shepherd. "Not only did they receive free admission and a great magazine every month, but all of the other benefits of membership as well."

Registered attendees for the convention totaled 7,727. The figure does not include more than 1,000 children age 12 & under and Boy and Girl Scout workshop participants in attendance, or several hundred existing Life Members who did not need to register for the show. Attendees who paid admission totaled 3,552.

"Overall, attendance in Los Angeles was somewhat less than anticipated," Shepherd said. "We were working against three variables over which we had no control: concerns about the venue, the national economy, and the local economy. I will work with the Board to select future venues that are economically strong, convenient for dealers and members, and easily accessible for local visitors."

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.