

ANA BEGINS SEARCH FOR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) Board of Governors is searching for an individual to replace Edward C. Rochette when he steps down as executive director in the summer of 2003.

"In discussing a transition with Ed, the Board decided to accept resumes through December of this year, with interviews of candidates to follow a Board review of all submissions," ANA President John Wilson says. "The ANA has been very fortunate to have Ed serve as our executive director, and we hope his replacement is as dedicated as he has been."

The Board of Governors made the decision to seek a new executive director during an orientation meeting at ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

"I encouraged the Board to start the search now so we can get someone working here with sufficient time for a smooth transition," Rochette says. "We will be looking for a person with the skills to lead this organization. I will offer my opinions and service to the Board as it requests."

Last August, the Board extended Rochette's contract, which was set to expire on July 31, 2002, so it might develop a profile and search criteria for his replacement. Rochette 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. In July 1998, Rochette was asked by the Board to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Association on an interim basis. In 1999 the Board made the appointment permanent. His current contract expires on July 31, 2003.

During his latest tenure, Rochette oversaw a complete renovation of the ANA's Museum and Library, which included working with the Harry W. Bass Jr. Foundation on the creation of a special exhibit area highlighting the late Harry W. Bass Jr.'s core collection of gold coins and paper money.

"Ed is going to be very difficult to replace, and the ANA will forever be grateful for all he has done for us," Wilson says.

Resumes and cover letters will be accepted until December 31, 2001, and should be sent to ANA Executive Director Search, P.O. Box 97, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-0097.

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