

ANA Names NCS Official Conservation Service

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) has contracted with Numismatic Conservation Services (NCS), LLC to be the official conservation service for the Association.

Until recently, limited conservation services - designed to protect the long-term integrity of coins and medals - were offered by the ANA Authentication Bureau to Association members, the public and other museums.

"We are pleased to offer this new affiliation to the ANA membership," says ANA President John W. Wilson. "Naming NCS as our official conservation service allows ANA members to have their coins professionally conserved and hopefully will lessen the number of coins seen in the marketplace that have been damaged by amateur conservation and cleaning."

Says David J. Camire, NCS director of operations, "We are extremely pleased to be working with the ANA. While we currently have a very strong dealer network, our affiliation with the ANA will now enable us to reach out to collectors."

NCS is the only professional service of its kind dedicated to conserving numismatic material, according to Camire. Staffed by professional numismatists with decades of experience, NCS conservators can provide a level of treatment that is unparalleled by non conservators inexperienced in numismatics.

Brian Silliman, former ANA conservator and now assistant director of operations and a conservator at NCS, says, "NCS has taken the ANA's modest start in conservation and developed a state-of-the-art facility in Florida to not only handle the incredible volume of submissions but also research and develop new techniques.

"For far too long, great coins have been ruined by amateur conservation and improper cleaning," Silliman adds. "NCS provides collectors with a safe and legitimate means of having adverse surface conditions removed from their coins while improving eye appeal and salability."

NCS accepts all raw and certified coins, tokens and medals for conservation, and does not do repairs or mechanical alterations of any kind.

To obtain a submission form or for more information, contact Numismatic Conservation Service directly at 1-866-NCS-COIN (866-627-2646) or e-mail NCSHelp@aol.com.

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.