

ANA Representative Program Is Getting A Face Lift

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) Representative Program is being revamped to nearly double the number of regional coordinators who provide the ANA with a closer connection with its nearly 500 member clubs.

The ANA Board of Governors approved the restructuring at its meetings in Jacksonville in March and directed Governor Patricia Finner, who chairs the program, and ANA Volunteer Administrator Rachel Irish to work with the current 16 regional coordinators to revise the program.

"The Board and the headquarters staff is very supportive of the Representative Program," says ANA President John W. Wilson. "We have a great group of people who work hard to promote the Association and the numismatic hobby."

Governor Finner says, "We anticipate that with this restructuring, we can improve the lines of communication between the Board and headquarters staff, and the regional coordinators, district delegates and club representatives. I have been working with Rachel Irish to survey the regional coordinators to assess their needs and seek ways to help them better serve the ANA."

Under the revised mission statement, the ANA Representative Program "is to work directly with collectors and clubs to promote and expand the numismatic experience through the services and programs offered by the Association."

The ANA currently has 16 regional coordinators, including one to assist young numismatists and one to serve as a representative on the Internet. When the revision is completed this summer, there could be as many as 29 regional coordinators, working with Scott and Lisa Loos of North Bend, Washington, who have been appointed by President Wilson to serve as national coordinators.

Scott Loos, a self-employed accountant by trade, works as a full-time coin dealer, specializing in medieval and world coinage. A collector for more than 20 years, he is a life member of the ANA and is active in local, regional and national coin clubs. He has served as president of the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association (PNNA); past president, treasurer and newsletter editor of the Inland Empire Coin Club; and treasurer of the Conder Token Collector Club. He also is a member of the Seattle, Tacoma-Lakewood and University Coin Clubs. Loos has served in the ANA Representative Program at the club, district and regional levels, and received the ANA's Terry Armstrong Outstanding Regional Coordinator Award in 2000. Lisa Loos, an account representative for Microsoft, is a collector of Portuguese coinage and has worked with her husband as a coin dealer. She is a member of several local clubs and a new director of PNNA. She joined the ANA in 1991 and has been co-coordinator for Region 7, which covers Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Finner says the Board of Governors is examining ways to provide additional funding to the Representative Program, and Wilson notes that regional coordinators will be able to present

appreciation awards to district and club representatives who demonstrate dedicated work for the ANA and the program.

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