

ANA Offers Dealers Options for Departing New York Show

Bourse dealers holding tables at the American Numismatic Association (ANA) World's Fair of MoneySM in New York City, July 31 to August 4, can leave the show as early as noon on Sunday, August 4, or remain until the show closes at 3 p.m.

"Earlier this year, when air-travel restrictions required passengers to arrive at airports at least two hours early, the ANA Board of Governors decided to close admission to our New York convention at noon," says ANA Executive Director Edward C. Rochette. "Since that decision was made, air-travel requirements have been expedited. The Board recognized this and polled our dealers about changing the bourse hours. Although the numbers were close, the majority of respondents were in favor of remaining open until 2 p.m., on a strictly optional basis."

ANA member-dealers holding bourse tables in New York were notified today about the change in show hours and advised that any departures prior to 2 p.m. but after noon on Sunday, August 4, will not be subject to early-departure penalties.

Two years ago, the ANA Board of Governors approved a measure enforcing the Association's bourse contracts that require dealers to remain at their tables until the close of admission on the last day of the show. Dealers violating their signed bourse contracts will be denied bourse tables at the next two ANA conventions. The rule was first enforced last spring at the ANA's National Money Show in Jacksonville, Florida. Because it was the first time the early departure penalty was enforced, the Board offered those dealers who violated their contracts and hold bourse tables in New York the option of paying a fine of \$1,000 for each table they held in Jacksonville.

"We want to thank the dealers who participated in the survey, and we appreciate hearing their comments," Rochette says. "With the promotional effort and advertising for this show, we anticipate it will be another great convention for the numismatic hobby."

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.