

**American Numismatic Association
Board of Governors Open Session Meeting
Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 8:00am
New York International Numismatic Convention**

Call to Order – President Ralph Ross, PhD

Roll Call – Secretary Sandy Pearl

1. Approval of Open Session Minutes – President Ralph Ross

MOTION by _____, second by _____ to approve the minutes of the Board of Governors' Open Session Meeting on December 13, 2022.

2. Appointment of Committee Members – President Ralph Ross

Bylaws Article IV – Elected Officials-Powers & Duties; Section 2 and Subsection e: The duties of the President shall include... to nominate all committee chairs and members, subject to an affirmative vote of the Board of Governors for all committees not otherwise provided for in the bylaws.

MOTION by _____, second by _____ to appoint William Cather to the Education & YN Committee.

Biographical Note: William Cather (ANA – 3161816) is a recent graduate of the University of Mary Washington and prior recipient of the ANA's YN college scholarship. Cather wrote a numismatically-themed honors thesis that was published and has expressed his interest in serving on the Education & YN Committee. Governor Garrett, a committee member, has talked with Cather and supports his appointment.

3. Selection of Host Chair for the 2023 World's Fair of Money® – President Ralph Ross

MOTION by _____, second by _____ to select Richard Jewell as Host Chair for the 2023 Pittsburgh World's Fair of Money®.

4. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Larry Baber

5. Donation Approval – President Ralph Ross

ANA Policy Manual - DONATIONS—DONATION APPROVAL

The Executive Director will promptly notify the President of any proposed donation of \$10,000 or more, whether in cash, materials or kind. In addition, the Executive Director will promptly notify the Board of Governors of any proposed donation of \$20,000 or more, whether in cash, materials or kind for board approval.

On amounts under \$20,000 the Association reserves the right to decline any donation in part or in its entirety at the sole discretion of the Executive Director. On amounts of \$20,000 or more, the board will evaluate them on a case by case basis and reserves the right to decline any donation in part or in its entirety.

MOTION by _____, second by _____ to accept a \$20,000 cash donation designated to support the David Lisot Memorial YN Scholarship and an unrestricted \$25,000 cash donation from the James & Gayle Halperin Foundation.

6. Fund Development Committee Position on Anonymous Donor Policy – Executive Director Kim Kiick

The following letter is provided by Patrick McBride, Chair of the Fund Development Committee:

December 14, 2022

To whom it may concern,

As chairman of the ANA Fund Development Committee, opinions concerning the recent motion to change the practice of anonymous donor's wishes has come to our attention. After some discussion, the consensus of the Fund Development Committee is to keep the present policy intact. The risk of losing a significant number of anonymous donors by increasing the number of people that would have this information is too great. The Executive Committee and Board of Governors would be up to 16 persons with this confidential information. Signed non-disclosure agreements from 16 persons would likely not be of much reassurance to Anonymous Donors.

Our group is not in total agreement. There is a member that believes that more transparency is a better policy. He has been invited to provide a counter argument in writing.

I would personally offer a compromise motion, being that: A *Committee of Three* should be created to evaluate the motive and integrity of anonymous donors and have the authority to accept or decline a donation. This committee would include the ANA Executive Director, the ANA Legal Counsel, and one Governor or Officer to be chosen or elected by the Board of Governors. The Board would vote yea or nay based on the *Committee of Three's* trusted recommendation.

I offer this alternative with some apprehension as it will still place the ANA in an awkward position of explaining to Anonymous Donors of the new changes and may still risk a decline in anonymous donations.

Benjamin Franklin once said, “Three can keep a secret if two are dead.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat E McBride". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light purple rectangular background.

Patrick McBride
ANA Fund Development Committee Chairman

7. Board Meeting Schedule – President Ralph Ross

The next regular Board of Governors meeting is scheduled on Tuesday February 7, 2023 at 4:00pm MT [3:00pm PT / 5:00pm CT / 6:00pm ET].