

250110 Open Session Meeting Minutes

American Numismatic Association

Board of Governors

Meeting Minutes

Draft for Review/Approval

Regular Meeting In 2025 FUN Orlando Florida

Open Session

January 10, 2025

Call to Order – President Thomas Uram

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 AM EST.

Roll Call – Secretary Sanford Pearl

A quorum of 9 voting Board members were present

Voting Board Members Present: President Thomas Uram, Vice President Mark Lighterman, Governors John Brush, Mary Lynn Garrett, David Heinrich, Lori Kraft, Henry Mitchell, Phyllis Ross, Kenny Sammut.

Non-Voting Attendees Present: Executive Director Kim Kiick, General Counsel Hollie Wieland, Parliamentarian Benjamin Costello, Secretary Sanford Pearl, Controller Bryan Clark Past President Ralph Ross, Past Vice- /Membership & Outreach President/Audit/Bylaws & Ethics Committee Member Joseph Boling, Publication & Marketing Committee Member Ken Sammut, Fund Development & Museum/Library Committee Member Carlos Kearns, Outreach Programs Coordinator Phil Vitale, Membership & Outreach Committee Member Bob Mellor, Exhibits Committee Members Brett Irick and Richard Josefiak, District Representative/Canada Cassidy Stroud

Non-Voting Attendees Absent: Executive Assistant Donna Nunez, Treasurer Erik Jansen

President Uram asked for a moment of silence for the people of California battling the wild fires.

Agenda Item #1. Approval of Open Session Minutes – President Tom Uram

(250110 OS #1) MOTION by Governor Kraft, second by Governor Brush to approve the minutes of the Board of Governors Open Session Meeting on December 10, 2024.

Discussion: None further.

Vote Passed 9-0-0

Agenda Item #2. Update on the District Representative Program – ANA Outreach Programs Coordinator Phil Vitale

Discussion: Outreach Programs Coordinator Vitale provided an update on the program, see Attachment 1. He commented that shortfalls exist including getting current club contact information and identifying club contacts. He expects the effort to be slow and need a long time to accomplish.

Governor Garrett identified an opportunity to establish a representative for Eastern Kentucky. The board discussed the possibility of using technology, including Zoom, to facilitate club meetings and contacts with representatives. They reviewed limitations to use of technology, including internet availability and equipment costs to implementing the technology.

President Uram suggested having the Marketing and Outreach committees to help facilitate implementing technology.

Counselor Wieland asked what the biggest ANA benefit was to attract members. Coordinator Vitale replied that education and materials as awards certificates as some of the bigger benefits.

Agenda Item #3. Executive Director Report – Executive Director Kim Kiick

Discussion: Executive Director Kiick provided an overview, see Attachment 2, of the successful efforts on community outreach, including educational classes, blogs, website, and archives. She also related recent fundraising achievements; grants awarded the ANA. Finally, she commented on achievements implementing programs with scouting organizations.

Agenda Item #4. Finance Report – Chief Financial Officer Bryan Clark

Discussion: Chief Financial Officer Clark advised that the Employee Retention Tax Credit was received on December 31, 2024. A possible added credit is in-process. He related that information for the audit preparation was in process.

Agenda Item #5. Update on Proposed Bylaws Amendment – President Tom Uram

Background Three governors proposed an amendment to the Bylaws supporting 3-year terms in board elections.

We are currently at the step in the amendment procedure where the Board determines the final form of the proposed bylaw amendment. Within 5 days of the Board's decision as to the wording of the proposed amendment, the Executive Director shall submit to the Editor said amendment and the arguments in support of and in opposition to for publication in one issue of The Numismatist. There will be a 30-day comment period to collect member responses before any further revisions or a board vote on the proposed amendment.

In their December 2023 Report to the Board of Governors, the Bylaws Committee noted that the amendment as proposed did not address requirements to hold office specific to eligibility and term limits (Article VI, Section 2, subsections d-g). They offered red-line versions to highlight the changes necessary for inclusion in the amendment's final form to prevent conflicting election regulations in the Bylaws. At the World's Fair of Money®, President Uram with Governors Brush, Kraft, Mitchell and Sammut indicated their support for 3-year board terms. Bylaws & Ethics Committee Chair Doug Andrews noted that Board continuity was historically not a great concern since Governors have a high re-election rate. He indicated that the committee can further advise the Board if it provided more input.

Discussion: Parliamentarian Costello discussed the need to postpone the board decision on Bylaws changes to permit a comprehensive review and revision that is done correctly in one time. He suggested postponing a motion on amending the bylaws indefinitely.

Governors Brush and Mitchell felt the motion needed to include a schedule for updating the status or voting on an actual amendment. Parliamentarian Costello advised that the motion for indefinite postponement cannot include such a schedule. The postponement motion allows the board to readdress the motion at any subsequent meeting as appropriate.

(250110 OS #2) MOTION by Governor Heinrich, second by Governor Ross to indefinitely postpone a motion on amending the Bylaws.

Vote Passed 7-2-0 (Governors Brush & Mitchell against)

President Uram asked for a moment of silence wishing Patrick McBride the best in addressing his medical issues.

Agenda Item #6. Board of Governors Meetings – President Tom Uram

The Board of Governors will meet in Open Session at the Atlanta National Money Show® on Friday, February 28 at 10:00 am.

Town Hall

There were no public comments from the attendees.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM EST