

Michigan State Numismatic Society
Special Board of Governor's Meeting
Sunday, February 15, 2004
Holiday Inn South Hummingbird Room

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Interim President Al Bobrofsky.

Roll call was taken. The following members were present: A. Bobrofsky, K. Finger, D. Freeland, K. Freeland, T. Matthews, S. Marzilli, A. Parks, A. Patterson, D. Rothfeld, and B. Summerell. Also present was Business Manager J. LeBlanc. Absent: S. Bieda.

Invocation was offered by J. LeBlanc.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved subject to correction.

K. Finger then gave an updated Spring Convention report. We have sold 93 of 96 tables thus far, and things are progressing well. A new budget was passed out, as were the income and expenses so far. Discussion was held concerning exhibit expenses, as there needs to be an adjustment made there. We were given an annex room, and the hospitality room was included with the price of the convention.

Discussion was also held concerning the use of scrip for cash at the hotel. Dealers could purchase the scrip which would have to be used at the hotel during the days of the convention.

Following this discussion, the following motion was made:

All funds coming into the possessions of any MSNS official, elected or appointed, shall promptly be turned over to the secretary-treasurer for deposit, along with documentation regarding purpose of those funds. All funds shall be attempted first to be given directly to the Secretary/Treasurer by the person or business remitting the funds. All mailings, advertisements, dues, etc., which should generate money coming to MSNS shall be addressed to send the money directly to the Secretary/Treasurer. Motion made by K. Freeland, seconded by D. Freeland. Motion carried.

At this point, there were a variety of motions made concerning the Mishler Report.

First motion concerned the number of issues of the Mich-Matist. The motion for 2 issues for calendar year 2004 was withdrawn, and a motion was made by K. Freeland, seconded by A. Parks to have 3 magazines a year with the new format of 8 ½ by 11. Motion passed.

Second motion – This has several parts. Motion made by S. Marzilli and seconded by D. Freeland.

The office of Secretary and the office of Treasurer is hereby confirmed to be one position to be filled by one person.

The office is changed from elected to appointed. The President will recommend the appointment of the Secretary/Treasurer and such person shall take office upon approval of the majority vote of the MSNS board then voting.

The person holding this office will serve until such time as they resign the position or until a 2/3 vote of the MSNS board then voting shall cast a vote to remove them from office. No reason needs to be given by the board for such removal.

The Secretary/ Treasurer will be compensated at a rate not to exceed \$750 per month.

This position will not be a voting member, nor will they be entitled to make motions to the board.

This position will have the authority to appoint, with the appointee's approval, a person to act as recorder of MSNS board meetings.

This person if so appointed shall be compensated by MSNS at a rate of \$50 per meeting, for recording the minutes and preparing written minutes afterwards.

All duties of the Business Manager currently listed in the constitution and/or bylaws and other official documents of MSNS are hereby given to the Secretary/Treasurer.

The position of Business Manager is hereby eliminated.

The MSNS board also hereby dismisses the current Business Manager from that position, effective immediately.

The Interim President does hereby appoint Joseph H. LeBlanc to serve as MSNS Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion passed.

The third motion was made by K. Freeland, seconded by K. Finger.

Beginning with the election of 2004, only one immediate family member shall be allowed to hold any office or governor position on the MSNS board. If more than one from an immediate family should run for office, then only the higher vote shall be entitled to the office, providing that the highest vote for said family member is enough to qualify against other candidates. Immediate family is defined as spouse, child, or parent of the person running, including "step" relations.

Motion passed.

The fourth motion was made by K. Freeland and seconded by D. Freeland.

The Office of MSNS 2nd VP is hereby eliminated. The Office of MSNS Immediate Past President is hereby eliminated as a voting member of the board.

Motion carried.

The fifth motion was made by K. Freeland to change the number of seats for governors of MSNS to 12. However, for lack of a second the motion died.

The motion to amend the number of governors' seats to 12 was made by S. Marzilli and seconded by B. Summerell. Motion passed.

The next motion was made by K. Freeland with a second by A. Parks. It reads as follows:

The executive committee of Bobrofsky, Kathy Freeland and LeBlanc is hereby authorized to return to this board with a new constitution incorporating all changes made by the board for ratification by the board. Failure to ratify the proposed constitution shall in no way change the actions taken by the board this day. The board understands that this is a "housekeeping measure, and shall not undermine the actions taken today. Motion passed.

The next several motions deal with membership dues. They are as follows:

The original motion was made by K. Freeland and seconded by D. Freeland. It said that dues for membership are hereby changed to Regular \$9, YN \$4, Club \$25 and Life \$350 effective April 1, 2004. Before the vote was taken, it was decided to look at each raise of dues individually, then combine them for a total vote. This original motion was then withdrawn.

A motion to raise regular dues was moved by T. Matthews, seconded by S. Marzilli to raise Regular Dues to \$10.

Then an amendment added to the motion was made by T. Matthews, seconded by K. Finger to raise YN dues to \$5.00. Amendment passed.

An amendment to the amended motion was made by B. Summerell, seconded by S. Marzilli to raise club dues to \$30. Amendment passed.

A roll call vote was called on this motion as amended. Motion carried with 7 yes and 2 no.

Next, a motion as made by D. Rothfeld, seconded by K. Finger to leave Life Membership dues at \$250 until the end of the year, then raise the dues to \$350 for a year on January 1, 2005. An amendment to the motion was made by S. Marzilli and seconded by T. Matthews to reduce the life membership rate to \$300 if the person is 55+. Amendment passed. Motion as amended passed.

The inactive status of some life members was discussed. A membership committee of K. Finger, T. Matthews, and D. Rothfeld will look into ways to handle inactive life memberships with a report expected at the quarterly meeting in September. T. Matthews will chair this committee.

Motion made by K. Freeland, seconded by K. Finger that all dues for life membership funds are to be kept in a separate fund designated for life funds. Funds will not be removed upon death of a life member.

Motion made by K. Freeland, seconded by D. Rothfeld is as follows:

It is the desire of the board that if operating funds are not needed in the general operating fund, that they be transferred to the Life Membership fund until it reaches a minimum amount of \$50,000. Motion carried.

Motion by K. Freeland, seconded by D. Rothfeld: The ANA donation of \$5000 is hereby reconfirmed. The first payment is to be made as soon as the secretary/treasurer deems wise, not to exceed December 31, 2004. This 1st payment should be in the amount of \$500. Motion passed.

Motion made by K. Freeland, seconded by D. Rothfeld: In order to create a check and balance system, the Convention Coordinator shall work with the Secretary/Treasurer to purchase the raffle tickets prizes. Both must agree on items, and cost before purchases. The exhibit chairman shall work with the secretary/treasurer to purchase any numismatic awards. Both must agree on items, and cost before purchase. No set or group of purchases shall exceed budget by more than 10% if a budget has been established. Purchases shall be made at an "arms length" and not made from inside individuals. Motion carried.

Next motion centers around bourse fees. Original motion was made by K. Freeland, seconded by T. Matthews to set the bourse fees for the Fall 2004 convention at \$350 for the main room and \$300 for the annex. This motion was amended by S. Marzilli, seconded by B. Summerall to change all fees to \$350 and Extra Lamp/Case fee of \$10 each, regardless of room location. Amendment passed. Motion passed as amended. This will commence with the fall 2004 show.

Motion made by K. Freeland, seconded by K. Finger to hereby cancel the "dealer party" on Friday night from this time forward at all conventions. Motion passed.

Motion made by K. Freeland, seconded by A. Parks that should the general fund not have enough funds to cover expenditures during the time frame of April 15 until September 15, 2004, an amount up to \$5000 may be borrowed from the life funds, to be paid back by September 30, 2004. Motion passed.

Motion made by K. Freeland, seconded by D. Rothfeld. The Concept of a "rainy day" fund is hereby endorsed. This fund would be created by excess general fund money, and used only in emergencies to replenish the general fund. Motion carried.

Motion made by K. Freeland, seconded by A. Parks. By request of the MSNS board, any and all property of MSNS in the possession of Mr. Tom Klunzinger should immediately be turned over to the Secretary/Treasurer. This includes but is not limited to education videos, PCs, Fax Machines, Fall 2003 Scrip, any money and the complete set of Mich-Matist issues, as well as the complete collection of 1956 coins.. The board moves that he be so requested. Motion passed.

The Mich-Matist committee will be comprised of B. Summerall, A. Bobrofsky, A. Parks, and K. Finger, with A. Parks as the chair.

The Convention committee will be comprised of D. Charters, Secretary/Treasurer as chair, K. Finger, D. Freeland, Bill Summerell and the President.

The Executive Committee will consist of the President as Chair, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and a board member, Dr. Parks, until he is replaced.

The Exhibit committee will consist of Frank Passic, chair, D. Freeland, A. Parks, and D. Rothfeld.

A committee of K. Freeland as chair, T. Matthews, B. Summerall, and A. Patterson was formed to examine the following issues: Auctioneer and type of auction for our conventions with a report to be available for the April Board meeting.

Motion made by K. Freeland, seconded by D. Freeland that these committees be approved. Motion passed.

Board meetings will be at 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays during the regular conventions.

Motion made by K. Finger, seconded by D. Freeland, to approve MSNS hosting the Fall CSNS Show at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn on the dates of August 25-28, 2005. The President and D. Charters were authorized to sign the contract. Motion carried.

Motion by D. Rothfeld, seconded by D. Freeland to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Freeland, recording secretary

