

MICHIGAN STATE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY  
Meeting of the Board 6:30 p.m., November 30, 2013  
Macomb County Community College, Warren, Michigan

I. Call to Order Wostyn

II. Roll Call LeBlanc

All board members (Directors Anderson, Bobrofsky (AI), Chirco, Friedman, Garvin, Irick, Klunzinger, Marzilli, Peruski, Rothfeld, Parks, and Strub) plus President Wostyn, Vice President Malnar, Secretary/Treasurer Leblanc were present. Legal Counsel Ron Sirna was absent.

III. Introduction of Visitors Wostyn

Bourse Chairman Brian Tideswell, Member Lisa LeBlanc, Member Dave Henderson (from Downriver Coin Club), Bill Summerell, Mike Matlas (From UAW Coin Club, now named Madison Heights Coin Club), Past President Ann Bobrofsky and Exhibits Chairman Frank Passic.

IV. Invocation LeBlanc

V. Minutes of Sept 7, 2013 LeBlanc

Minutes were read. **Klunzinger moved, and AI Bobrofsky seconded, that they be approved. Motion approved.**

VI. E-mail vote results on Dealer Issue LeBlanc

5 questions asked:

- 1) Is there sufficient information for the MSNS Board to take action with regard to the Dealer Complaint? If a majority votes NO regarding the above, the matter can be referred to a regular Board meeting, but Mr. Dealer should be provided a bourse table as we have made no determination. **3 abstain, 3 yes, 6 no**
- 2) Does the Dealer Complaint list sufficient evidence to warrant the MSNS Board to take any disciplinary action against Mr. Dealer? .....**3 abstain, 2 yes, 7 no**
- 3) Should the MSNS Board deny Mr. Dealer a table at the fall show as a result of the Complaint? .....**1 abstain, 1 yes, 10 no**
- 4) If Mr. Dealer is allowed to have a table at the fall show, should Mr. Dealer be required to sign an acknowledgement that he has received the MSNS Code of Ethics and that he agrees to comply with the MSNS Code of Ethics? .....**1 abstain, 10 yes, 1 no**
- 5) Should other disciplinary action be taken? ..... **2 abstain, 3 yes, 7 no**

VII. Emergency Additions to Agenda Wostyn VIII. Approve Agenda Board  
**Klunzinger moved that we change XII L.4 to Passic. Rothfeld seconded, motion approved.**

IX. Director Absences LeBlanc

4/2/13 Telephone Conference Meeting: Rothfeld, Marzilli, Klunzinger  
4/19/13 Meeting at MSNS Convention: Friedman, Marzilli, Parks

X. Membership Comments Wostyn

Frank Passic: Things going well with exhibits.

Mike Matlas: UAW Coin Club has changed its name to Madison Heights Coin Club. Club meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month except July thru September, at Madison Heights fire station #1. 7pm. MichMatist article pending from Mike Matlas.

Dave Henderson: Lincoln Coin Club has volunteered to co-host in Spring 2014 only if doing so doesn't jeopardize having received the Fall 2014 co-host duties already approved for them.

Brian Tideswell: 172 is the official manual table count. 1250 attendees on Friday, 900 on Saturday.

XI. Officers Reports

A) President Wostyn

Our legal counsel, Ron Sirna, is retiring. He remains a member and will also remain on some committees. But he will not serve us in a legal capacity. We will be looking for someone who could be our legal counsel.

Klunzinger said that Senator Bieda could help us find someone, though he cannot himself serve because he is legal counsel for CSNS.

B) Vice President Malnar

Went to bank on 10/22 to review safety deposit box. What was in there: 10 proof silver eagles, 10 1/10 ounce gold eagles, 10 French 20 franc gold pieces, 2 \$500 bags face of silver halves, a (presumably bequeathed) gold type set consisting of slabs: 3 \$1 gold, 2 \$5 gold, 1 \$3 gold, 2 \$5 gold, 2 \$10 gold, 2 \$20 gold.

C) Secretary-Treasurer LeBlanc

1) Financial Holdings Report

a) \$25,000 Life Funds CD matured 10 days ago. Was cashed out, is in life member savings acct. Wostyn – will you put into another? LeBlanc - .2% to .25% for next year is available. Savings is .1%. It seems worthless to bother investing.

2) Membership Report

No numbers discussed.

3) Review of 2013 Budget Report

Board has worksheet.

John Chirco - \$2000 on educ (to put on classes), \$25000 on MM in budget. Seems wrong.

Wostyn - Who can step forward to put together classes? Dr. Parks volunteered to assist.

4) Review of Fall 2013 Convention Budget

Board has worksheet. We will not hit our target on this budget, as it called for 187 tables.

We will still be very much in the black, but may not hit the budget \$20k+

Budget will be kept in our records.

5) Correspondence

Joe does not keep a log of phone calls. We have a collector from down South heavily researching Schlag. ANA soliciting donations.

XII. New Business

A) Silver Bag status & expiration of standing sale order LeBlanc

Board 4/9/11 passed motion to authorize secretary/treasurer to sell if a certain price target was hit – that expires as of this convention. Much discussion about options for action.

**Friedman moved to sell it on a bid basis – highest bidder gets. Ensure person has funds to buy. No second. Garvin moved to table the topic to work out details with counsel. Seconded, passed.**

B) Proposed Bylaws revision regarding Secretary/Treasurer position Wostyn

Al Bobrofsky: Committee has worked for years to update the by-laws and received no comments on their last iteration. **Al Bobrofsky therefore moved the amendment to article 3 sections 1 and 1a be amended as proposed. Chirco 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion: Al Bobrofsky – called the question. Passed.**

**Vote: 6 to 4, passes.** Mr. LeBlanc believes this terminates his term. All others board members including Wostyn all stated disagreement with this position, and that Mr. LeBlanc's term continues and his position in fact remains.

C) Proposed Bylaws revision regarding Convention Host, Hospitality Chairman, Exhibit Chairman and Convention Coordinator Wostyn

**Irick moved, Friedman seconded the amendment regarding Article IV section 4.** Discussion – Klunzinger - should we not appoint a date certain for appointments? **Irick revised to make these 2 year appointments be effective Jan 1 of even number years. Friedman concurred. Discussion. Motion carried.**

D) Proposed Bylaws revision regarding Indemnification (Article 10 new, old 10 becomes 11) Wostyn.  
**Klunzinger moved it, Al Bobrofsky seconded it.** Discussion. **Motion carried.**

E) MSNS Webmaster Position Wostyn

Jim Motley runs 2 other numismatic websites. Joe agrees it would be good to hand off his website responsibilities to Jim. (XIII E in attachment). Motley will redesign front page immediately, then other modules will update gradually, become secure...

**Klunzinger moved, Anderson seconded that we engage James Motley to rewrite our website and maintain it.** Discussion. From whom does webmaster take direction? Wostyn – from President, and board can advise President. LeBlanc suggested change to effective Dec. 2, 2013. Discussion.

**Klunzinger amended motion to include that MSNS maintains ownership of developed website. Motion carried.**

- F) Future Planning Proposal Wostyn  
Al Bobrofsky abstained from any vote on this issue, but commented that we have been floating along with no vision of where we want to go and how we will get there. **Irick moved, Strub seconded the motion to engage Ms. Holden in future planning for our organization.** Discussion. Marzili – support, Olga has great reputation. LeBlanc stated that location and food at study session is not known. Wostyn – this will BE our next meeting. **Both Bobrofskys abstained. Motion passed.**
- G) Renewal of Errors & Omissions Insurance LeBlanc  
E & O insurance will come up for renewal, LeBlanc asks for motion to renew and allocate the money. Wostyn - \$850 last year. **Anderson moved policy be renewed, Garvin seconded.** Rothfeld commented on not getting bids and just repeatedly renewing. Chirco said if someone wants to survey, they should; likes Rothfeld's idea, but we need to renew now. Friedman cautioned against amateur quote requests. **Motion carried.**
- H) Renewal of Storage Yard LeBlanc  
LeBlanc asks renewal of storage yard 2014. ~\$1200 last year, may increase soon, asks \$1400 limit blanket approval motion. **Klunzinger, moved, Al Bobrofsky seconded, that up to \$1400 be approved for one year renewal of our storage at present location, Mr. Store It.** Wostyn – need to know where facility is, cost of renewal. LeBlanc believes it is calendar year, price will not be known until invoice received. Located approximately Merriman and Van Born. Unit is 10' x 20'. Parks – cost is not bad. Irick likes the dryness of current site. Convention Coordinator Tideswell prefers considering another site more convenient to Warren locale. Chirco asks that insurance and storage issues be appointed and a date set. Motion Passed
- I) Hiring of accountant for 2013 taxes LeBlanc  
LeBlanc asks we hire Jack Huggins to file tax forms for 2013. **Klunzinger moved, Garvin seconded that we hire Jack Huggins to prepare our tax forms for calendar 2013.** Klunzinger tried to revise to add “at a cost up to \$3000.” Revision not seconded. **Motion passed.**
- J) Life Membership Application LeBlanc  
LeBlanc has no direction from board on Life Membership application content. **Klunzinger moves that attachment XII J be adopted, in semantic but not necessarily syntactic form. Seconded.** Discussion. **Passed.** LeBlanc added that it will be necessary to add address of club, who to send to, etc. Verbal agreement.
- K) Club Membership Application LeBlanc  
LeBlanc – should add request for info about club, and email . **Irick, Friedman moved to table discussion of club membership application to next meeting. Motion passed. Irick revised and seconder agreed – date certain for this motion is by or at next meeting. Motion passed.**
- L) Committee Reports
- 1) Education Potter Add to minutes.
  - 2) Publicity Chirco We spent our entire budgeted amount for advertising. Hit all major publications, digitally, in print, on TV. Printed new flyers for spring show to have out **now**. Street signs, 20, 10 days in advance. Done a good job. Friedman – many have said signage too general, need to be up around building. Wostyn – clubs didn't exactly comply with requested placement and timing of signage.
  - 3) Sponsorship Chirco With Steve and Bill, solicitations have hit \$4100 in donations this year. THREE first place sponsors gotten at final days before show. Wants to consult with someone who really knows how to raise money. Asks that we make a financial contribution to some of our activities, as board members. Rothfeld commended committee. Regarding talking to grading companies, Chirco has been doing all the reaching out. ANACS then contacted Chirco with interest. ICG may be interested. NGC might be interested but is booked for 2014. John asked PAN how they do – they give a \$50 discount to the grading service, nothing else. Asks direction. Wostyn – as president, asks he pursue issue and come back to board in next month or so.

Result may be a quick phone meeting. Chirco – quick action needed to be ready for next show. Anderson – To decide appropriate table fee to attract them, would like to know what they will provide first. Irick – Polish-American gives table to those who give a free service. Advocates giving table as a loss leader since we can advertise their presence (of grading service). Irick moves that we let a major grading company that Dr. Chirco approaches, at first convention they attend at zero cost.

Discussion. **Motion by Irick:**

**To enable Dr. Chirco the ability to negotiate a grading company to attend a future convention, that the table fee be waived for a single table at the first convention attended by said grading company. Second by Klunzinger. Wostyn called for vote. Motion fails.**

- 4) Exhibits Passic
- 5) Dealer Friedman

See report already provided.

LeBlanc – Several dealers had health and bereavement issues. **Friedman moved that their moneys be refunded, with seconds from Klunzinger and Garvin, and all three motions were passed.**

- Friedman stated that a dealer got moved though he is a 7-point dealer (he may in fact be a 6-point dealer, this is uncertain due to a health issue). Objects that some dealers in front left early, and why cannot he be in a front row.

- A dealer asked for a refund within 30 days of the show, having not attended for a business reason. Original decision of dealer committee shall stand – no refund.

- 6) Auction Friedman

Ron Sirna is on our auction committee – he has a lot of connections, a lot of persuasive talent. Steve Davis is a viable candidate (he bought out Craig Whitford). We are not going to get an auction house if we demand to be paid. Please respond to emails on this. Irick advocates giving an Auction house free tables. Friedman said many large dealers are flying in for Davis's auctions. Parks noted that he used to want money from us for coming. Others noted he has changed his position. Chirco asked for a date certain from Steve Friedman. Wostyn asked that a proposal be presented by next meeting.

- 7) Outreach Anderson

- M) Club Co-Host Assignments LeBlanc

We have only 1 co-host for Spring convention. They are a 50% co-host. Joe suggests that Huron Valley is qualified by our rules, but that club does not wish to do this. Henderson reminded us that Lincoln has offered to fill this gap if they are not penalized by the 3 year rule from their Fall slot. Polish American may be available, as well as Monroe, it was suggested. Wostyn –can any club be asked to do this who have no 3- year restriction? Klunzinger felt Northwest DCC could do it, but they fall in the 3 year rule.

Discussion – how many total volunteers needed? Need at least 5 people on duty continuously, meaning at least 20 total members, 12 of whom are able-bodied. Peruski, **Marzilli moved that we approach Lincoln coin club to act as co-host and exempt them from the 3-year rule in this one case. Brian Malnar and Brett Irick abstained. Motion passed.**

**\*\*\* Bathroom break 9:04pm – 9:10pm \*\*\***

2014 Fall – we have Lincoln and Huron Valley – but Huron Valley may not follow through.

Klunzinger: Moves to offer Fall 2014 to NWDCC and waive the 3-year rule for them. No Second.

Bryan – moved to table Fall 2014 show co-host assignment discussion until next board meeting.

Seconded and passed.

**2016 Spring – Strub moved, Garvin seconded a motion to accept PANS . Motion carries.**

**2016 Fall – Windsor asks for half. Anderson so moved, Garvin seconded. Motion carries.** (As an aside, they claim capability to do 100% if no one else steps forward.)

- N) ICTA Report Wostyn

No comment at this time.

**\*\*\* Executive Session moved by Wostyn, second by Klunzinger. Motion carries. 9:22pm \*\*\***

**\*\*\* 10:05 Klunzinger moved, and Irick seconded to move out of closed session. Motion passed. \*\*\***

XIII. Adjournment