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MEETING NOTICE

DATE : WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1998

TIME : 7:00 P.M., Meeting starts at 7:30

PLACE: PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA, 12845 - 102 AVE.

(Use Archives Entrance to Main floor Lecture Room P138)

**PROGRAM : MEMBER TALK ON COINS OF ANCIENT ITALY
& THE WEST, MEMBER TALK ON IRAQI COINAGE**

MAY MEETING AGENDA

May's meeting will see club member Terry Cheesman provide another one of his informative talks and displays of ancient coinage. This time he will talk on ancient coins of Italy and the West. Terry always brings great coins for member viewing, so come out to see his stuff! His coins will be displayed in a CNA type display case, and he will also talk about how to display for a CNA show. In addition, James Kindrake will bring a display of Iraqi coinage and provide a talk on the history and usage of the coins. Jim has traveled the world and provides a unique perspective to his talks. Hope to see you at the meeting!

**Less than 3 months
to go to the
Convention!
Have you
volunteered for a
committee yet?**

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

April's meeting saw 23 members and guests attend a meeting arranged by Terry Cheesman, at the University of Alberta Humanities building to view the coins and antiquities. The tour was conducted by professor J. Rositer, Curator of the Antiquities collection. The collection consists of Greek, Roman and Egyptian antiquities. The historical antiquities collection consists of items from Mesopotamia, Babylon, Sumeria and ancient Egypt. from 12000 BC to 2000 BC. Items from the Greek include 2500 year old antiquities and Roman items 1500 years old. Several items are on loan from museums across North America. Of over 1000 ancient coins in the museum collection, only a few were on display at this time. Several busts and statues of ancient rulers were on display. One of our members, kindly donated a piece of pottery, with cuneiform writing on it, to the collection. It was purchased over 30 years ago from a distinguished New York dealer. Following the tour and questions, the members headed over to the Rutherford Library, to view the Numismatic collection. The Library has rows and rows of numismatic books available for use by the general public. Their ancient collection is most extensive, as well as a modest collection of contemporary books on Canadian and North American coinage. The members in attendance were allowed to view the collection at their leisure and note any items they would like to follow up on at a future date. All in all an interesting outing away from our normal meeting setting.

WATCH FOR CNA SHOW PROMOTION IN CANADIAN COIN NEWS

With the CNA Convention fast approaching, the ENS will be issuing news releases to Canadian Coin News, the Journal as well as local media and the ENS newsletter. Keep your eye out for these promotions and plugs. Thanks to CCN's for the articles on the Riverboat cruise, the Medal Design and Convention information in general!

APRIL 29 ENS EXECUTIVE MEETING

On April 29, the members of the executive / Convention committee met at Jules's house for our monthly meeting. Highlights of the meeting were as follows:

- Final negotiations with the Hotel have been made and both parties have reached a successful agreement which is beneficial to both. The Hotel has advised us there will be major renovations to the front lobby beginning in early May, with completion in mid July. We will be the first major convention to try out the upgraded facility.
- Bids are coming in for the security during the convention, and the costs are lower than budgeted. Even with Edmonton Police Service costs for Bourse setup and take down, we will be under budget.
- It was agreed that the Club will be issuing a press release to all Clubs across Canada inviting them to the Convention. This will go out in Early May.
- The promotions committee will be coming up with a series of Numismatic events which will be released for print and radio starting in June. New RCM products will be highlighted to bring the public attention to the show.
- We have received another application for a table at the show. However another table with 2 dealers has had to cancel due to illness.
- John and Mike have decided to issue a wood on behalf of the ENS. Design to follow by Mid May.
- The ENS Trade Token design is being worked on by several members of the ENS and will be sent for minting by month end, if not sooner. More details to follow once we receive the order.
- Advertising prices are being received and a short list of ads and newspapers for promotion is being put together.
- We have received a few applications for registration as well as requests for displays. These will be handed over to the Registration committee for record keeping.
- We have requested signing authority from the CNA, and once we receive it, we will have to issue cheques to the Hotel as well as the Riverboat for deposits. The ENS has been fronting the costs to date, which have been minor so far.
- The next meeting will be at Mikey Finn's on May 26th. Committee members are welcome to join us at 6:15 p.m.

CNA COMMITTEE'S REQUIRE VOLUNTEERS

The following committee's require additional volunteers to help lighten the load for the executive:

- Registration Desk volunteers - Members required to do shifts during the convention, to answer questions, sell ENS/CNA promotional items, admission tickets etc.
- Sponsors - Members who know related companies who may wish to sponsor an ad in our program, provide cell phones for advertising, provide vans for transportation etc. are asked to advise any member of the executive.
- Members who have contacts with the media are asked to contact the executive. We will be providing press releases and numismatic articles, but added coverage through personal contacts will only help.

CNA VOLUNTEERS CON'T

- Member's who have walkie-talkies that could be loaned to the Club during the convention are requested to contact the executive.
- Volunteers to help as runners are requested. Bourse dealers, committee members will require errands to be run to keep the show running smooth. Runners will be required to help out. If you would like to do this contact the executive.
- Transportation from the airport to the Hotel - we will be endeavoring to pick up all out of town dealers from the airport. Members who have a van or would like to help out are asked to contact the executive.
- Display cases - we are arranging with the Vancouver Numismatic Society to purchase cases. Before we have them shipped out, if anyone is going to Vancouver before mid July with a large truck or trailer, and would be willing to have your gas paid for, please contact the ENS for details.
- Plan a vacation during the Convention- the ENS requires as many Hotel room nights as possible during the convention in order for us to get a good rate on the meeting room rentals. If you can stay from 1 - 3 nights at the hotel, please advise us so we can keep a running tally of how many rooms to expect. Your support would be appreciated.

As you can see, many jobs are required to run the convention, and none are too small and all are important to the success of the show. Members wishing to help out are encouraged to get involved with a national convention and enjoy being part of a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

SHOW SPEAKERS & MEDAL ANNOUNCED

Enclosed in this newsletter is a copy of the list of speakers for the NESA Educational forum being held Saturday afternoon during the convention. All registered delegates may attend the presentations. In addition the information on our Medal design is included in this newsletter. This information has been published on the ENS Home page, but for the benefit of members without access, we are including it here as well.

RCM ANNOUNCES MILLENNIUM COIN CONTEST

The Royal Canadian Mint has announced a contest open to all Canadians to design Canada's Millennium coins. The contest was announced on April 27th, via satellite link to guests in Halifax, Toronto, Vancouver and Iqaluit. Details of the contest will be available in numismatic publications in the near future.

CONVENTION DISPLAY INFO IN CAN. COIN NEWS

Members wishing to put a display into the CNA exhibit can read the article by Chris Boyer in the April 21st issue of Canadian Coin News. The article tells you how to start out and pick a topic and get the information and materials to do the job. It's interesting reading and if you want to display check it out!

1998 CNA CONVENTION MEDAL



The **Edmonton Numismatic Society** in conjunction with the **Canadian Numismatic Association** is pleased to announce the winning design for this year's Convention Medal. The central design element is based upon a photograph taken by **Eric A. Hegg** in 1898 of the **White Pass & Yukon Railway**. The scene depicts the narrow gauge engine in front of the only tunnel on the railway's journey from Skagway to Lake Bennett in the Yukon. We are grateful to Mr. **Richard H. Engeman**, Photographs and Graphics Librarian, **Special Collections and Preservation Division of the Allen Library, University of Washington in Seattle** for the use of this photograph. The story of the **White Pass & Yukon Railway** is told by **Roy Minter** in his book ***The White Pass - Gateway to the Klondike***. c1987

The story of the White Pass & Yukon Railway is a fascinating glimpse into a part of the Klondike gold rush. Our convention theme pays tribute to the men and women who mined for gold in the Yukon 100 years ago.

Examples of the medal are available* in Silver and Bronze. A limited number are being minted by the **Royal Canadian Mint**. We thank the **Royal Canadian Mint** for graciously donating the cost of engraving. If you are interested in purchasing a copy please contact:



The 1998 CNA / NESA Educational Forum

The Canadian Numismatic Association Educational Committee is pleased to announce that the 1998 C.N.A. / N.E.S.A. Educational Forum will take place during the annual convention in Edmonton, Alberta. This event will take place on Saturday, August 1 beginning at 2:00 P.M. Three outstanding speakers have been selected to address the audience on a variety of numismatic topics.

Brian Cornwell, Toronto, Ontario (2:00 P.M.) Saturday, August 1

COIN GRADING AND COUNTERFEIT DETECTION

Grading coins and tokens is an art, not a science. This simply means that different graders can and do have opinions of a coin's grade. Furthermore, it is human nature for a coin seller to have a tendency to overgrade a coin whereas a buyer of that coin has a built-in bias to undergrade. This presentation will help the audience with some of the confusing real-life issues.

The presentation begins by focusing on the three fundamentals of accurate and consistent grading. These are knowledge, technique and objectivity. This is followed by a photograde review of the Victorian half dollar series with a detailed discussion of the fine points that distinguish one grade from another. Throughout the presentation, there will be liberal use made of visuals. The role of and proper use of third party grading companies will also be covered. The presentation concludes with a hands on look at "coin problems", specifically those that are cleaned, altered or counterfeited. Many physical examples will be available for everyone to examine directly along with pointers on how best to identify and avoid them at a future date. Brian's presentation is similar to one that he gives during recent CNA / NESA one day Canadian numismatic courses that have been widely publicized. If you want a taste of the one day course, you will want to attend this instructional session.

Brian Cornwell is President of the International Coin Certification Service, a third-party coin grading company based in Toronto. He is a regular columnist for Canadian Coin News and is an accomplished writer, counting a reference work on CNA Medals and Awards as one of his accomplishments. Brian was a member of the core committee in the development of the CNA / NESA Numismatic Correspondence Course. He has also been one of seven instructors in the CNA one day Canadian Numismatic Course which has been presented three times during the past few months.

Lub Wojtiw, Edmonton, Alberta (3:00 P.M.) Saturday, August 1

ALBERTA PROSPERITY CERTIFICATES : A Financial Experiment of the Alberta Government

The right to issue banknotes is now reserved for the Bank of Canada, however, such was not the case in the 1930's when in 1936, the newly elected Social Credit Government of William Abernethy issued prosperity certificates as a financial experiment for the Alberta economy to alleviate the effects of the Great Depression. This proved to be a short lived experiment, because

of its unpopularity with the public. The presentation will examine the historic and economic background regarding the release of prosperity certificates and their contribution to numismatic collecting.

Lub Wojtiw is a foremost authority on Bank of Canada banknotes, European notes and notgeld issues of Germany and Austria. He is also a collector of Canadian cheques, lottery tickets, political scrip, Canadian Tire money and bank related material. Lub has been a contributor to the Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Government Paper Money, Canadian Chartered Banknotes and the Pick World Paper Money Catalogue.

An author of more than fifty articles on paper money and related items, Lub has served as a Regional Director, Editor, Vice-President and President of the Canadian Paper Money Society. He has served as an exhibit judge at various C.N.A. conventions and at local and regional coin shows in Western Canada. Lub has been a member of the Canadian Numismatic Association since 1968 and holds membership in many organizations.

James Kindrake, Edmonton, Alberta

(3:40 P.M.) Saturday, August 1

World Bi-Metallic Coinage

When Canada issued a \$2.00 bi-metallic coin in 1996, it joined the ranks of many other world nations who have struck a similar type of coin. James Kindrake will discuss early examples, attempts and patterns of bi-metallic coinage as well as the revival of these coins in 1972 using updated modern technology. He will review the technological process, the variations of the coinage and discuss particularly artistic interesting examples. This will be supplemented by a representative display of coins on view as well as slides. One can form a sizeable collection of bi-metallic coinage from around the world at a reasonable cost and James will provide an in-depth review of the topic.

James Kindrake is a member and director of the Edmonton Numismatic Society. He has presented numerous seminars to a variety of groups on foreign coinage. He is also a member of the World Bi-Metallic Coin Club and has studied this topic for a number of years. James received his Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of Alberta in 1978, was admitted to the Bar in 1979 and currently is a partner for Lucas Bowker & White Barristers & Solicitors.

Moderator : Bruce Brace, Ancaster, Ontario

The moderator for this CNA / NESA Educational Forum will be Bruce Brace of Ancaster Ontario. He is currently a member of the CNA Education Committee and has served on the committee for many years. Bruce is also President of the Classical and Medieval Numismatic Society and a long time supporter of education in numismatics.

You are cordially invited to attend this numismatic event during the 1998 C.N.A. convention in Edmonton. These seminars are always one of the convention highlights. Be sure to attend!

1998 CNA CONVENTION

HOSTED BY THE EDMONTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
JULY 29th to AUGUST 2nd, 1998



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1998 CNA CONVENTION PROGRAM

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JULY 29 TO AUGUST 2

Wednesday, July 29 Description

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Canadian Numismatic Association Executive Meeting

6:30 p.m. Past Presidents Dinner

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. . . . Bourse & Display setup

Thursday, July 30

All day Shuttle Bus To West Edmonton Mall

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Judges Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Bourse and Display Setup - Displays must be fully setup by 9 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Registrants Preview of Bourse & display

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Spouses Welcome Coffee Party

10:00 a.m. - 10:05 a.m. . . . Official Opening

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Preview of Auction Lots

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Bourse and Display open to all

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. . . . City Bus Tour

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. . . . Canadian Paper Money Society Executive Meeting

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Auction Session #1

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Ferguson Foundation Meeting

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Royal Canadian Mint Reception

Friday, July 31

All day Shuttle Bus To West Edmonton Mall

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Canadian Association Numismatic Dealers Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. . . . Bourse and Display open to all

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Preview of Auction Lots
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Canadian Paper Money Society Luncheon & General Meeting
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Auction Session #2
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society Meet
6:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Buses Leave for Edmonton Queen Riverboat Cruise & Dinner
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Dinner & Cruise
10:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. . . . Buses Return to Hotel
10:30 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. . . . Midnight Cruise (return transportation to Hotel not included)

Saturday, August 1

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Canadian Numismatic Association Club Delegates Breakfast
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Canadian Numismatic Research Society Breakfast Meeting
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bourse and Display open to all
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Preview of Auction Lots
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. . . . Canadian Numismatic Association General Meeting to be followed by CNA Awards Presentation
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite
12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Canadian Association of Token Collectors Meeting
12:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Canadian Tire Coupon Collector's Club Meeting
12:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Numismatic Network Canada Meeting
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Craft Program "Christmas in July"
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Auction Session #3
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Canadian Numismatic Association / Numismatic Education Services Association Educational Forum
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Pre-Banquet Reception
7:00 p.m. Canadian Numismatic Association Banquet - followed by - Farewell Reception

Sunday, August 2

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Canadian Association Wooden Money Collectors Breakfast Meeting

1998 CNA CONVENTION REGISTRATION

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JULY 29 TO AUGUST 2

Name _____ CNA # _____

Address _____

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Name of Spouse or Family Member Being Registered _____

Exhibitors: Please check if you intend to exhibit competitively and
have not received your exhibitors kit. (CNA Membership required.) _____

PLEASE COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM AND RETURN WITH CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE
TO:

1998 CNA Convention
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EDMONTON, AB
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QUANTITY ACTIVITY

_____ **Basic Registration Package at \$30.00 each**

- 1 Copper Convention Medal
- 1 Ribbon
- 1 Souvenir Program
- 3 Days Admission to bourse and exhibits
- 1 Royal Canadian Mint Reception
- 1 Official City Tour

_____ **Spouses Registration at \$15.00**

- 1 Ribbon
- 3 Days Admission to bourse and exhibits
- 1 Royal Canadian Mint Reception

1 Spouses Welcome Coffee Party

1 Official City Tour

_____ Silver Convention Medal at \$40.00

_____ Extra Copper Convention Medal at \$17.00

_____ Welcome Coffee Party - No Charge

_____ Official City Tour - No Charge

_____ Royal Canadian Mint Reception - No Charge

_____ C.A.N.D. Breakfast (C.A.N.D. Members Only) - No Charge

_____ West Edmonton Mall Tour (Lunch Extra) - No Charge

_____ C.P.M.S. Luncheon & General Meeting \$15.00

_____ Riverboat Cruise & Dinner \$49.00

(Includes bus transportation - depart 7:00 p.m. return 10:30 p.m.

Dinner includes dinner, coffee/tea)

_____ Riverboat Cruise (no dinner) \$27.00

_____ C.N.A. Club Delegates Breakfast \$9.00

_____ C.N.R.S. Breakfast (C.N.R.S. Members Only) \$9.00

_____ C.N.A. Banquet \$33.50

_____ C.A.W.M.C. Breakfast \$9.00

_____ Total

Prices include all charges, taxes, gratuities, transportation charges and admissions where indicated. All tours IF sufficiently pre-booked will proceed although revisions may be made due to bad weather or other unforeseen causes.

If you are ordering medals and wish them sent by mail after the convention closes,

please add \$7 for handling, postage and registration for up to 3 medals. Convention needs will be met **first!**

Join us on the *trail of '98*

Soyez des nôtres sur la *trail de '98*