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DATE: Wednesday, May 10 **TIME:** 7:00 p.m., Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

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

(Use Archives entrance to Main Floor Lecture Room P138)

PROGRAM: *Guest speaker Lub Wojtiw will talk on how to Collect & Grade Paper Money*

Members are encouraged to bring Show & Tell items as well

MAY MEETING AGENDA

May's meeting will see member Lub Wojtiw talk on how to collect and grade paper money. This has been Lub's life long hobby, and his knowledge and expertise is second to none. Lub is a past president of the CPMS, has written many articles over the years and given talks at club meetings, to the CPMS and the CNA. Join us for what promises to be a great night of learning about paper money

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Twenty-six (26) enthusiastic members and 3 guests were in attendance at April's meeting. This was a great evening, as there was plenty of speakers, new acquisitions to share and we had a special out-of-town guest. The meeting did have a down side however, as it was announced member Bill Semotiuk had passed away. Bill was member #99, and although he was not an active member, many knew him from his many years at the flea market. Bill was 78.

Dan called the meeting to order, and announced our special guests, Artist Kerri Burnett, Maurice Doll from the Museum, and the President of the Saskatoon Coin Club, Cliff Beattie. The first

order of business was for Michael to give a summary of the March show. A recap was presented in the March newsletter. Next we had a few members bring in Show & Tell items; firstly Ray gave a talk on Love Tokens which were a featured article in an issue of the CNN. He brought in

LONG TIME ENS MEMBER PASSES AWAY

ENS REPRESENTED AT SPECIAL CNA MEETING DURING ONA SHOW

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20 examples as well as a series of Hobo nickels for the members to look at. Next, Vickie brought in her collection of her favorite "toned coins". She brought in a small hand held case full of various copper and silver coins of Canada and

the world, all with a variety of different and beautiful toning. Next, John was asked to give a financial report to the members, which he did. Dan then asked Maurice Doll to say a few words about what is happening at the Museum. Maurice indicated a travelling exhibit will tour Canada called "Making Sense out of Money". It will start in the fall and reach Edmonton in 2001. The Provincial Museum collection is his responsibility, and he wants to set up an on-line collection of the display. They

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are seeking federal matching grants to fund this work. He wants as well, to set up more permanent displays in the museum of the numismatic collections. The bulk of the collection consists of the Carl O. Nickel collection of world crowns and gold, the Donald Stewert collection of Alberta Tokens and 3 Breton Token collections. The museum currently has a web site with over 1000 pages of information recorded.

Our meeting was attended by the President of the Saskatoon Coin Club, Cliff Beattie. Cliff was in town on business and contacted Lub Wojtiw, who told him we had a meeting and brought him along. Cliff was asked to talk a few minutes about his club, and he gave a brief overview of what they do, and presented members with a sample of SCC "Hubucks". These are used by members to bid at a special auction once a year, and are earned by the members for various activities they participate in. Cliff gave a brief overview of their club and it was nice to hear what other clubs do.

Dan then asked the members, what comments did they have to take to the CNA meeting he will be attending in mid April at the ONA show. James brought up the problem with dealers crossing the border and having to pay GST on their own coins when they cross the border. This is the largest stumbling block for US dealers to attend shows in Canada.

The CNA is seen by many club members as an "Old boys Club" and resistant to change. As they are celebrating their 50th anniversary, something has to be done. Regional shows could be promoted with the CNA as a sponsor. Another item noted was to improve the Journal. After a short break, our main speaker of the evening, Kerri Burnett was introduced. Kerri is a wildlife artist, teacher and mother from Sherwood Park, Alberta. She brought several examples of her work for the members to view, and is a member of the "Society of Wildlife Artists". In 1997 she designed a postage stamp for Ducks Unlimited and in 1998 designed the Platinum Proof series of coinage. It took 1 1/2 years of work before the coin

was designed and approved for minting. She brought in many of the artists renderings for various designs which were rejected until the final design was chosen. She also brought in several art books of her work to view. She gave a great presentation and answered many of the members questions. Dan thanked her for her presentation and presented her with a 1998 Club Bi-metallic token. The door prizes were then drawn and a 1996 \$2 Unc coin was won by Jim Richmond; a Charles and Diana medal was won by Maurice Doll; and a 1973 RCMP Silver dollar was won by Scott Lakey. Members were reminded of the June meeting which will be a Bar-b-que at Ray Neimans acreage.

CLUB MEMBER & DEALER WILL BE MISSED

On behalf of the Edmonton Numismatic Society we would like to express our deepest regrets on the passing of Club member, William Semotiuk. Bill passed away on April 7, 2000 at the age of 78. His funeral was held on April 11 and was attended by several club members. He will be missed.

APRIL 5 EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- Michael presented show report summary
- No hotel available for next show - Looking for new location.
- Honorarium given to Dan to attend CNA planning session at ONA show.
- Delegate to CNA to be determined. A list of those attending is to be made and decision made.
- Book donation approved, Joe's airfare approved
- Jack Jensen donated \$100 toward airfare.
- Fall Program reviewed & suggestions presented
- Museum may provide locker for our use.
- Voted to keep and not sell Allstate cases.
- ENS is now a life member of CPMS, not able to get life membership in CNA.
- ENS 50th Anniversary in 2003. Should plan special show.

COMING EVENTS

May 7 & July 9 - New Westminster B.C., Royal City Coin & Stamp Fair, Royal Towers Hotel

June 11 - ENS Bar-b-que meeting at Ray Neimans. Time & Map will be mailed out to members.

June 17 & 18 - Toronto, Torex Coin Show & Auction, Primrose Hotel, \$5 admission

A Message from the President - Dan Gosling

The Canadian Numismatic Association held the Strategic Planning Session in Toronto on April 14, prior to the Ontario Numismatic Association's annual convention and bourse. Strategic planning is accomplished under the leadership of a professional facilitator and begins with the setting of a mission statement for the organization. Shortly after lunch it was agreed that our mission statement should read as follows:

The Canadian Numismatic Association is devoted to serving those who enjoy coin collecting/numismatics by promoting fellowship, communication and education and providing advocacy and leadership for the hobby. The participants included dealers, publishers, collectors, government personnel, CNA executive representatives, Past Presidents, and club representatives who suggested and prioritized a large group of redefined purposes and services for the CNA.

These goals and priorities include:

Developing a communication plan including the financial and human resources to implement it. Improving the Internet website. Appointing a contact to increase the profile of the CNA with regulators and legislative affairs. Updating and expanding the NESAC correspondence course. Organizing one-day numismatic education seminars in other Canadian cities. Increasing the library holdings and budget. Surveying current members to determine improvements needed or desired in the areas of the CN Journal and member services. Increasing exposure to collectors in other hobby publications to increase membership in the CNA.

The attendees all agreed that the Canadian Numismatic Association can and does provide a vital role in our hobby and with effort and hard work can improve its offerings to collectors everywhere. Have you considered joining?

MINT CONSIDERS ADDING \$5 COIN AND SCRAPPING THE PENNY

The Royal Canadian Mint has commissioned a study on the possible creation of a \$5 coin. As part of the review, consulting firm Sussex Circle will also look at the long-debated idea of scrapping the humble penny. The mint, which advises the government on coinage, has asked the consultants to probe everything from experiences in other countries to the political and social implications of shaking up Canada's currency. Pierre Morin, a mint spokesman, said public acceptance is key to ensuring the success of a new coin. "Usually coins are one of our symbols. They're part of who we are," he said. "Canadians clearly are interested in their coins". Sussex Circle will review existing research, conduct interviews with experts, consult financial institutions and canvass other key players before drafting recommendations, says notes from the mint, obtained in response to an Access to Information request. Michael Cronin, an Ottawa retiree, would welcome the penny's demise. "I can't see any use for that darn thing at all," said Mr. Cronin, who has written to the federal government calling for the abolition of the one-cent coin. However, the idea of a \$5 piece doesn't strike his fancy. "I find I have too many damn coins in my pocket (already)." Mr. Morin said a \$5 coin wouldn't necessarily be physically larger than either the \$2 piece, introduced in 1996, or the \$1 coin in circulation since 1987. A \$5 piece would be "readily identifiable," he said, but added there are no plans on the drawing board. In planning the \$2 coin, the mint held consultations with consumer groups, blind people and others on the shape and distinctive polar bear design, noted Mr. Morin. "Canadians decided what the coin would look like." Coins are much more durable than paper money and last up to 20 times as long.

The penny, though despised by many, is the most-used coin in the country. The mint manufactures 600 to 700 million one-cent pieces annually, and the cost has dropped to 0.8 of a cent since the mint switched to copper-plated zinc from solid copper.

Jim Bronskill, The Ottawa Citizen