

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF THE FORMATION OF AN ASSOCIATION
OF ONTARIO NUMISMATIC SOCIETIES

On March 11, 1961 representatives of Ontario numismatic societies met in convention at the Second Annual Banquet of the Waterloo Coin Society to discuss matters of mutual interest. At this meeting the Waterloo Coin Society was requested to make a study of the feasibility of the formation of an association of Ontario numismatic societies. The Waterloo Coin Society agreed to perform this study and constituted a committee composed of executive members of the society. The executive felt that the committee should be expanded to include members of other Ontario societies and proceeded to obtain the services of a number of imminent numismatists.

The committee as finally constituted was composed of members representing a broad field of interest in numismatics including those who are interested in research, sales and administration. Members of the committee are as follows:

Mr. Rod. R. Rekofski - Chairman
Mr. William English - Vice Chairman
Mrs. Ruth Mueller - Secretary
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Mr. Frank Uttley Mr. Walter Holmes
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The committee then proceeded with it's study eliciting information from clubs and individual numismatists throughout Ontario. The committee has now completed it's study and is pleased to advise that it has ascertained the following:

THAT there is a definite need for an association of Ontario numismatic societies;

THAT there is a strong desire among the clubs and numismatists for an association of Ontario numismatic societies;

THAT membership in an association should be restricted to societies in Ontario;

THAT an association through the exchange of information would assist clubs in the avoidance of conflicting dates of annual banquets and other pursuits;

THAT the Canadian Numismatic Association is not unfavourably disposed to the formation of an Ontario association;

THAT it is desirable for an association to work in harmony with the Canadian Numismatic Association and in particular avoid conflicting convention dates;

THAT an association in Ontario would increase interest in numismatics which increase interest in the Canadian Numismatic Association;

THAT interest in numismatics is keen enough in Ontario for an association to hold annual conventions and in addition to the usual auction and bourse that information be exchanged through special lectures or symposiums;

THAT an association would assist in the formation of new societies in Ontario and stimulate the older ones;

THAT an association would assist in the standardization of judging rules, display categories and auction rules;

THAT it is desirable for an association to have a publication but in the formative years it should be restricted to the exchange of useful information.

The committee therefore recommends to the numismatic societies of Ontario that an association of Ontario numismatic societies be formed at the earliest opportunity.

Submitted for your consideration.

R. R. Rekofski,

Chairman on behalf of the committee.

October 7, 1961.