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PRESIDENT'S / CONVENTION MESSAGE

I am writing this message after completing another successful convention. I would like to thank all the ONA and Waterloo Coin Society Members who volunteered at this year's convention. Without the help that they give, we would not be able to hold these conventions every year. If you have been shy to volunteer, we encourage you to give it a try for our next convention.

On that note, the ONA is holding the 55th Annual Convention at the same location once again in 2017. This venue is a popular spot

as it is centrally located in Southern Ontario and easily accessible with lots of free parking. Put this date on your 2017 calendar now, April 21-23, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Kitchener.

There will be many beneficial changes coming up for the next convention. Stay tuned over the next few months for all the information you will need for next year's convention.

In this issue you will find the ONA financial income statement and balance sheet which were approved at the

Annual General Meeting on April 9th, and minutes of that meeting will be published in the next issue.

In this issue, please enjoy some highlights from the convention.



Numismatically yours,
Robb McPherson

SAINTE OLDILE INSTITUTE



This 1929 bronze medal is by Pierre Lenoir (1879-1953), who was a French sculptor and medalist who was born in Paris on 23 May 1879 and who died in Paris on 9 September 1953 and is buried in the Thorel family grave in the Pere-Lachaise cemetery. A plaque marks his residence between 1914 and 1953 at 12 rue d'Auteuil in Paris. Pierre was one of the Breton Sculptors of the 1880s who studied together at the Ecole regionale

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Mr. Bruce H. Raszmann, 1934–2011
His 50 years of exemplary service will be remembered.

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des Beaux-Arts in Rennes, Jean Bouher, Louis-Henri Nicot, Armel-Beaufils, Paul Le Goff, Eloi Robert, Albert Bourget and Francis Renaud. He was the son of the sculptor Charles Joseph Lenoir. Pierre married painter Mathilde Berthe Thorel who took the name Lenoir. He studied at the Ecole des beaux-arts de Rennes and de Paris. He became the director for the Rennes campus and in 1931 Pierre was made a Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur. He also was commissioned for war memorials, such as the Penmarc'h and the Brie. The medal on the first page of this issue, has a diameter of 1-3/8 inch / 35mm, its weight is 0.6596231 oz / 18.7gm, and it has edge marks: TRIANGLE + BRONZE. Pierre created many medals and plaquettes. The reverse indicates R. P. which stands for Rennes and Paris campus of the Sainte Oldile Institute.

Pierre's artistic work often focused on woman half-dressed. Some of his more famous work includes: 'Woman Smoking' 1931 (Victoria & Albert Museum); 'House of Stendhal' (Grenoble's mairie); 'Trois Fillettes', 'Le Lait', 'Le Buerre', 'Les Laveuses', 'Breton assis', allagory 'La Municipalite Rennaise 1914 – Town Hall', 1918 'Adolphe Beaufrere', 'La Pomme de Terre', 'Femmes en Deuil', 1919 'Femme assise', 1920 'L'Ancetre – Study of Breton wearing a hat', 'Tete de Vieille Femme', 1929 'Tete de Fillette', 'Le Potier de la Poterie', 1954 medal 'Depiction of Charles Lenoir in bas-relief (terracotta)', 'La Jeunesse', 'Head of an old woman' (all at Rennes Musee des beaux-arts); 'La Source' (Clamart's Parc Maison Blanche); 'Richelieu' (Lucon's mairie); 1927 14 metres 'Sacred Heart' (with George Serraz, Cristo Rei, Madeira); 1928 'Monument to Theodore Botrel' (Paimpol's Place de Verdun); 'Monument to Gabriel Vicaire' (Ploumanac'h's Rue des Carrieres, La Roche des Poetes); 1927 plaster 'Memorial to Pupils of Paris Conservatoire' (Mans Mairie); 'jeune fille a la sandale' (Bois-Colombes square de l'Hotel de Ville); and Senozan stone sculpture 'La Riviere' (Parthenay mairie).

2017

ONA Convention

Friday, April 21 to
Sunday, April 23

Hotel Information

Holiday Inn & Conference Centre

30 Fairway Rd. South,
Kitchener, On. N2A 2N2

Phone: 1-519-893-1211—Request Convention Daily Rate

YOUNG COIN ENTHUSIASTS GO WILD! BY LISA MCPHERSON

It was another incredible Coin Kids auction this past weekend (Sat., Apr. 9th), at the 54th Annual O.N.A. convention in Kitchener. With a packed room of 38 youths and parents and many on-lookers, Chris Boyer helped all 38 spend their \$800 in Coin Kids money and walk away with some awesome items! I want to thank my team Chris Boyer, Robb McPherson, Ed Anderson, Walt Ostromecki and Elizabeth Nienhuis for their support and energy, and also big thanks to the associations, dealers and members who donated to Coin Kids. (Photos below are by Henry Nienhuis.)

I think we are going to need a bigger room next year in Kitchener. That's right! The RCNA Coin Kids Auction will be returning to the Holiday Inn on April 22, 2017!

The Coin Kids sales table's next scheduled appearance will be at the Brantford Numismatic Society's coin show happening June 12, 2016 at the Branlyn Community Centre in Brantford.

Fast approaching is the RCNA's Annual Convention taking place this year in Ottawa, our capital. The Coin Kids auction will take place on July 23 at the Delta Ottawa City Centre Hotel. Convention details are available on our website www.rcna.ca.

HOPE TO SEE LOTS OF YOU THERE!



O.N.A. MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN REPORT

APRIL 13TH, 2016

Membership:

The following applications have been received and now are members of the Ontario Numismatic Association. There is a period of two months for written objections of a new member to be submitted to the Membership Chairman.

- ◆ R 2185 – Ian Speers, Toronto Ontario
- ◆ J 2186 – Abby Eichholz, Kitchener Ontario
- ◆ R 2187 – Steven Boily, Toronto Ontario

WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

The following members are deceased.

- ◆ R 925 – Kenneth Koch, Waterloo Ontario (Died March 6, 2016)
- ◆ R 1371 – Maurice G. Pepin, Iroquois Falls Ontario (Died August 8, 2015)

I am writing this report just after our 54th O.N.A. Convention in Kitchener. The convention is a time for many specialty groups to meet, search the bourse floor for items on your want list, attend the banquet and award presentations and meet up with friends that you may not have seen since last year's convention. The convention is made possible by the dedicated work of the convention committee, the host club members and each of our O.N.A. members.

In 2015 twenty junior members joined the O.N.A. with the first year membership being paid by the Albert Kasman Fund. I am sad to report that only one of those junior members renewed for 2016. There were also six regular members who did not reply to me about renewing their membership so they will be deleted from our membership list. I hope our current membership enjoys receiving the Ontario Numismatist and the other benefits of being an O.N.A. member.



Any questions on your membership please contact me by e mail or the O.N.A. P.O. Box.

David Bawcett

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O.N.A. Membership Chairman

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OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CLUB TO EARN MONEY!

2018 and 2019 Conventions:

The O.N.A. is active in looking for a host club for the 2018 (56th) and 2019 (57th) Annual conventions.

If your club is looking for some additional revenue and would like to participate in hosting a future convention please contact me Robb McPherson for more information.

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MESSAGE FROM THE REGISTRATION CHAIRMAN

This year's convention hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society (W.C.S.) was a well organized event based on the many positive comments from attendees, dealers, registrants and volunteers. For those who were unable to make it, you missed a great time as you will read in various highlights elsewhere in this issue and the next. The focus of my message here is to share insights and information related to my role and to solicit feedback which may help with future convention planning.

Although we got off to a bumpy start with only 77 registrants and a lower than expected number of banquet tickets sold, paid attendance was comparable to what we witnessed in 2013 at the same location. Dealers seemed quite pleased with the overall turnout and the volunteers did a phenomenal job serving registrants and the public at the sales desk and admissions table. Many who I spoke to had never been to a three day show and were quite pleased with the whole operation and the service to member clubs. The free Educational Symposium and Friday evening Bourse preview drew some added attention helping to boost the sale of 2016 convention medals and a selection of O.N.A. and W.C.S. related collectibles. Although Day 1 is typically set aside for pre-registrants, exhibitors and VIPs, those wandering in off the street unaware or who waited until the last minute were welcomed and encouraged to purchase a weekend Bourse Floor Pass for a nominal \$15.00. Nearly a dozen individuals were happy to oblige just to get a first hand glimpse at what the dealers were offering.

Over 25 W.C.S. members, plus many from clubs within the O.N.A., generously donated their time and talents over the weekend to help lighten the workload. This took some of the pressure off committee chairs who in turn allowed themselves brief moments to relax. There are simply not enough words to thank those that helped to make the show a success, particularly in the busy area heading into the bourse.

As of writing, all of the silver and brass medals for 2016 have been sold with approximately 15 copper medals left over. Until the books are closed early summer, all of the monies collected will be shared equally between the O.N.A. and W.C.S. so be sure to contact myself or Brent Mackie if you are interested in a medal.

Looking ahead to next year's event which will be held again at the Kitchener Holiday Inn from April 21-23, 2017, I would like to emphasize the importance of deadlines and urge many of you reading this to get your orders in early once the registration period opens. Committee chairs and volunteers are tasked with ensuring there are adequate supplies of material and manpower including sourcing cost effective items for the registration kits based on the number of orders received 4-6 weeks prior to the convention. A high number of pre-registrations serves to not only help boost the morale of organizers but also encourages more donors and sponsors which further benefits everyone attending.

Thanks very much to all of you who supported the convention in a meaningful and memorable way. Aside from being an annual fund raiser for the O.N.A. and / or host club, the primary goal has always been to bring collectors together while attracting, educating and exciting the next generation. Attendees often report that they have never been to a convention before. A positive experience and introduction of clubs at all levels may inspire some to carry on the work and legacy of our generation and the one before it. At the end of the day, we are all winners if the hobby is stronger and healthier as a result. See you next year!

Yours in Numismatics,

Peter Becker

Peter Becker, F.O.N.A.
2016 Registration Chairman

Photo by Henry Nienhuis: *left to right*, Steve Woodland receiving Early Bird Registration prize from Peter Becker during the April 8 evening reception.



Liphardt Hardware Ltd.

by Judy Blackman

Your Editor (Judy) expressed to Peter Becker and Lisa McPherson that this year's convention registration kits were the best I've ever seen. When I dropped off two kits to friends who were coming to the event on Saturday, they were both thrilled, and this was not their first time receiving an ONA convention kit. The awesome 4-compartment spousal kit bags were a hit, with a bottle of water and bag of jelly beans, plus the medal, pins and pens, main registration Tim Horton's cards and OLG coupons, and so much more! I have to wonder though how many realized what the little green slips were! I was excited to see the scrip, and although they are a scanned replicate of the original (slip says copyright Canada 1924 / United States 1927 which is referring to the company Frederick Bogardus Brower and not to the Liphardt store operated through the 1940-60s), they are still a nice historic keepsake. You can purchase more these replicates on-line through eBay.



Liphardt Hardware Ltd. was a member of the Pollock Hardware Co-op, and today this location is the Ontario Seed Store owned and operated by descendants of the Uffleman family, and they are part of the coop, Home Hardware Stores of Canada.

With the help of the Waterloo Public Library Archives, we confirm Liphardt Hardware Ltd. was owned and operated by the Liphardt family of Waterloo. This photo is back row (*left to right*): John; Henry; Ed; Sophie; and George. The middle row (*left to right*): Mary; Johannes; Elizabeth; and Lizzie. The front row (*left to right*): Oscar; Alma; Charlie (Karl); and Tillie.

This image (*right*) is the front of the store at 16 King Street South, Waterloo, with nine men standing in front. The sign on the window says: "Plumbing, Stoves, Tin, Hardware." Note the elaborate stoves, the men's pocket watches and mustaches, and the wooden sidewalks. Henry Liphardt, George Gleiser and Alex Leitch are in the photograph but not identified.



This photo (*left*) is the interior of Liphardt Brothers Hardware store taken from the back of the store facing the front. Note fluorescent tracking lighting (which became common after WWII); McClary refrigerator at the far left, and crown molding. Circa 1950s automobile parked outside. The name was later changed to Liphardt Hardware Ltd.



This photo (left) is King Street South of Erb showing businesses and a transport truck with soldiers riding in the back. The Waterloo Hotel, Ontario Seed Company, W. F. Frank Diamonds and Liphardt Brothers Hardware store can be seen. Ontario Seed eventually took over the hardware store space. Ontario Seed also had a warehouse on Devitt Street back in those days as well.

This photo (right) is another view of the exterior of the store. Note the sale signs and merchandise in the windows.



In this 1956 picture (left) the sign on the wall reads "50TH Anniversary of publicly owned hydro electric power." Below it says "ELECTRICAL WORK OF ANY KIND DONE HERE. M. OESTREICH." Left to right: Heinz Peper and Howard M. Scheifele, Chairman of the Waterloo Public Utilities Commission with a display at Liphardt Hardware. Your Editor lived down the street from Howard and his family and went to school with his daughter.

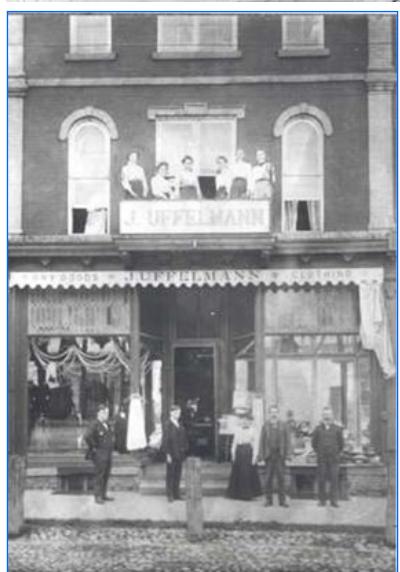


This fire insurance map (right) is from 1942 of the southeast business district of Waterloo, Erb Street to the north, George Street to the south, King Street to the west and Willow Street (not visible) to the east. Some of the businesses visible on the map include: L. J. Klopp, Dry Goods; Rennel Drugs; Waterloo Glove Manufacturing Company; W. P. Frank Jeweller; Liphardt Brothers, Hardware; Modern Bakery; Weichel Hardware; A. B. Learn, Drugs; Oddfellows Lodge; L. R. Detenbeck, Men's Wear; Kitchener Bakery; Hub Billiards and Cigar Store; Roschmann Brothers Button Factory; Henry D. Billiards and Bowling; Clemmer Welding and Repair Shop; Union (City) Hotel; Snider Electrician; Ontario Die Company; J. S. Lackie and Company, Contractors; Wetlaufer Department Store; Miller's Service Station; Alexander Garage; Waterloo Auto Parts; William Hogg Coal Company; M. Wiechel & Sons Limited; C. N. R. Station; Welker Industries Limited; Waterloo Gas Works; Waterloo Town Waterworks; Peterson Coal Company; and Superior Box Company Limited.



This ad appeared in *Cord Weekly* in

in the October and November issues of *The Cord* in 1962.



Sometime after 1962 Liphardt was acquired by Ontario Seed, and then sometime later Ontario Seed joined the Home Hardware Co-op. This picture (right) is the exterior of Jacob Uffelmann's Dry Goods store at 12 King Street South, east side near Erb Street. First left: Adam Uffelmann; far right: Jacob Uffelmann, owner and Mayor of Waterloo in 1904. Note there are six women standing on the balcony. Uffelmann's opened in 1891, and the Directory lists Jacob as the owner of the Ontario Seed

Company and his descendants continued to operate it into the next century. In 1891, Uffelmann purchased the store and stock of his former employer John Shuh and Company. He also started a sauerkraut business in the 1920s, forming the Silver Thread Sauerkraut Company. In the 1895 election, Uffelmann was first elected to town council. He again became an alderman in the 1902 and 1903 elections. As mayor in 1904, Uffelmann led council in its decision to raise money to encourage the construction of a railway line from Waterloo to Wellesley. Jacob and his brothers also had a construction business and built houses. For example, they built Three consecutive houses on Willow (for the 72-Roth, 74-Ducharme, and 76-Solomon) and my parents paid \$9,000 for one of these houses (we sold it in 2000 to Shawn who has a wife and 4 children). When we moved in (1950s) to Willow, I was 5 years-old and the house was already over 40 years, and today it still stands on a large 60x180 lot and is over a hundred years old, attesting to the solid construction. This August 20, 1914, article (right) from the Waterloo Chronicle-Telegraph is about the increase in foodstuffs due to the war. J. Uffelmann of the Ontario Seed Company is quoted as saying imports from Germany have stopped, and the article lists prices of wheat, flour and sugar. Note the paper is missing an 'n' at the end of the name. The Library and City planning show Uffelmann but some of the news media and other show Ufelman, Uffelman, Ufelman, but the references are all to the same family. Uffelmann Dry Goods existed 1891-1926.

The Ontario Seed Company (OSC) has been growing for over 125 years. Now into their fifth generation of family ownership, OSC is proud to be 100% Canadian owned and operated. It is a large integrated business selling a wide range of horticultural products, with associated hardware with a vibrant retail operation in Waterloo. The head office and main packaging plant is now in Kitchener with a 140,000 square foot central distribution warehouse. Now at some point Liphardt branched into other businesses. For example the Forwell Foundry, Limited, Berlin; with capital, \$50,000; took over the Forwell Foundry Co., and manufactured machinery and plumbers', gasfitters', and steamfitters' supplies — this was incorporated by W. Forwell and Ira S. K. Weber, Berlin; and A. W. Groff, H. J. Liphardt, and C. Liphardt, all of Waterloo. I am sure these families, i.e. Liphardt and Uffelmann have historic threads running in the veins of many businesses and organizations in the K-W area.

This set of four 1-11/16 by 3-3/8 inch merchant scrip/note/bond/coupons for 1c, 3c, 5c, 10c from Liphardt Hardware Limited 16 King Street Waterloo, Ontario, Canada are advertised as "Replicate notes are all like new -see scans." So you see how much fun that was researching the little scrip note that was in the registration kit. How many other treasures have been in these kits over the year, that may have gone unacknowledged?



East side of King Street south of Erb. Road is paved with automobiles and street railroad tracks, CIBC at Erb. Note shop awnings, electric globe street lighting and the sign for Uffelmann's Dry Goods and Millinery Store.

Prices for Foodstuffs Increasing

The World's greatest war is already causing business men much worry. It has also been the cause of the prices being increased for two of the necessities of life, sugar and flour, with the probability of prices on other foodstuffs and wearing apparel going up shortly.

Mr. J. Uffelmann of the Ontario Seed Co. stated to the Telegraph this morning that the conflict would be a serious handicap to their business while, naturally it won't hurt this season's crop, it will prevent the importing of different varieties of seed. This in particular applies to the maize seed which is all imported from Germany.

Housewives are looking to the future and laying in quantities of flour at 85 and 90 cents and \$1. Wheat which was a week ago selling at 85 and 90 cents a bushel is today bringing 95 cents and \$1. Flour has gone up 20 cents a hundred, so that \$3 a hundred is asked for the best. Enquiry at Snider's Mill this morning elicited the information that the demand for flour was increasing both locally and in other towns.

Sugar took 10 cents a hundred jump on Monday, and is now selling for \$4.75



2017 O.N.A. CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Our 2017 O.N.A. Convention will be hosted by the O.N.A. itself. We thank O.N.A. members for signing up to volunteer for this event being held again at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Centre in Kitchener.

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- ◆ **Awards Chairman:** Chris Boyer
- ◆ **Exhibits Chairman:** Colin Cutler
- ◆ **Treasurer:** Brent Mackie
- ◆ **Convention Souvenir Book:** Henry Nienhuis
- ◆ **Advertising & Publicity Chairwoman:** Lisa McPherson
- ◆ **Head Judge:** Paul Johnson
- ◆ **Judges:** Norm Belsten, Chris Boyer, Dick Dunn
- ◆ **Security Chairperson & Security Team:** [looking for chairperson and volunteers](#) (this is in addition to Frontier Security)
- ◆ **Education Chairman:** Scott Douglas
- ◆ **Youth Coordinator:** Lisa McPherson
- ◆ **Medals:** entire Convention Committee



- ◆ **Registration Chairperson & Team:** [looking for chairperson and volunteers](#)

- ◆ Daily Admissions Table (including pre-registrations)
- ◆ Sales Table (O.N.A. inventory)
- ◆ Registration Kits
 - ◆ Bags
 - ◆ Contents
 - ◆ Assembly and Distribution



- ◆ **Hospitality Room & Banquet:** Co-Chairwomen Lisa McPherson and Judy Blackman and Team of Volunteers

- ◆ Master of Ceremonies: to be advised
- ◆ Guest Speaker: to be advised
- ◆ Menu: to be advised



What's new at your O.N.A. Library

We have received the latest *Transactions* of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society (2014 and 2015) from Scott Douglas to add to our O.N.A. Library. In addition, we have received a complimentary copy of the *Casino Collectible News* (Volume 28, Number 4) edited by our O.N.A. President Robb McPherson.

How to borrow items from your O.N.A. Library

Ask your Librarian for assistance in locating items, or request (by postal mail, fax or email) a listing of the holdings to conduct your own search, by author, title, or publication date. The O.N.A. Librarian will send out your requests by postal mail (postage paid), you simply return the items by return mail. It's that simple!

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AWARDS PRESENTATION BY CHRIS BOYER

2016 Fellow of the ONA—Lisa McPherson



Photo by Henry Nienhuis: *left to right*—Robb McPherson, Lisa McPherson, Chris Boyer

A relative newcomer to the world of numismatics, this recipient is known for pitching in and getting things done.

At the local club level, this year's Fellow award winner acted in the capacity as director, special events co-ordinator, and refreshment co-ordinator at Waterloo Coin Society meetings. Recently she has assumed the role of Vice-President of the Brantford Numismatic Society in 2016. By teaming with a woman president, Cassidy Stroud and Secretary Lindy Smith, she has established a first in numismatics, with three women holding top posts within a club.

Provincially, this recipient is currently the Secretary of the O.N.A. and has been on numerous convention committees, including this one, in a variety of roles including publicity, sponsorship, advertising, hospitality and banquet chair. Her assistance to O.N.A. President Robb McPherson as his go-to person, goes above and beyond the call of duty, to say the least.

Nationally, this year's recipient was approached by the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association in 2013 to serve as its National Youth Coordinator. She has held successful Coin Kids Auctions at R.C.N.A. and O.N.A. Annual Conventions for the past three years, as well as a very popular "Youth Only" sales table.

This important, time-consuming work involves seeking and organizing donations and volunteers, coordinating two auctions a year, loads of paperwork and so much more. Her work has led to solid relationships with the Royal Canadian Mint and Bank of Canada and many other regular contributors.

For her work in this role, this recipient has received two R.C.N.A. Presidential Awards in 2014 and 2015.

**Please welcome and congratulate this year's
2016 Fellow of the ONA winner, Lisa McPherson.**

AWARDS PRESENTATION BY CHRIS BOYER

2016 O.N.A. Award of Merit Award—Peter Becker



Photo by Henry Nienhuis: *left to right*—Robb McPherson, Peter Becker, Chris Boyer

This worthy recipient has spent the better part of the last four decades specializing in Canadian bank notes as well as Canadian Tire coupon collecting. He also is an enthusiastic collector of Royal Canadian Mint issues, as well as numismatic items from his birth year, 1964.

In his local club, the Waterloo Coin Society, this year's Award of Merit winner has been a cornerstone of the club since he joined at the beginning of 1988. He became involved in the club's work and joined its executive the following year. He was recently made a life member of the Waterloo Coin Society to honour his ardent service.

Some of his club roles have included serving as Past President; acting as Refreshment Host for a decade; participating in numerous club promotion days at malls, libraries and city hall; giving radio and television interviews; staffing annual club shows; and much, much more. Space and time here do not permit a full and accurate account of his accomplishments. He currently serves as the Waterloo Coin Society's secretary and newsletter editor, a role he shares with Brent Mackie.

Provincially, this winner is currently the Ontario Numismatic Association's first vice-president and is deeply involved in its annual conventions. You may have seen him scurrying around the bourse floor and elsewhere this weekend; he has been described as the numismatics' "Energizer Bunny". The Ontario Numismatic Association inducted him as a Fellow of the O.N.A. in 2009. Nationally, this recipient participated as a committee member for the 1999 R.C.N.A. Convention hosted by the W.C.S. in Kitchener.

**Please welcome and congratulate this year's
2016 O.N.A. Award of Merit winner, Peter Becker.**

AWARDS PRESENTATION BY CHRIS BOYER

2016 O.N.A. Bruce Razmann Award—William (Bill) Waychison



Photo by Henry Nienhuis: *left to right*—Robb McPherson, Bill Waychison, Chris Boyer

To call this award a lifetime achievement award would be misleading. It would presume that his numismatic career is behind him, which is far from the truth.

A numismatist for six decades, this recipient's interests are varied, but include Canadian medals, store and gas bar trade notes, and exonumia related to his vocation. He has recently devoted more time to numismatic research and writing, one of his many passions.

He has been involved in many aspects of the hobby including local, provincial, and national. At his local club, he served as its club newsletter editor and received the coveted O.N.A. Club Newsletter of the Year award.

Provincially, he is a member of the Societe Numismatiqe de Quebec, l'Association des Numismates Francophones, as well as the Ontario Numismatic Association. For the latter he has served as a Director, as well as Awards Committee Chair, a role from which he recently retired with distinction. In 2002, this recipient was honoured with the Fellow of the O.N.A. Award, and three years later, the Ontario Numismatic Association Award of Merit.

Nationally, he has held a variety of offices, including R.C.N.A. Educational Forum speaker, Club Services Chairman, and most recently as the national association's President. He was inducted by the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association as a Fellow in 1992. He chaired Coin Week Canada for the R.C.N.A. for four years. He is a Fellow of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society, and has served as Fellow and Vice-President of the C.N.R.S.

**Please welcome and congratulate this year's
2016 O.N.A. Bruce Razmann Award winner, William (Bill) Waychison.**

EXHIBIT AWARDS BY PAUL JOHNSON, HEAD JUDGE

2016 O.N.A. Best of Show Award—Colin Cutler



Photo by Henry Nienhuis: left to right—Colin Cutler, Paul Johnson

Thank you to Judges: Norm Belsten, Chris Boyer, and Dick Dunn.

Category A: Canadian Coins & Tokens

- ◆ 1st: Contemporary Counterfeit Canadian Coins by Colin Cutler
- ◆ 2nd: Numismatically Eliguis / Eloi / Eloy by Judy Blackman

Category B: Canadian Paper Money

- ◆ 1st: Imperial Bank of Canada 1917 \$100 Contemporaneous Counterfeit by Colin Cutler

Category C: Non-Canadian Coins & Tokens

- ◆ 1st AND Best of Show: Ford, 100+ Years on the Road by Colin Cutler
- ◆ 2nd: Pug Numismatics Plus by Judy Blackman

Category D: Non-Canadian Paper Money

- ◆ 1st: China, Oct 1 1914 Issue by Colin Cutler

Category E: Juniors (under 18 years old)

- ◆ 1st AND People's Choice: Coins My Grandpa Gave Me by Abby Eichholtz



EXHIBIT AWARDS BY COLIN CUTLER

Plans are being worked on for changes to the exhibiting for the 2017 ONA Convention and will be updated in a future issue of The Numismatist. Any ideas that people may have can be sent to 2017 Display Chairman: ccutler@cogeco.ca.

Please welcome and congratulate this year's 2016 O.N.A. Exhibit Award winners.

Photo by Judy Blackman:
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Abby Eichholtz

2016 O.N.A. People's Choice Award—Abby Eichholtz



PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA



No sooner is the ONA convention finished and our ONA President (Robb McPherson) has the chance to meet the Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau at his place of employment, Canadian General Tower Ltd. In Cambridge. The Prime Minister is known to take selfie pictures with the general public and our ONA President took the opportunity for the photo op.

The Prime Minister was touring plants in Cambridge and Guelph April 14, 2016.



WALT AND FRED SHARE FOND MEMORIES

From Walt Ostromecki, Keynote Speaker (to ONA Editor):

"I am glad the banquet guests allowed me the honor to dedicate my presentation to my good friend Fred Freeman. I so missed him and know his spirit was there! He was such an inspiration to me. I believe one of our most fun and memorable exploits was having a breakfast fellowship in Niagara Falls in 2007. I believe, where we enjoyed a \$7.00 CN cup of coffee. Please extend my sincere thanks to all who made my time in Kitchener at the Ontario Numismatic Association show. The warm fellowship and many courtesies is something I shall never forget. I do hope I lived up to all your expectations. Bill English was totally awesome! Hope we will have the opportunity to meet again, perhaps at the RCNA Ottawa show in July. Thank you for the special medals and other goodies!"

To Walt Ostromecki (from ONA Editor):

Walt, you were a blast! Your topic was timely, your humor was priceless, but most important, your friendship shown to all is terrific! We hope you felt like part of our family, and certainly running around the kids auction in your socks, is a good sign you felt at home. Many positive comments came from your talk at the banquet, you gave delicious food for thought! Also banquet attendees and the kids were pleased to receive your *Hands Across The Border* cards (one is pictured to the right). We'll learn to think more outside-the-box. We look forward to seeing you again Walt, and thank you so much for traveling to Canada! You are truly a blessing to this hobby, Walt, stay true! Photo of Walt (right) is by Judy Blackman.

From Fred Freeman:

Greetings and good wishes. Thank you kindly for the generous comments about myself in your recent email to Judy Blackman. Certainly our past association is very fondly remembered. However, old father time eventually catches up with all of us sooner or later. This coming summer marks my 88th birthday so even being around in reasonably good health is a blessing. Everything seems to be under control health wise if I stay close to home and forego travelling.

It was necessary to pass the torch in regard to the Coin Kids to another person who is able to be at the coin shows and carry on the education program for Canadian youth. However my zeal is still alive and my latest project is equally as challenging. Terry Fox was a teenager in BC who was afflicted with cancer in his right leg. In 1980 he decided to run across Canada to raise funds for cancer research. He travelled 3300 miles with an average of 26 miles per day in all kinds of weather. Finally he was forced to give up his run near Thunder Bay, ON. He died the following year when the cancer spread to the rest of his body.

Terry Fox is now a Canadian hero with several posthumous honours. He was awarded Canada's highest honour 'Companion of the Order of Canada'. Several schools and playgrounds as well as a mountain and icebreaker have been named in his memory. Every September there is a Terry Fox run in many Canadian cities to raise money for cancer in Terry's memory. I designed a Coin Card that includes an actual Terry Fox dollar and which is presented to each participant in the Woodstock Terry Fox run.

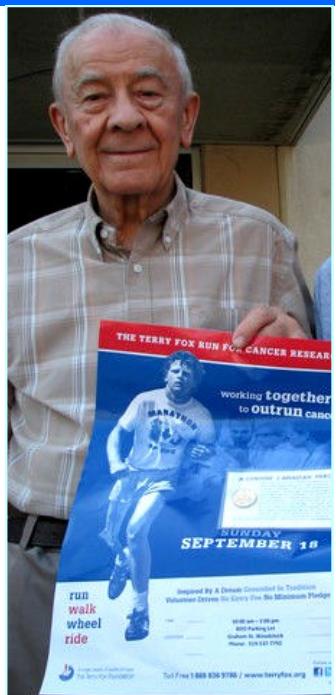
The Terry Fox dollar was minted just short of 13 million times so it has been a real challenge to find about 200 Terry Fox dollars needed for the annual run. Betty and I affix the dollar to the coin card and insert it into a plastic holder. It does look quite professional if I say so myself. But self praise is no recommendation as the old saying



goes. The first Monday in August is generally called 'The Civic Holiday' in many Canadian cities. My latest project has been to have this holiday named 'The Terry Fox Day' in honour of this outstanding young man, starting with our city of Woodstock.

To get the ball rolling in this direction it meant a few of my weekly columns in our local paper to remind readers about Terry Fox and his epic journey. Further to this, the Woodstock City Council allowed me to present this suggestion about Terry Fox Day to them on April 7th. Their reaction has been quite favourable and they are to write to the Terry Fox Foundation to get their approval. These things take time to be accepted and implemented. In the meantime Walter, it would be my wish to send you a sample of the Terry Fox coin card that is now given to the participants in the local run each September. Hopefully your address has remained the same as shown above. It is good to see that you are continuing efforts to interest young persons in our lifelong hobby. You have my complete admiration for your efforts. Kindest personal regards and our past associations are very precious to me.

Yours truly,
Fred Freeman



FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM FUNDRAISER COIN

The Waterloo Coin Society's April 12th membership meeting had one of its newer members, Michael Dailous, give a presentation on Cambridge Fire Department challenge coins and medals. Michael is a firefighter with the CFD, and he's also a volunteer firefighter in Puslinch. Michael is also a writer, for example, November 2015 his pictorial story '*Puslinch Horse Rescued By Fast Acting Emergency Crew*' was published in the University of Guelph's '*Equine Guelph*'.

Michael and his wife are very much involved in the Puslinch and Cambridge communities.



On March 16th, CFD Chief Main unveiled the new CFD Challenge Coin and presented one to Platoon Chief Mills. Each Cambridge firefighter received one, and the remaining are sold to raise funds to support the Fire Hall Museum (Dickson St.—open Sat. 9:30-12:30 and other times by appt.) which provides important education, a library, and training resources, equipment, vintage truck, preserves CFD history, gift shop, and holds events.

At the WCS meeting, Michael's wife helped with the auction, but also sold the CFD Challenge Coins for \$20 each, and these were quickly snapped up by members present looking to add to their collections, but to also support this worth cause.

Michael was thanked for choosing a career that serves and protects us.

In this picture with Caspian (horse), handler Claire are Puslinch firefighters Mike Rao, Cpt. Rob Frosch, Lt. Todd Hughes, Michael Dailous & David Thornton, students Jennifer, Jason & Dabina, and Sunrise Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre's Executive Director Ann Caine who received the \$4,000 cheque from proceeds of the Puslinch Firefighter Calendar.



EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Ontario Numismatic Association Educational Symposium for 2016 was held at the ONA convention on Friday April 8th and was a great success. The symposium was attended by 24 individuals who were treated to power point presentations by three of Ontario's premier numismatists.

At 1 pm Judy Blackman, F.O.N.A., spoke on *Little Gems 1800-1920* (hand painted and enamel coins and tokens). After her presentation Judy held a draw and four lucky winners who got to choose an enameled coin previously selected and generously donated by Judy from her personal collection.

At 2 pm Jeff Fournier, F.O.N.A., spoke on *Collecting Canadian Centennial Tokens and Medals*. This topic was well received and of great interest especially given that Canada is about to celebrate 150 years in 2017.

The last presentation of the symposium was at 3 pm. Reverend Angus Sutherland (retired Presbyterian minister) gave a very enlightening talk on *The History and Use of Communion Tokens*. This area of numismatics was very well covered by Angus, a collector and researcher of Communion tokens from around the world.

The moderator of the ONA Educational Symposium was Scott E Douglas.

The success of this year's symposium speaks well for the ONA and illustrates the commitment of the organization to bring quality numismatic education to its members. These photos are by Henry Nienhuis of the facilitators and moderator receiving medals, 3 presented by Scott Douglas, and 1 presented by Robb McPherson.

Scott E Douglas FONA, FRCNA, FCNRS, GKStE

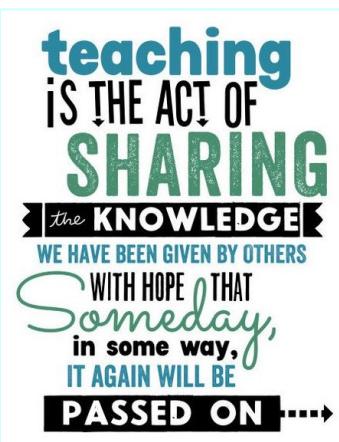


NEWS FROM AUDIO-VISUAL DEPARTMENT

All Ontario Area Directors should now have the 2016 PowerPoint folder, either on a dual-layer DVD or an SD card, and we will allow clubs in their area to make a copy as needed. There are now well over one hundred presentations available.

Out of province clubs will be contacted by e-mail and will be sent an SD card with the latest additions if they can add more presentations to the folder. If they have nothing to add, they will be sent a DVD with the latest additions.

All clubs and individuals are encouraged to contribute to our hobby. The club or individual who produced the presentation should be mentioned at the beginning. Sending a presentation assumes that permission to distribute is given. Presentations smaller than about 20MB can be e-mailed to me at ltrakalo@rogers.com. If mailing the card back to me, please tape it in the centre of the envelope so it is not damaged when the stamp is cancelled.



Thanks to those who have already contributed.

Numismatically Sharing The Wealth Of Knowledge,

Len Trakalo

Photo by Judy Blackman, taken at the ONA Annual General Meeting held April 9th: *left to right*, Alan Roy and Len Trakalo.



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SAMUEL JOHN DIXON (PHOTOGRAPHER)

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Did You Know... that often a non numismatic item can open the door to a wonderful numismatic story?

Recently I picked up an old cabinet photo at an antique mall. The photo was of a woman posing in the studio of Toronto, Ontario photographer S.J. Dixon. Dixon's gallery was located at 4 King St. W., the corner of King and Yonge streets, a very busy and prime location in the late 1800's. It was the back of the photo that intrigued me most because there was an image of a Toronto Industrial Exhibition medal and a statement by Dixon that his 'Electric Light Photo Gallery' had received the highest award at the Toronto, Kingston and Hamilton exhibitions. This photograph would have been taken sometime between 1880 and 1885. Photography, during this period, was an enterprise struggling to be defined as a hobby or a an actual career. Most professional photographers across Canada found that they could not make a living and had to have additional income to carry on. During this time, especially in rural areas, one would have gone to the local merchant or druggist to sit for their photo.

However, Samuel Dixon had achieved a degree of success with a process strategically incorporating electric light. This process was described by Dixon in detail; *To make a good negative diffused light, and plenty of it, is necessary. I have tried from one to eight lamps, but have finally adopted four and am perfectly satisfied with the results obtained through them. One I place at a height of eight feet, exactly above the sitter, giving a soft and diffused light all over the subject; two are somewhat removed and placed at a height of seven feet, giving effects of general light and shade, modulation and roundness. The fourth at a distance of five feet from the floor and still further removed from the subject, serves for the sidelight.* Dixon goes on to say that with further methods to diffuse the light one could complete an arrangement that equals natural light in every respect. Dixon's process would now enable him to take a photograph with no change of expression and in one second.

Samuel J Dixon was born in 1852 in New York City. He established his photography gallery in Toronto in 1872 and located at 191 ½ Yonge St. At one time there was another photographer named James Dixon located nearby at 201-203 Yonge St. Samuel took exception to James Dixon riding his coat tails and began to refer to his own gallery as 'The Dixon' pointing out that his gallery was not connected with any other gallery of the same name. In 1884 Dixon had ten employees in his gallery.

Samuel Dixon was a founding member of the Photographic Association of Canada which had formed January 24, 1884 in Toronto. At the inaugural meeting S. J. Dixon was appointed to the Executive Committee along with two other prominent Toronto photographers. Later Dixon was elected to sit as one of three Vice Presidents. Dixon had also been a long standing member of the American Photographers Association and often travelled by train to the United States to attend convention meetings and to exhibit gallery photos. Several times his exhibits won prizes. It was on one of these trips to a meeting of the American Photographers Association in early 1890 that Dixon came up with an idea that would change his life forever. While his train sat on the Cantilever bridge at Niagara Falls, waiting to enter the United States Dixon looked out of his window and noticed the cable that the tightrope walker Stephen Peer had used three years earlier. Peer successfully crossed the Niagara River here on June 23, 1887. After two nights of celebrating his victory conflicting stories have Peer either climbing on his cable in the night wearing street shoes or falling asleep on the precipice under the cable and rolling off the cliff.

Whichever story may be correct, the end result was that Peer was found bleeding and lifeless on the rocks below the cable. While Dixon stared at the ¾ inch cable an idea formed in his mind. That night he announced to his fellow photographers that he was going to walk across the Niagara River gorge, 190 feet over the wildest part of the Whirlpool Rapids, using Peer's cable. Dixon was a natural sportsman and prided himself in being physically fit but even his close friends did not believe he would attempt something as daring as this. After practicing only a few times out on Hanlan's Point on the Toronto Islands Dixon arrived in Niagara Falls in early September to make his crossing attempt. The cable of 925 feet was pulled tight and lost sandbags and guy ropes were added to bring it up to contemporary standard. A large British flag floated at the Canadian end and an American flag graced the American side. Dixon had notified all his photographer friends so the event could be well recorded. Accounts claim that there were over 1000 photographers on the Cantilever bridge as a crowd of 5000 people looked on. It was anticipated that Dixon would not go through with the feat and when he was not present fifteen minutes before the

scheduled crossing most felt this would be the case. However, about ten minutes before the announced 3:30 PM start on September 6, 1890, Dixon appeared. He made some checks and spoke a few words to a photographer who had arranged a camera on the cliff. Dixon then went back to his nearby hotel, returning moments later dressed in yellow tights, red silk stockings, a black coat and a black silk cap. Grabbing his 30 pound 22 foot balancing pole, made from fitted gas pipes, Dixon waved to the crowd and set out, a little shaky at first and then taking complete command.

Stopping periodically to lay on the cable and later to wave to a passing train Dixon made it to the American side in twelve minutes. He rested for about four minutes and then walked the cable to the American flag which he proceeded to wrap around himself. Dixon walked back to the American side where he was picked up in an open carriage and brought back to the Canadian side. Dixon, without pausing to rest, thrilled everyone by walking out on the cable backwards to the floating British flag. He then draped the flag over his shoulder and sat on the cable locking his feet in place. Dixon then returned to his waiting friends who had taken up a liberal collection for him. When Dixon performed this feat he was 38 years old and weighed 138 pounds. There are many, many photos to bear witness to this seemly doubtful performance by a Toronto photographic artist.

The question of whether Dixon would ever perform this stunt again was answered a little over one year later. On Thursday, October 1, 1891 Samuel Dixon announced to his friend Jim Douglas "*I'm going up to Muskoka to shoot a bear*". Dixon wanted to get up to Wood Lake outside of Bracebridge, Ontario before the Toronto Hunt Club came with their dogs to shoot deer knowing they would scare away the bears. On Friday October 2nd Dixon decided he was going to swim across Wood Lake and with his friends on shore set out around noon. A few people were getting nervous about Dixon undertaking this swim and after a while one of the men set out in a boat after him. As the man got within a short distance of Dixon who was now about 200 yards from the opposite shore Dixon was seized by cramps and went under the water. As Dixon came up from under the water, within five feet of the man in the boat, Dixon suddenly went under once more and was not seen alive again. His body was recovered two days later. Samuel John Dixon was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery (Plot F, Section 5, Lot 12) on October 6, 1891.

Although Samuel Dixon was only 39 years old when he died it is an understatement to say he lived his life to the fullest. We can only speculate what he may have accomplished given more time.

AFTERWORD

The most wonderful thing about researching an item found by chance is the amazing stories that unfold about lives forgotten. The photograph I found of the mysterious unknown woman was the best three dollars I ever spent. Samuel J. Dixon had his shop not 30 feet from the building I took my first real summer job in 1967 in Toronto. I walked past this location of 4 King St. W. literally hundreds of times over the years. Yet the name of Samuel Dixon was completely unknown to me. I am so thankful to have had a brief virtual moment to spend with him. What an amazing individual he was.

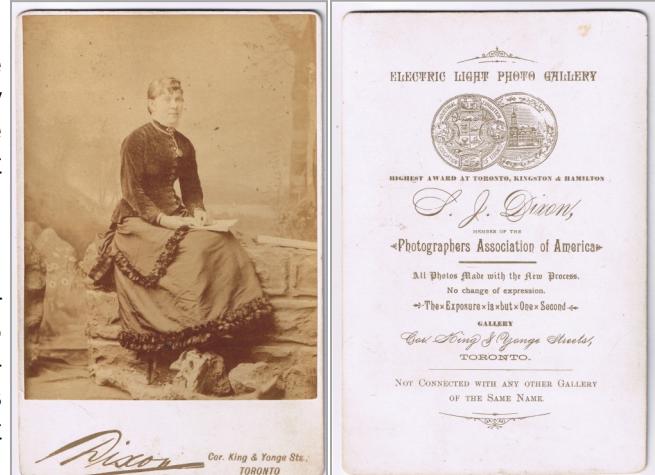


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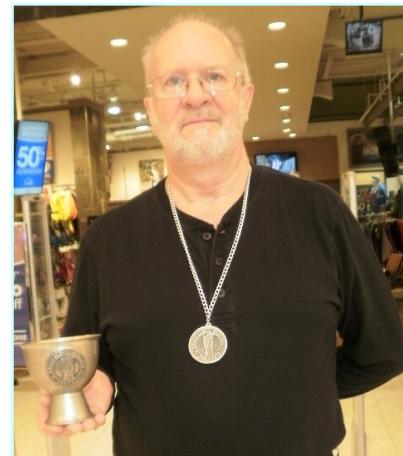
- 1 This is a Starbucks coffee location in 2014.
- 2 S.J. Dixon was located at the corner of King and Yonge St. (4 King W.) from 1880-1885 only.
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- 10 Scott E. Douglas . The Toronto Industrial Exhibition - How important was a prize medal? RCNA journal July/August 2012 page 372-374.

This is the photograph that lead me on my journey. One of the medals Dixon won for his Electric Light Photo Gallery display at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, later known as the Canadian National Exhibition, is illustrated on this cabinet photo. This large size bronze medal was awarded to Dixon in 1883.

These medals (LeRoux 1465) were awarded between 1883-1886 and 1888-1896. In 1883 the Exhibition awarded 5 gold, 108 silver and 189 bronze medals to 151 different exhibit classes. The highest award for the photography class was likely bronze but the physical medal was not as important as the bragging rights that came with such an award.



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UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

2016-May 1: WINDSOR COIN CLUB SPRING SHOW at The Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Ave., Windsor, On. N8X 4K2. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission \$1 (under 16 are free) and plenty of free parking. Contact: Margaret Clarke, (519) 735-0727 or e-mail mtclarke@mnsi.net.

2016-May 7: GUELPH SPRING COIN SHOW (sponsor / affiliate **South Wellington Coin Society**) at the Colonel John McCrae Legion Branch 234, 57 Watson Parkway South, Guelph, On. N1L 1E3, Contact—Mike Hollingshead, (519) 823-2646, chilling@uoguelph.ca, www.southwellingtoncoinsociety.com. Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$3 (under 16 free). Free level parking, full accessible. Legendary lunch counter, free draw for gold coin. Coins, banknotes, tokens, Canadian Tire money, medals, books and supplies at more than 35 dealer tables. Club sponsored Kid's table for children under 14. Buy, sell, trade, or evaluate.

2016-May 13-15 (3-days): NATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP AND COIN SHOW at The International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga, On. L4V 1E8. Canadian Coin News and Canadian Stamp News (both Trajan Media) are pleased to present its FIRST National Postage Stamp and Coin Show. Hours: Fri. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$1 (under 16 are free) and plenty of free parking. Admission \$3 each of Fri. and Sat., and free on Sun. Free parking. Contact: Mike Walsh 1-800-408-0352, e-mail info@trajan.ca, website <http://www.canadiancoinnews.ca>.

2016-May 28: NORTH YORK COIN CLUB ANNUAL COIN SHOW at the Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Ave. W., North York, On. M2N 2H8. Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission, and parking. Contact—Paul Petch (416) 303-4417 or e-mail coinshow@northyorkcoinclub.com.

2016-May 29: WOODSTOCK NOSTALGIA SHOW AND SALE at the Woodstock Fairgrounds, 875 Nellis St., Woodstock, On. N4S 4C6. Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$5 admission (children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult). Over 200 vendors. Contact—Ian Ward Ph: 519-426-8875 or e-mail toysow@kwic.com. Check out website <http://www.collectorshows.ca>.

2016-JUNE 4: KINGSTON COIN / STAMP / MILITARIA COLLECTORS SHOW (sponsored by the Kingston Numismatic Association) at the Military Communications and Electronic Museum, 95 Craftsman Blvd., Kingston, On. K7K 7B4. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission and parking, and while you are there, enjoy the museum. Contact—Sandy Lipin, ph: 613-542-6923 or e-mail sandylipin@gmail.com.

2016-JUNE 12: BRANTFORD 55TH ANNUAL COIN SHOW (sponsored by the Brantford Numismatic Society) at the Branly Community Centre / School, 238 Brantwood Park Road, Brantford, On. N3P 1N9. Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission and parking, over 80 dealers, breakfast and lunch available, kids table (for those under 18), free evaluations, facility is wheelchair accessible. Contact—Cassidy Stroud, ph: 519-427-6158 or e-mail brantfordcoinclub@hotmail.com.

2016-JUNE 25-26: TOREX—CANADA'S NATIONAL COIN SHOW (running since 1962) at the Hyatt Regency Toronto on King, 370 King St. W., Toronto, On. M5V 1J9. Hours: Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Auction Viewing begins on Friday. Daily Admissions \$7 (children 16 and under are Free). Contact: Brian Smith, Ph: 416-705-5348 or e-mail brian@torex.net. Check out website at <http://www.torex.net>.

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Some Of What's Coming Next Issue:

- ♦ Regimental Luck Pocket Piece story;
- ♦ Minutes of ONA Annual General Meeting, more convention pics; and
- ♦ Nomination form to nominate Officers (President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President) for the ONA Executive Committee term April 2017-April 2019



The Canada-New Zealand Mule, An Update

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Back in June, 2008, the *Mid-Island Coin Club Numismatic Journal* carried an article entitled “The Canada – New Zealand Mule” of which this is an update, certain pertinent information from it being reproduced here. In large part this is being printed simply because it can contain enlarged photos of an actual Mule (courtesy of Helmut and used with permission). Previously, illustrations – small and none too clear – were from an auction catalogue or (of even more limited use) an artificial cobbling of just any New Zealand 50-Cent obverse of 1985 with the reverse of a Canadian 1985 nickel dollar, almost always in Gem BU for clarity – even though *none* of the genuine Mules would seem to exist in such rarified states of preservation.

The Mules continue to be something of orphans, being listed in the Krause catalogues under “NZ KM#95” as well as “Canada KM#120.2”, the impression given that they are both a Canadian *and* a New Zealand mule. They aren’t; they’re Canada only. But in our own country, they are almost totally ignored in catalogues, appearing *only* in the “Nickel Dollar” variety section of the Charlton 60th (2006) edition.

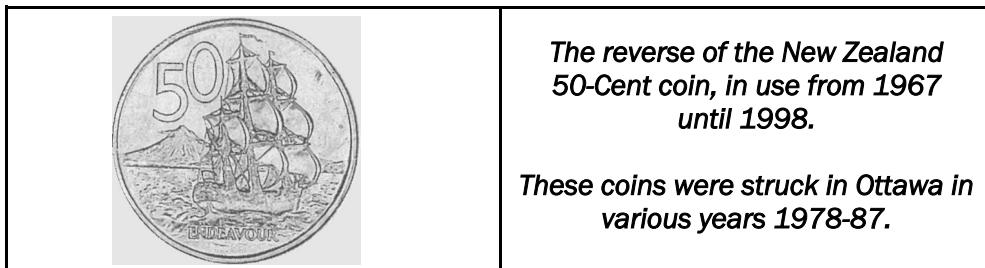
That the mule *could* legitimately exist cannot be questioned. In 1985 (as well as '84), the New Zealand 50-cent pieces were coined in Llantrisant, U.K. (1984) and Canberra, Australia (1985) as well as the Royal Canadian Mint, Ottawa. There were no mintmarks to differentiate the issues but those struck in Canada for those two years have obverses that display wiry hair as well as bushy eyebrows, evidently the result of a master die having been recut too deeply.

The known mules (Krause gives the number as six but there are probably a few more than that) all have a common obverse characteristic: a slight doubling of the lettering. This is entirely logical since the diameter of the 50-cent New Zealand obverse is slightly smaller at 32.05mm versus that of the Canadian nickel dollar reverse at 32.13mm. There would be a slight spreading of the metal during the coining strike resulting in doubling.

For what it’s worth, the mule sold in the Jeffrey Hoare Torex Sale (No. 52, 1996. Lot Number 1269) weighed 15.31 grams, slightly less than the dollar’s official 15.62 grams – but then the coin question was also described as EF with a polished obverse. All things considered, it sounds like a “nickel-dollar weight” and not that of the New Zealand 50-Cent.

A Canadian or New Zealand error coin? Let’s follow the logic. We know that both the New Zealand 50-cent and Canadian nickel dollar were struck at the same mint (probably Winnipeg) and in the same year: 1985. Both coins have dies of nearly the same diameter and in nearly the same metal (New Zealand in copper-nickel, Canadian in pure nickel) and while the reverses of each are very dissimilar, the obverses are conversely very much alike, sharing the same portrait and essentially differing only in the legend. Also to be borne in mind is the fact that dies mounted in the presses are in “negative relief”, making a possible error all the more probable. So it looks as if a press operator in Winnipeg, while producing the ordinary 1985 nickel dollar issue of Canada, managed to pick up a

very similarly-appearing New Zealand 50-cent obverse die in error and lock it in the press, even to running off a limited number. Presumably the error was soon discovered and most of these mules retrieved and destroyed – but not all, finished coin typically pouring into a partially-full bin. A few escaped, making it all the way into circulation before being found.



We should also note that the mule (at least in 2006) was practically unknown in New Zealand. For those collectors, an internet search entry of “New Zealand coin mule” or its like resulted *only* in the undated (1967?) mule of the Bahamas 5-Cent obverse with the New Zealand 2-Cent reverse. Knowledgeable collectors at the time were “not aware of any examples ever making their way to New Zealand” and “it appears the coins were released in Canada but never in NZ”. None of the half-dozen known at the time were in Gem condition; ICCS had graded one AU50 and two MS60s while the one in the Hoare auction was only a polished EF. There are, of course, “back-door concoctions” from mints – with Ottawa not being immune in the past. Still, such pieces are normally in top shape, the better to satisfy the fastidious collector. It seems that the best of the Mules is no better than a normal, clattery, run-of-the-mill MS60 and this is indicative of a genuine error. As well, there has not as yet been any rumour of a “small hoard” (even after 30 years) but rather discovery one-by-one from circulation at face.

All things considered, the mule is a legitimate Canadian coin and should be included in the standard catalogues, having equal or more legitimacy than the various flipped reverses, diving geese and the like.

(Again, thanks to MICC member George Manz who winkled out a lot of the pertinent information in 2006 and shared it unstintingly. Errors &c are mine – wlj)

An ONA Vision and Mission

A former ONA President recently provided your Editor with an ONA history lesson. A feasibility study was conducted before the ONA was formed. The foundation for forming the ONA confirmed Ontario numismatists wanted the following:

- ◆ Access to the Speakers Circuit (e.g. which included Jim Charlton) to ensure a guest speaker at club meetings. e.g. London Numismatic Society's Lloyd Smith spoke at the Owen Sound Coin club.
- ◆ To assist in formation of new Ontario numismatic clubs and help stimulate existing clubs, with a focus on growing interest in the hobby – the first 4 clubs to become members of the ONA were: Waterloo Coin Society, Hamilton Coin Club, East Elgin Coin Club, and the Preston Coin Club.
- ◆ Issue timely bulletins with news about Ontario clubs, and useful information.
- ◆ Track banquets, shows, and membership meetings to help avoid overlap, and to work harmonious with the RCNA for the betterment of the hobby including helping the RCNA to grow its individual memberships.
- ◆ To hold an annual banquet and bourse floor including educational speakers and displays.
- ◆ The original intention was for members to be “clubs” sharing resources and services for the benefit of the clubs.
- ◆ Along with the RCNA establishing standard operating procedures, such as exhibition ruling and judging criteria, templates for forming a new club, etc. Some RCNA team members have continued to also serve the ONA, and the RCNA holds a meeting at the ONA convention.

Like Walt Ostromecki stressed Canada and U.S. having Hands Across the Border working in synergy for the advancement of numismatics; so do the RCNA and ONA have a partnership in serving Canadian numismatists.



2017 ONA Convention Medal Design Contest

Medal Design Competition Rules

Participation is open to all members in good standing of the Ontario Numismatic Association. Entries must be received by the convention committee no later than the August 31, 2016. All decisions of the convention committee are final. Mail to the ONA Post Office Box or e-mail the ONA President.

- ◆ Each entry must represent only one design. There is no limit to the number of entries that can be submitted by the same person. Designs submitted by ONA members in previous year's ONA design competition may be updated and submitted again this year.
- ◆ All entries shall include a short write-up explaining the meaning of the design as well as artwork of sufficient detail to give the judging committee a clear idea of the proposed design elements, legend and layout. Submissions can be made physically or electronically.
- ◆ Entries shall include artwork, of approximately six-inches in diameter, in at least one of the following formats-
 - ◆ Line drawing, freehand or otherwise, clearly depicting the design elements
 - ◆ "Paste-up" image including proposed image and legend

Please remember **we are not judging the artistic competence of the submission material itself**, rather its potential as struck in a medal, suitably engraved by a master engraver from the chosen minting facility. The material must be of sufficient detail to give the engraver suitable guidance to execute your design.

- ◆ The winning designer will be notified by September 15, 2016. The winner will receive a lead splash of the medal — the only other such medal being in the ONA Archives.
- ◆ By submitting a design for consideration, the designer grants the ONA exclusive rights to the design; and agrees that the design and any derivative works, can be used for, but not limited to, the medal and any promotional materials produced by or on behalf of the ONA.
- ◆ Submissions made by persons under the Age of Majority must be accompanied by a parent or guardian's signed consent.

Design Guidelines, A successful design will -

- ◆ Celebrate something relating to Waterloo Region.
- ◆ Contain main design element(s), which appear 3-dimensional in nature; with reasonably **high** but NOT **ultra-high** relief features.
- ◆ The lettering above will be "55th Annual O.N.A. Convention" and below "Host Ontario Numismatic Association"
- ◆ Include within the design the dates and location of the convention, "April 21-23, 2017 – Kitchener, Ontario"
 - ◆ The following designs have been used for past WCS hosted shows, and should not be repeated: 1962 WCS crest and ONA Crest; 1967 Coat of Arms of the City of Waterloo; 1968 Coat of Arms of the City of Kitchener; 1973 Regional government crest showing maple leaf and stylized W; 1990 Mutual Group Head Office; 1999 Mennonite family in buggy (RCNA); 2009 Updated 1973 design with 50th anniversary dating; 2013 Via Rail Train Station; 2015 Kitchener Clock Tower.

Final Medal Specifications -

- ◆ The final medal will be 38mm in diameter, the silver weighing approximately one-ounce and struck with a proof-like finish.
- ◆ The 3-Dimensional design elements will have a cameo (frosted) appearance against mirror-like fields.
- ◆ The metal composition for the medals is yet to be chosen but is likely to be any of Silver, Cartridge Brass and Copper or Commercial Bronze.
- ◆ The OBVERSE will feature the ONA arms design used since 1962.



UNSURE WHICH ONA AREA REGION APPLIES TO YOU?



Area 1A: Essex and Kent Counties including—Windsor, Chatham, Essex County and Tecumseh

Area 1B: Middlesex and Elgin Counties including—Strathroy, London and St. Thomas

Area 2: Oxford County including—Woodstock, Ingersoll and Tillsonburg

Area 3: Niagara County including—Niagara Falls

Area 4: Brant and Waterloo Counties including—Brantford, Cambridge and Waterloo

Area 5: Perth and Wellington Counties including—Stratford, South Wellington

Area 6: Simcoe County including—Midland, Champlain (Orillia), Wasaga Beach

Area 7: Peel, York and Durham Counties including—Toronto, Mississauga-Etobicoke, Polish-Canadian (Troyak), Scarborough, North York and Oshawa

Area 8: Ontario East (Southern) including—Kingston and Peterborough

Area 9: Ontario East (Northern) including—Ottawa

Area 10: Ontario North (Eastern) including—Nipissing (North Bay), Nickel Belt (Sudbury), and Timmins

Area 11: (vacant, contact Robb McPherson if you are interested in serving) - Ontario North (Western) including Lake Superior (Thunder Bay)

More On Women In Numismatics

Additional to recent information in the *Canadian Coin News* and the *RCNA Numis Notes*, **Paul Johnson** was kind enough to share this historic information:

Sharon MacLean has been President and Bourse Chairwoman of the *Oshawa District Coin Club* for a few years (looking after two shows a year)

Dorte Brace is active in *Chedoke Numismatic Society* has won three *RCNA Best of Show* awards, and is a long-time exhibitor

Marg Clarke is active in the *Windsor Coin Club* and was 2011 *RCNA Convention* Treasurer for convention held in Windsor

Ann Marie Siteman of Dartmouth is actively involved in numismatics—she received an award from the *American Numismatic Association* during the 2015 *RCNA* convention in Halifax

Stella Hodge of London, Ont. was the President of the *ONA* in the late 1970's.

There have been numerous women involved in organized numismatics during past years at the local level. One example is **Lucille Colson** of the *North York Coin Club* who was club Secretary for about thirty years (1970's - 2000's) and is an Honorary Member of the club. Also such people as **Ingrid Smith** who owned the *TOREX* coin show for many years and **Geraldine Chimirri-Russell** of Calgary who was the Alberta Director for the *RCNA* for at least two terms.

Women currently make up about 8% of the total paid membership of the RCNA.

Club Contest Sponsored By Editor

ONA Member Clubs are asked to interview their *longest-standing* member, to find out his / her story on how he / she were introduced to the numismatic hobby, and what has kept the person in it for so long.

The stories will be printed in *The Numismatist*. The 3 most interesting stories, will result in your club's member receiving a numismatic gift worth at least \$25 from your Editor.

Submissions should be limited to 500 words or less, and be sent to ONA *The Numismatist* Editor c/o 505 Redfox Road, Waterloo, On. N2K 2V6 or e-mailed to jblackman@rogers.com. Please ensure to include a picture of the member who is the subject of the interview, along with the date he / she first joined your club.



ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

BRENT W.J. MACKIE, TREASURER
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Mr. President,

Please find herein the year-end, unaudited financial statements for the Ontario Numismatic Association for fiscal year 2015. Notes follow the financial statements.

**YEAR-END INCOME STATEMENT
 ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015**

INCOME	Jan. 01 - Dec. 31, 2015	Jan. 01 - Dec. 31, 2014
41000 · Membership Dues¹		
41010 · Regular Member Dues	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 2,955.00
41020 · Junior Member Dues	360.00	40.00
41030 · Spousal Dues	120.00	104.00
41040 · Club/Corporate Dues	<u>1,520.00</u>	\$ 6,200.00
42000 · Convention Revenue ²	4,708.39	<u>940.00</u>
42020 · Auction Fees ³	513.54	-
42100 · Table Cloth Rental	1,055.00	225.00
43000 · Donations		
43010 · Individual Donations	\$ 200.00	\$ 5.00
43020 · Club/Corporate Donations	30.00	20.00
43030 · Life Membership Contributions	<u>277.46</u>	507.46
44010 · Club Insurance Premiums	2,700.00	<u>464.58</u>
45000 · Investment Income		
45010 · General Investment Interest	<u>\$ 650.85</u>	<u>650.85</u>
46000 · Other Types of Income		
46100 · ONA Archive/Asset Sales ⁴	\$ 209.00	\$ 296.00
46410 · Advertising Sales	-	170.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$ 16,544.24</u>	<u>\$ 11,704.42</u>

EXPENSES	Jan. 01 - Dec. 31, 2015	Jan. 01 - Dec. 31, 2014
60100 · Membership Expenses¹		
60110 · Digital Discounts	\$ 1,190.00	\$ -
60120 · Early Corporate Dues Discount	350.00	-
60130 · Home Club Dues Discounts	91.00	-
60140 · Early Dues Payment Discounts	<u>30.00</u>	\$ 1,661.00
60200 · Ontario Numismatist⁵		
60210 · Copying	\$ 814.05	\$ 2,020.96
60220 · Postage, Mailing Service	775.20	1,624.61
60240 · Advertising Commissions	-	42.50
	<u>\$ 1,589.25</u>	\$ 3,688.04

60500 · Awards				
60510 · Award of Merit Expenses	\$ 281.41		\$ 74.02	
60520 · Fellow of the ONA Expenses ⁶	566.13		256.79	
60530 · Raszmann Award Expenses	<u>60.00</u>	907.54	<u>124.52</u>	455.33
61010 · Meeting Expenses		-		100.00
61090 · Misc. Executive Expenses		-		387.86
62000 · Facilities and Equipment				
62810 · Reuseable Conv. Supplies/Eq. ⁷	\$ 744.14		\$ 45.18	
62820 · Trailer Storage and Insurance	<u>758.04</u>	1,502.18	<u>895.00</u>	940.18
63000 · Library/Archives/AV Expenses				
63510 · Archives Purchases	\$ -		\$ 199.00	
63530 · Safety Deposit Box Rental ⁸	<u>-</u>	-	<u>282.50</u>	481.50
64010 · Club Insurance Premiums Exp.		3,007.13		3,024.00
65000 · Office and General				
65010 · Postage, Mailing Service ⁹	\$ 300.03		\$ 347.09	
65020 · Printing and Copying	-		11.20	
65050 · Post Office Box Rental	169.50		169.50	
65060 · Website Expenses	-		100.00	
65070 · Membership Dues Expense	<u>41.00</u>	510.53	<u>42.00</u>	669.79
65520 · PayPal Fees		57.46		46.30
66110 · Accounting Fees ¹⁰		<u>259.89</u>		<u>225.99</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 9,494.98		\$ 10,018.99
NET INCOME (LOSS)		\$ 7,049.26		\$ 1,685.43

BALANCE SHEET
ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2015

ASSETS		2015		2014
Bank Accounts				
10100 · General	\$ 3,851.94		\$ 3,460.10	
10200 · Insurance	944.00		10.00	
10300 · Life Membership	89.71		474.41	
12000 · PayPal	<u>2,238.53</u>	\$ 7,124.18	<u>1,955.79</u>	\$ 5,900.30
Prepaid Expenses				
15010 · Prepaid Misc. Expenses	\$ 656.88		\$ 713.87	
15020 · Prepaid Club Insurance Expenses	3,224.12		3,007.13	
15030 · Prepaid Home Club Dues Discounts	94.00		91.00	
15040 · Prepaid Early Corp. Discount	370.00		350.00	
15030 · Prepaid Digital Discounts	<u>900.00</u>	5,245.00	<u>885.00</u>	5,047.00
Term Investments				
16100 · General Investments	\$ 45,634.53		\$ 39,250.00	
16200 · Life Membership Investments	18,172.38	63,806.91	17,974.80	57,224.80
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 76,176.09		\$ 68,172.10

LIABILITIES & EQUITY		2015		2014	
Liabilities					
20200 · O.N.A. Convention ¹¹		\$ (154.16)		\$ 486.11	
20300 · O.N.A. Draw ¹¹		(10.00)		(10.00)	
22001 · Sundry Members		<u>210.00</u>	\$ 45.84	-	\$ 476.11
Unearned Membership Dues¹²					
25115 · Reg. Member Dues (2015)		\$ -		\$ 2,875.00	
25116 · Reg. Member Dues (2016)		3,270.00		480.00	
25117 · Reg. Member Dues (2017)		210.00		90.00	
25118 · Reg. Member Dues (2018)		30.00		45.00	
25215 · Jr. Member Dues (2015)		-		45.00	
25216 · Jr. Member Dues (2016)		60.00		-	
25315 · Spousal Dues (2015)		-		70.00	
25316 · Spousal Dues (2016)		50.00		-	
25415 · Club/Corp. Dues (2015)		-		1,440.00	
25416 · Club/Corp. Dues (2016)		1,755.00		-	
25500 · Mailed Newsletter Surcharges		<u>45.00</u>	5,420.00	<u>30.00</u>	5,075.00
Unearned Revenues					
26020 · Unearned Club Insurance Prem's		\$ 2,900.00		\$ 2,700.00	
26030 · Albert Kasman Juniors Fund ¹³		<u>515.00</u>	3,415.00	<u>125.00</u>	2,825.00
Equity					
30000 · Members' Equity ¹⁴		\$ 41,811.36		\$ 40,125.93	
31010 · Life Membership Fund		18,434.63		17,984.63	
Net Income (Loss)		<u>7,049.26</u>	67,295.25	<u>1,685.43</u>	59,795.99
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY			\$ 76,176.09		\$ 68,172.10

CURRENT INVESTMENTS
ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2015

General Investments

Account	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Principal	Rate	Interest
3814-8008147-28	31-Oct-2014	31-Oct-2017	\$ 5,250.00	1.61%	Compounded annually
3814-8008147-29	03-Nov-2014	01-Feb-2016	\$ 15,000.00	1.50%	Compounded annually
3814-8008147-30	28-Nov-2014	26-Feb-2016	\$ 5,000.00	1.50%	Compounded annually
3814-8008147-31	06-May-2015	06-May-2016	\$ 3,000.00	1.26%	Paid at maturity
3814-8008147-32	25-May-2015	25-May-2016	\$ 6,000.00	1.26%	Paid at maturity
3814-8008147-33	23-Nov-2015	23-Nov-2017	\$ 8,000.00	1.20%	Compounded annually
3814-8008147-35	14-Dec-2015	14-Dec-2017	\$ 3,000.00	1.12%	Compounded annually

Life Membership

Account	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Principal	Rate	Interest
3814-8008139-30	02-Oct-2014	02-Oct-2017	\$ 5,000.00	1.63%	Compounded annually
3814-8008139-31	31-Oct-2014	31-Oct-2017	\$ 8,750.00	1.61%	Compounded annually
3814-8008139-32	03-Feb-2015	03-Feb-2016	\$ 1,600.00	1.17%	Paid at maturity
3814-8008139-33	04-Aug-2015	04-Aug-2016	\$ 2,600.00	0.91%	Paid at maturity

Notes to the Year-End Financial Statements

1. For the 2015 membership year, dues are recorded at their full amount, and digital discounts or early payment discounts are recorded separately as expenses. Starting in 2016, the digital discount is being converted to lower dues plus a mailed newsletter surcharge for simplified accounting and improved transparency.
2. 2015: Higher revenue as this was an O.N.A.-hosted convention.
3. 2014: No auction was held during the convention.
4. Several surplus items from the archives were sold to collectors at both the 2014 and 2015 conventions.
5. 2015: Only three issues of the *Ontario Numismatist* were published instead of six.
6. 2015: A quantity of medals were produced to cover expenses for several years into the future.
7. 2015: Includes a large number of new lamps and bulbs as well as the cost of cleaning table cloths.
8. 2015: TD Canada Trust rebated the cost of our safety deposit box for one year in consideration for having to relocate it when the branch moved in October 2015.
9. A large quantity of stamps have been prepurchased for future mailings by David, Paul and Brent.
10. TurboTax Corporate (annually) for income tax filing and QuickBooks Pro (periodically) for accounting.
11. These accounts exist to facilitate short-term amounts owed between the O.N.A. proper, the Convention and the Draw. These accounts help reduce extraneous inter-account transfers.
12. These amounts represent future years' membership dues paid prior to or in the current year. At the beginning of the next year, amounts for that year will roll over into revenue accounts.
13. LM61 Albert Kasman has made several donations intended to pay for the first year's membership fees for new junior members. As new junior members enroll, this account is drawn down.
14. Members' Equity is the cumulative sum of net income and loss year after year. It is also equivalent to the sum of the organization's assets after deducting all its liabilities.

Sincerely yours,



Brent W.J. Mackie
Treasurer