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Through the hospitality of the London Numismatic Society, delegates from various Ontario Numismatic societies met in conference during the London club's annual banquet to study the report prepared by the committee to study the feasibility of the formation of an association of Ontario numismatic societies.

Mr. Rod R. Rekofski, chairman of the committee, presided at the meeting. Mr. Bill Clarke, president of the London Numismatic Society, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the London club.

The committee's report was read by Mr. Bill English, vice-chairman of the committee, and copies were handed to the delegates for their study. The report, a copy of which is attached, found that there was a definite need for an Ontario organization and recommended that an association be formed at the earliest opportunity. Mrs. Louise Graham complimented the committee on the work that went into the preparation of the report.

After a discussion of the findings of the report, Mr. Walter Holmes moved that the meeting endorse the report and proceed with the formation of an Ontario Association. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bill English and was carried unanimously.

The chairman called for a discussion of the name of the organization and upon the motion of Mr. Rudy Sauro, the organization was called "The Ontario Numismatic Association". This motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Cassidy and was carried unanimously.

Mr. Rekofski then advised the delegates that in his opinion there were two choices before the group. One, the meeting could proceed to form an executive or, second, it could authorize the committee to stay in office until a founding convention. The chairman indicated that the committee was prepared to continue to function and was also prepared to proceed with the organization of the association up to the time of a founding convention. The chairman also advised the delegates that the Waterloo Coin Society was prepared to offer its facilities at its annual banquet in March, 1962 for the founding convention. This offer was accepted by the delegates and Mr. Ed. Knight then moved that the committee stay in office until the founding convention is held. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bill Jones and was carried.

The chairman, speaking on behalf of the committee, asked for guidance from the enthusiastic exchange of views took place. At this point, Mr. Ed. Knight explained the organization of the Empire State Numismatic Association. It was then recommended to the committee that it prepare a slate of officers for submission at the founding convention. It was also recommended that club membership in the association be \$10.00 per year and individual membership be \$1.00 per year. The delegates also recommended that voting privileges in the association be restricted to Ontario

residents. The delegates further recommended that upon return to their clubs they sponsor motions to join the association.

Upon the motion of Mr. Ed. Knight, seconded by Mr. Bill Clarke, the chairman, Mr. Rod Rekofski, and the treasurer of the committee, Mr. Bruce H. Raszmann, were empowered to open a bank account with authority to issue cheques and carry on the business of the Ontario Numismatic Association until the founding convention. This motion was carried.

Dr. John S. Wilkinson, President of the Canadian Numismatic Association, was a welcome guest and briefly addressed the meeting at its conclusion. He informed the gathering that he appreciated their problems and wished the new organization the best of success.

The Chairman then adjourned the meeting.

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The committee is now in the process of framing a constitution and preparing for the founding convention to be held in March of 1962, at the third annual banquet of the Waterloo Coin Society.

The committee wishes to thank the various clubs that have indicated their willingness to assist in the formation of the O. N. A. The committee will avail itself of their assistance in the very near future.

The Waterloo Coin Society, sponsor of the Speakers' Circuit, has provided the O. N. A. with the facilities of the Circuit. We understand that there will be several additions made to the Circuit and these will be incorporated in the brochure later in the year.

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The committee is accepting memberships from clubs on the payment of \$10.00 and from individuals on payment of \$1.00. A number of clubs and individuals have already applied for membership and, of course, membership is subject to the approval of the executive when formed.

Applications for membership may be forwarded to the treasurer, Mr. Bruce H. Raszmann, 10 Allen Street East, Waterloo, Ontario. Cheques are payable to: The Ontario Numismatic Association.

You will observe that this publication is called "The Ontario Numismatist". This name was suggested by the Committee and is subject to the approval of the executive when formed.

The chairman and members of the committee appreciate the enthusiasm which has greeted the formation of this new organization and sincerely hope that study and hobby of numismatics will greatly benefit through its formation.

Rod R. Rekofski,
Chairman.