

2025-27 ANA BOARD CANDIDATE BIOS

The following individuals (listed alphabetically by office) have received the required number of nominations for candidacy in the American Numismatic Association's 2025 election of officers. All have accepted their nominations and provided the following statements. Every Association member entitled to vote will receive an election ballot via the U.S. Postal Service or email. Ballots must be received by the tabulating firm by July 1.

FOR PRESIDENT



MARK LIGHTERMAN
Sanford, FL
LM 3521

Serving as your vice president of the American Numismatic Association for the last two years, the Board of Governors and I have been building bridges under the leadership of our current President Tom Uram. Though the building of bridges needs to con-

tinue, we also need to start using those bridges to move forward with the work the Board has begun. My vision is to move the ANA into the fast lane to accelerate our goals of expanded online and in-person education for our membership.

The ANA's charter is rooted in education, something that is sometimes lost to many who have served in the past. The ANA Board is bound by its fiduciary obligations, with both financial and all other decisions to fulfill the mission of the Association and to serve the interests of the membership. We need to

establish a strong financial foundation that will allow the Association to meet those goals that best support the mission of the organization, our members, and the hobby as a whole, moving forward. As your next president, my full focus will be to devote my full time to work with the Board to achieve these goals.

For those who do not know me, I have been working with national numismatic organizations for more than 40 years. I have held, at one time or another, every major position within those numismatic organizations. My involvement for the most part has been behind the scenes giving support where it is most needed and, when asked, I have always been willing to help.

Communication is the key to success of any organization, and I always looked for the best solution to those questions brought forth by the members no matter what position I was serving in. I have always strived to get them a response as quickly as possible. As president, I will not forget how important it is for the membership to have someone to ask questions of, and I will always respond to any question they might have our organization.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT

MARY LYNN V. GARRETT
Lexington, KY
LM 6959



ANA governor Mary Lynn Garrett is a life member of the organization, having joined over 32 years ago. She has served the ANA as a governor for 6 years, (3 terms, 2019-25) and been appointed to multiple ANA committees: Development, Finance, Audit, Education, Convention, as well as chair of several committees.

Mary Lynn is a cofounder of Bluegrass Coin Club, which was formed over 30 years ago in Lexington, Kentucky. She selects educational speakers for meetings as well as serves as a district representative. She believes that coin clubs are critical to the future growth of numismatics. The Bluegrass Coin Club has changed the lives of many young people, some who are now professional dealers.

Her numismatic memberships include Florida United Numismatists (FUN), Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (PAN),

Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS), Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA), National Silver Dollar Roundtable (NSDR), American Numismatic Society (ANS), Coin Dealers Helping Coin Dealers (CDHCD), and Women In Numismatics (WIN), which was dissolved in 2022.

Mary Lynn graduated from the University of Kentucky. She has been working in numismatics for over 30 years with Mid-American Rare Coin Galleries and recently with Mid-American Ancients. She has been married 34 years to Jeff Garrett and has a daughter (Morgan) and one stepson (Ben).

Attending numismatic forums and multiple Summer Seminars have enhanced her numismatic education and given her an appreciation of their value to generations of collectors. Mary Lynn has been a supporter of the ANA eLearning Academy so that members around the country can connect and learn more about the rich history of numismatics.

Mary Lynn is a familiar face at dozens of numismatic conventions each year. She can be seen engaging members of the ANA, dealers, and collectors. The ANA board has done a wonderful job in the last decade, and she hopes to continue to build on this success.

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FOR GOVERNOR



JOHN S. BRUSH
Virginia Beach, VA
LM 5640

Numismatics has been good to me. As a member of the ANA since I was 7 years old, I've been around coins my entire life. In many ways, I am a product of the ANA's educational platform. I attended coin club meetings, local

and major shows, and exhibited coins for years, but it was at the age of 15, when I attended my first ANA Summer Seminar, that I jumped headfirst into the hobby. The ANA showed me opportunities within the hobby as a collector (and later as a dealer) that I had no idea existed.

On the professional side, I am the president of David Lawrence Rare Coins (DLRC), and the curator of the D.L. Hansen Collection. On the personal side, I am the vice president of the Professional Numismatists Guild, past chair of the National Coin and Bullion Association

(formerly ICTA), and the 2022 ANA Dealer of the Year. I have also attended or taught during nine ANA Summer Seminars and have served as a professor at Witter Coin University for four years. But, my most important role in life will always be husband to Ruth and father to Wesley and Luke.

As a member of the most recent ANA Board, I attempted to bring in input from my life as a businessman, coin dealer, and as a collector. Having spent two years on the Board, I know that we have left the organization in a better place. Having spent time on the Financial and Convention Committees, we've put the organization before ourselves and have guided it to a more stable future. I also believe that with an additional term these small seeds that we have planted will start to grow and the membership will feel an even greater impact.

As a kid from small-town South Carolina, I never thought that "coins" could be a profession, but the ANA showed me that it was indeed possible to turn a passion into a career. It is because of all that the ANA has done for me that I would be honored if given the opportunity to serve again.



SETH CHANDLER
San Francisco, CA
LM 6467

Hey, everybody. I'm Seth Chandler. I have a coin shop in San Francisco named Witter Coin. We all know what an amazing hobby this is. The ANA has been the heartbeat of numismatics forever. But we need as many

people as possible to carry our legacy forward.

I'm sure my story is the same as many of yours...collecting since I was 4...worked in my hometown coin shop in Jacksonville, Florida, as a teenager. When I was 14 and 15, I was invited to attend the ANA Summer Seminar, and THIS was a real game changer. The ANA continues to help young people join our ranks—but together—believe we can do more. For the last two years, I participated as an instructor at the Summer Seminar for the "Advanced Coin Dealing" class and was also fortunate to receive an ANA Presidential Award this year. Inspired by my summers at the ANA, I have spent

hundreds of hours creating an educational program for young numismatists. In 2021 I founded Witter Coin University, which raises nearly \$200,000 in scholarships each year for 40 young numismatists between the ages of 14 and 20 to attend a hands-on, 8-day numismatic learning experience with some of the most respected numismatists in the country.

I launched The Great San Francisco Coin Hunt to celebrate National Coin Week in 2024. I hid over \$10,000 worth of coins all over the city. The story was carried by all local news outlets, as well as some national and international news services. I've been featured on Fox, CBS, ABC, and NBC promoting various aspects of the hobby.

Times are changing so fast, but the interest is still out there, and the potential is endless. We need to talk to people in new ways—through social media and even more in-person programs. We need to invite new people to the hobby.

I believe that my passion for the hobby and for the future—in combination with the incredible team at the ANA—would be a compounding force in the growth of the hobby.

Let's make coin collecting great again!



COLTON HARRELL

Matthews, NC
LM 7195



I was born and raised in Matthews, North Carolina, where I currently reside after earning my degree from East Carolina University's School of Engineering and Technology. Professionally, I work in land development, having rezoned and developed numerous residential and commercial units in the Charlotte, North Carolina, region. I have also served on several governing boards, including the Town of Indian Trail's Unified Development Ordinance Advisory Committee, which serves a population of 45,000, and the Kings Mountain Developers Roundtable.

As a lifelong numismatist, I credit much of my business success to the values and lessons learned through coin collecting. I am an active member of multiple numismatic organizations, including the ANA, NCNA, SCNA, GNA, NBS, and CCC, and I am a contributor to the James K. Polk Birthplace Museum, where one of my prized American Colonization Society tokens is on display.

If elected ANA governor, my focus will be on leveraging social media platforms to reach a broader audience. I plan to reform the ANA's YouTube channel and social media presence, utilizing video and podcast platforms to increase engagement, seed curiosity, and cultivate the imagination to awaken the deepest numismatic interest of all collectors. These tools are key to member growth, ensuring that quality numismatic information is accessible to the community. I also advocate for marketing the ANA through existing numismatic platforms and partnering with numismatic creators to design and launch a unified effort that supports the promotion of coin collecting.

With my background in nonprofits, personal property appraisal, and as a licensed auctioneer, I aim to bring a fresh perspective to fundraising opportunities for the ANA. Additionally, I will work to integrate numismatics into public school curricula, emphasizing the importance of teaching our youth the art and history of the money we all work so hard to obtain. Should I have the honor of being elected ANA governor, my phone will always be on, and my ears open to its members. Because it is the members of the ANA who are entrusted with the responsibility of coin collecting's prosperity. *Servire.*

DAVID G. HEINRICH

Cincinnati, OH
LM 6540



If re-elected as an ANA governor, I will continue to work cooperatively with the Board and staff to guide the Association through our changing times. The current board has taken steps to increase the ANA's presence on the web and social media, improving software and systems for better efficiency and integration. We must continue that effort; without it, we will fade into obscurity.

Over the past 27 years, it has been my pleasure to support the numismatic hobby that we love. Most recently, as an ANA governor serving on the Publications and Museum Committees and as Convention Committee chair. I also served as ANA Museum Committee chair from 2013 to 2017, president and treasurer of the Cincinnati Numismatic Association (CNA) for 18 years, editor of *The Cincinnati Numismatist* since 2010, which has received seven first-place awards from the ANA, and became show manager for the Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Exposition in 2021.

For many years, I have been a Summer Seminar photography co-instructor, was editor of *Winning Ways for Women in Numismatics* from 2011 to 2022, served as governor of the Central States Numismatic Society from 2008 to 2016 and as vice president from 2016 to 2018, and during that time served on the convention, education, and archives committees and was YN committee chair from 2008 to 2018.

I am a life member of the ANA and CSNS and a member of FUN, PAN, CONA, and CNA. I have been honored and humbled to have received the following awards from the ANA: Glenn Smedley, Presidential, and Lawrence J. Gentile Sr. Outstanding Adult Advisor, along with the Numismatic Ambassador Award (FUN), Board Service Award, and Medal of Merit (CSNS), and Marvin S. Fessenden Memorial Award (CNA).

In my everyday life, I have been the co-owner of a commercial cabinetry manufacturing company for the past 35 years. I have been married for 40 years, and I am the father of two amazing young women who rekindled my love for numismatics when they were little girls. For this, I will be forever grateful.

ERIK JANSEN

Bainbridge
Island, WA
ANA 1204328



Thanks for reading my statement. As your governor, I would represent you *and* what you want from your club. Please tell me your top gripe or like, want, rant, or rave: erikANA2025@jansenco.net.

Here are my priorities for the ANA—if you like this list, please vote for me!

- Everybody says "Education!"—I see it more as: The KEY is keeping a talented, motivated, and productive team developing great publications and valuable resources for everyone. Always improving! In print and online. Keep building our culture of knowledge and sharing!
- Distribute these materials traditionally *and* aggressively online. Older members (maybe not super tech-comfortable) want print. But AGGRESSIVELY engage young numismatists and new ANA'ers through social media, and everything Internet—videos, databases, great online content.
- Improve access to and USE of our MASSIVE Museum collection and Library.
- Be supportive of our dealers who keep our hobby energetic and flowing—buying, trading, and selling!

I'm a decades-long collector—since I was 6. Started with pennies, and now I love big silver coins, commemoratives, and keys-as-types. I love to learn the history, art, business, and politics behind them all. The ANA needs to help us all LEARN and SHARE our knowledge with everyone—young and old!

I am also an accomplished numismatist and successful businessman. I served on the U.S. Mint's CCAC for 8 years, was a key player in passing the legislation creating the 2019 Apollo commems and 2021 Morgan and Peace restrike programs. I've been the ANA's treasurer for the last two years—and received an ANA Presidential Award for strengthening the club's finances. We now have what we need to succeed.

Professionally, I have been a start-up CEO and CFO. I was an executive in the semiconductor business, trained as an electrical engineer, and have master's degrees in business and computer science. I've been a Wall Street banker to tech companies, am an active angel investor, and run my own real estate and equities investments. I think critically, work hard, do the details, and care deeply for positive work cultures. I will help build a productive ANA that lives within its means.

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CARLOS T. KEARNS
Pittsburgh, PA
ANA 3164553

Thank you for your consideration in the election of a new slate of governors for the ANA. As a member of the Harrisburg Coin Club in my teens, I learned the love of the hobby and

the experience of fellow collectors and dealers for the history and arts of numismatics, both nationally and internationally. The ANA unites collectors, dealers, teachers, and researchers around these themes. I would hope to use my place as governor to advance the hobby and benefit ANA members and supporters. Over the past two years, I have served as special counselor to ANA President Tom Uram and have learned what an effective organization can achieve. I also had the opportunity to serve on the Museum/Library Committee and the Fundraising Committee and understand how these groups help define the future of the ANA and the hobby.

We have a world-class collection of coins and a world-class Library utilizing all media. Digitizing the records of these coins and

manuscripts brings them to all of us, whenever we need them or want to explore some topic of our hobby. I would highlight my commitment to continue the upgrade and sharing of these numismatic and educational resources.

We have ongoing needs to find men and women of all ages to join forces to advance our hobby, build local club strength, and encourage people to publicly encounter the hobby through club meetings and coin shows large and small. Reinforcing our ANA district representatives has been a great success in recent years and I pledge my continued support. Our outreach to members using social media for education across all age groups has been outstanding and should be continued.

In addition to my work for the ANA, I am also a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists, New York Numismatic Club, and the Harrisburg Coin Club. I received an ANA Presidential Award and have curated two presentations and exhibits on the coinage and artist work of Augustus Saint-Gaudens and Victor David Brenner.

I respectfully ask for your consideration and vote this election.



JONATHAN LERNER
Mamaronek, NY
LM 4852

I've been passionate about coin collecting since I was a kid, and that love has grown into a lifelong career. As president of Scarsdale Coin, I've built my reputation on honesty and a deep knowledge of coins,

especially trimes (3-cent silvers), which I'm proud to be considered an expert in.

I've also been involved in numismatics at a community level, serving as past president of the Westchester County Coin Club (WCCC) and as a district representative for the American Numismatic Association. I'm here because I believe in giving back to the hobby and helping collectors of all levels enjoy the process as much as I do.

If elected to be an ANA governor, my goal is simple: to make the ANA even more valuable to collectors. Here's how I plan to do it:

- Make education accessible—I'll work to bring more practical, easy-to-understand resources to collectors at every level. Whether it's through seminars, workshops, or online tools, everyone should have the chance to learn and grow in the hobby.

- Engage and grow the next generation—I'm committed to expanding ANA programs for young numismatists while making the hobby fun and engaging for all collectors. By offering more opportunities for networking, mentoring, and involvement, I'll ensure the next generation feels supported, inspired, and excited about numismatics.

- Make conventions better—ANA events should be a great experience for everyone involved. I'll focus on improving the programming and atmosphere at ANA conventions to make them even more engaging for both collectors and dealers.

- Support all collectors and dealers—I'll advocate for fair, transparent practices that help make collecting a rewarding experience for all.

- Keep the ANA financially strong—We need to ensure the ANA stays healthy and fiscally responsible so it can continue supporting collectors and the numismatic community for years to come.

I'm here to make the ANA work for you—the collectors! Let's keep the hobby strong, exciting, and open to everyone, now and in the future.

"Your Vote. Your Voice. Together, Let's Build the Future of Numismatics."

HENRY MITCHELL
Colorado Springs, CO
LM 5623

Dear Fellow Collectors,

My name is Henry Mitchell, and I am running for a second term on the ANA Board of Governors. I have learned a lot during my first term and would like to continue to serve. I am a collector, not a dealer. By way of background, I grew up around the coin hobby due to my dad, Ralph "Curly" Mitchell. He was a lifelong collector and was vice president of the ANA during World War II (before I was born). He was elected to the ANA Hall of Fame after his death.

After high school, I attended the USAF Academy, graduating in 1970. I served in the Air Force on active duty for 22 years. After that, I worked for Honeywell Aerospace for 15 years, mainly in business development. I retired in 2005 and have taught skiing in Vail, Colorado, since then.

I have assembled and sold collections of biblical coins, Roman *sestertii*, Russian *rubles*, U.S. half cents, Morgan dollars, Confederate currency, Southern states notes, and U.S. type notes. My current interests include Colorado National Bank notes, Alexandrian *drachms*, U.S. mint medals, Betts medals, and Bryan money.

Numismatics for me is people and history. This includes current fellow collectors and dealers, and historical figures highlighted in coins, such as the Roman emperor Sulla, Scottish economist John Law, Admiral Vernon, and Emperor Norton. I am a member of the Medal Collectors Association, the Ancient Coin Collectors Guild, and have been an ANA life member since 1986.

I am particularly interested in the ANA Library and Museum. We have made progress in both these areas, primarily due to increased staffing, which I advocated. Another topic I feel strongly about is that the ANA should have a convention in the western part of the United States. It has been about 8 years since this happened. I also support our club liaison and district representative efforts. I continue to believe that dealers contribute mightily to our hobby, but a balance of dealers and collectors is needed on the Board. I am asking for your support in the election!



DONNA MOON
Orlando, FL
ANA 3159469

My numismatic journey began when my son was 5. His interest in coins meant I became his chauffeur, ensuring his regular attendance at Central Florida Coin Club meetings and local coin shows. His fascination with numismatics became an interest of mine and resulted in my becoming a life member of CFCC, serving as their bourse chair, and secretary/treasurer.

My inquisitiveness about the hobby lead to my current 18 years of service with the Florida United Numismatists' board, serving as a director since 2007. During my tenure, I served as FUN's vice president (2011-13) and as FUN's secretary (2014-19).

In 2019 I joined the Token and Medal Society, accepting the secretary position on their board. I continue to aid the numismatic community by volunteering my time and talent whenever possible.

My assignment as a national volunteer to the exhibit area allows me to utilize my skills as an ANA-certified exhibit judge in addition to assisting our exhibitors. The exhibit area offers great educational opportunities for all ANA members and fellow hobbyists.

Over the years, several numismatic clubs have recognized my service to the hobby, and I was proud to have received the Numismatic Ambassador Award in 2021. I continue to be a strong proponent of educating the collecting public. I believe in encouraging and mentoring young collectors, for they are the future of the hobby. The kids' area at the ANA convention is an excellent numismatic outreach program. Summer Seminar is another outstanding resource for completing our educational mission; we should strive to continue to improve all of our offerings, perhaps by bringing those types of classes closer to our members.

Communication and transparency are the keys to the success of any organization. Our constituents should feel that they are truly a part of the ANA and that their opinions and thoughts matter. My bio certainly proves I am no stranger to the boardroom, and I feel that I have something to offer the American Numismatic Association by running for the position of governor on the Board. Please consider supporting me in the upcoming election.



PHYLLIS A. ROSS, ESQ.
Sugar Land, TX
ANA 1151229

I am the Honorable Phyllis A. Ross, presiding judge; attorney at law; philanthropist; entrepreneur; and numismatist, married to Dr. Ralph W. Ross, past president of the American Numismatic Association, and as a dedicated team we work assiduously to advance the interest of the ANA and promote the advancement of the numismatic hobby. An active and engaged numismatist for over 40 years, I travel extensively to local, state, national, and international coin shows, numismatic events, and conventions, working enthusiastically to cultivate the love of numismatics among diverse demographics while serving as a mentor to young numismatists and women collectors.

I have humbly served as ANA governor since 2023, sharing my vast legal and leadership expertise with the ANA to help advance and achieve important goals. I now campaign for re-election to the ANA Board of Governors to continue sharing my passion for numismatics and serving the best interests of this great organization. Furthermore, I run on a platform to increase ANA membership among all demographics; energize leadership; advance numismatic online education; expand social media growth with high-quality informative content; actively cultivate YN engagement/membership; and ensure effective performance of the Board of Governors' fiduciary and professional obligations. A wife, mother of three, and grandparent of three, I have practiced law since 1992 and served as a judge for nearly 15 years. Active in my community, I am a current governor of the ANA; a former scout leader/volunteer for Girl Scouts of America; an executive board member and chairperson of my church finance and community development committees; an executive board member and committee chairperson of my sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; a mentor to high school, college students, and young professionals; and am actively engaged in other civic organizations. I am a proud graduate of the University of Texas—Austin and the University of Houston Law Center. I am excited about the opportunity to seek another term as ANA governor.



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KENNY SAMMUT
Bradenton, FL
LM 6808

With the right team, two years can make a difference. Alongside my fellow governors, President Tom Uram, and Vice President Mark Lighterman, we began strengthening the ANA's brand and adding growth-building strategies by taking advantage of the vast and diverse professional experiences and expertise of the Board members. We enjoyed an excellent working atmosphere with Executive Director Kim Kiick and her outstanding staff.

President Uram asked me to serve on several ANA committees, giving me an even greater insight on the inner workings of the Association, including opportunities for development. Serving on the Board and committees has been a tremendous pleasure. It is especially gratifying to participate in new initiatives and watch them take root and grow.

Last election cycle, I ran on a platform of aspirations, namely when it came to expanding the ANA's social media presence, brand aware-

ness, and overall marketing structure. I am running again to continue these expansion strategies while developing new ones.

During this past two-year term, I spearheaded the campaign to add an additional staff member to the marketing department whose primary duties would be to focus on online social media marketing and YouTube optimization. With the supporting vote of the board, the position was created, allowing these initiatives to take place.

With the promotion of Amanda Miller to Marketing and Communications Director, the hiring of Community Manager Liv Testa, and the expertise of Digital Marketing Director Pete Gentzler, we are already seeing a large increase in ANA YouTube video views, higher engagement on all the social media platforms, and branding not just inside the numismatic community but throughout mainstream media.

Being involved in numismatics from the viewpoints of a collector, dealer, author, and now NGC coin grader has afforded me a perspective few my age have had the pleasure to learn. I would not be in this position without the direct support of the ANA over the past 12 years. Consequently, I am deeply committed to dedicating my time and effort to our Association that has greatly benefited me and many others.

I appreciatively ask for your vote.



PHILIP VITALE
Albuquerque, NM
ANA 3185482

Collectors and coin clubs are the backbone of our hobby, and many have slipped away from the ANA over the last few years. As the ANA outreach programs coordinator, I have seen firsthand our shortfalls in communication with collectors and clubs. I have leadership skills and education to make a difference in correcting these shortfalls.

My focus as governor will be to: 1) Improve communications with clubs and collectors; 2) Outreach to non-ANA clubs; and 3) Increase memberships for individuals and clubs. My qualifications for accomplishing these tasks include an in-depth knowledge of the ANA by being the national outreach coordinator, master's degrees

in engineering and management, and DoD certifications in systems engineering, program management, and test and evaluation.

Some of my leadership roles include directing the integration and test program for a new nuclear bomb, leading the multi-agency development and integration of a new nuclear warhead, engineering manager for a satellite control facility, president of my coin club for three years, leading a mini seminar to "Enliven Your Club," and management of a nuclear weapon maintenance facilities.

Among my accomplishments are the Glenn Smedley Memorial Award, a Presidential Award, first- and second-place awards every year for the last seven years in the Barbara Gregory Outstanding Club Publications competition, the Albuquerque Coin Club's Numismatist of the Year award, monthly TV appearances on coins and currency, and the Numismatic Scholar designation.

On a personal note, I am married for 51 years and am a military veteran.

