# Constitution, By-Laws, and Order of Business:

# Young Numismatists of America

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#### CONSTITUTION OF THE YOUNG NUMISMATISTS OF AMERICA

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#### Article I. Name

**Section 1.** This organization shall be known as Young Numismatists of America.

Throughout this document, this organization shall be referred to as YNA.

## Article II. Purpose

**Section 1.** The object of the Young Numismatists of America shall be to encourage and dispense numismatic knowledge and cultivate community among its members.

# Article III. Membership

**Section 1.** Any ANA Member older than 10 or in 5th grade, who is younger than 18 or still in high school shall be eligible for YNA membership.

#### Article IV. Officers

**Section 1**. There shall be the Member offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Editor(s). All Officers should be nominated before, and voted on during the annual meeting.

**Section 2.** All Officers and Committee Chairs shall be on the Board of Directors, in addition to anybody appointed by the ANA Director or President on an as-needed basis.

**Section 3.** All YNA Members are eligible for Member office.

**Section 4.** The ANA Director(s) must be over the age of 18 and in good standing with the ANA. There shall be one permanent ANA Director (Christian Strayhorn), and as many other ANA Directors who shall be appointed by Christian Strayhorn on an as-needed basis.

**Section 5.** A YNA Member may only hold one office at a time. The term limit for any one office is three, one year, terms

## **Article V.** Elections & Voting

**Section 1.** All candidates and motions must be approved by the ANA Director in order to

be instated.

**Section 2.** Elections must be run in an orderly manner. Candidates must be nominated by another YNA Member before being put on the ballot.

**Section 3.** In order for a candidate to win an election, a total of 15 votes must be cast and the aforementioned candidate must gain a majority, unless all other candidates withdraw or there are no other candidates. Voting may happen by form, verbally, or by chat.

**Section 4.** Voting must be run in an orderly manner. Once a motion is introduced and seconded, a pure majority must vote in the affirmative for the motion to pass.

#### Article VI. Committees

**Section 1.** All committees, standing or special, wield no official powers, but can only suggest actions to be taken by the Officers, the Board of Directors, or the Club.

**Section 2.** There must be a note-taker at all committee meetings, who will send meeting minutes to the President and ANA Director.

#### Article VII. Amendments

**Section 1.** Motions for amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any member during any Club meeting.

**Section 2.** Proposed amendments must gain the endorsement of the Board of Directors and lay over for a meeting before being put to a vote.

**Section 3.** Amendments must garner a ¾ majority from the membership in order to pass into the Constitution.

# Article VII. Dissolution

**Section 1**. If the YNA is inactive for more than one year, the Executive Board may dissolve the YNA, liquidate all assets, and donate all funds of the YNA to the American Numismatic Association.

**Section 2**. All current members of the YNA shall be notified at least two months before the dissolution takes effect.

#### BYLAWS OF THE YOUNG NUMISMATISTS OF AMERICA

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#### Article I. Officers

**Section 1.** If a Club Officer can no longer be a member of YNA due to age limits, he/she shall resign as Officer and nominate a member in good standing to fill the position.

**Section 2.** The President shall preside at all meetings and supervise all matters of interest to the club and should send an agenda for each meeting to the ANA Director and Board of Directors at least a week before each meeting. The President is also responsible (in collaboration with the ANA Director) for providing speakers and programs for Club meetings.

**Section 3.** The Vice President shall act in the absence of the president at club meetings. The Vice President shall also be responsible for sitting on any committees to which the Presidents appoints him/her.

**Section 4.** The Secretary shall record the minutes of the meeting, record the attendance of the meeting, preserve all documents, and handle general correspondence. The Secretary (in collaboration with the ANA Director) is also responsible for collecting all nominations, vote counting in all elections and amendments, and announcing the results.

**Section 5.** The Editor is responsible for producing a newsletter or magazine for distribution to members and (if applicable) the public. The Editor is also responsible for maintaining a consistent format for all official club correspondence.

**Section 6.** The ANA Director(s) is responsible for coordinating and communicating with the ANA, its Board of Directors, and leadership. The ANA Director(s) is also responsible for providing meeting links for Club meetings and providing any material from the ANA.

**Section 7.** All members of the Board of Directors must attend Board meetings and Club meetings whenever possible and are responsible for directing suggestions to the

President, ANA Director, and membership as to what changes are practical. The Board of Directors may grant Honorary Memberships to any numismatist who has been of great help to the YNA, the ANA, or numismatics as a whole.

#### Article II. Committees

**Section 1.** The Chair of any Committee is entitled to a spot on the Board of Directors. Committees wield no official powers, but make suggestions to Officers, the Board of Directors, or the membership as to Club actions.

**Section 2.** Special committees may be instituted and filled at the recommendation of the President. Special committees may provide suggestions as to club action in any area and are automatically dissolved when their final report is submitted.

**Section 3.** Permanent committees may be founded by the President with the verbal consent of members. Permanent committees may be disbanded with the verbal consent of members.

# Article III. Membership

**Section 1.** An ANA Member shall become a YNA Member upon submission and acceptance of membership application and parental consent form to the ANA Director, with all additions and subtractions to be presented during the next meeting by the Secretary.

**Section 2.** All YNA Members have full voting rights, can run for office, or serve on the Board of Directors.

**Section 3.** A YNA Member can voluntarily be removed from membership by contacting the Secretary, who will inform the Board of Directors.

**Section 4.** A YNA Member may be forcibly removed when they are no longer eligible for membership (as determined by age or ANA membership), violated the Code of Conduct or have disrupted Club proceedings.

**Section 4a.** In the case of ineligibility, the Secretary shall inform the Board of

Directors and the Member in question. The Board of Directors will confirm the removal virtually, by call, mail, or virtually.

**Section 4b.** In the case of disruption, the ANA Director may remove or suspend any Member immediately. Only the ANA Director can reinstate Members removed for disruption.

#### Article IV. Member Dues

**Section 1.** There will be no membership dues at this time. This may be adjusted by amendment.

# **Article V.** Agenda Structure

**Section 1.** The President must submit a proposed agenda, including the finalized program and program speaker, for an upcoming meeting at least a week in advance.

**Section 2.** The ANA Director may finalize the agenda for release by the Secretary to the membership through the appropriate means.

# Article VI. Meetings

**Section 1.** The procedure of all meetings shall be conducted according to accepted parliamentary law.

**Section 2.** The Order of Meeting may be suspended by the President, with verbal consent from Members.

**Section 3.** Regular meetings shall be scheduled at least quarterly, with allowances for more regular meetings should the Board of Directors recommend so.

### Section 4.

# Article VI. Budget

**Section 1.** As there are no dues, a budget is not necessary. This may be adjusted by amendment.

## **Article VII.** Code of Conduct

**Section 1.** All YNA Members shall agree with and be subject to the ANA Member Code

of Ethics.

**Section 2.** All YNA Members must not abuse communications with other YNA Members, disrespect Officers, or violate the Constitution, By-Laws, and Order of Meeting. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary actions from the Board of Directors.

#### **Article VIII.** Honorary Membership

**Section 1.** Honorary Membership may be granted to any person in good standing with the ANA by the President or Board of Directors. Honorary Members may attend meetings, with the ANA Director's permission, but do not have any voting or speaking privileges unless allowed by the President.

**Section 2.** Honorary Members have a right to receive the online newsletter/magazine, should they desire to.

#### **Article IX.** Publications

**Section 1.** A newsletter and magazine may be published with the support of the Board of Directors.

#### **Article X.** General

**Section 1.** No screenshots, pictures, or recordings of meetings shall be taken by any YNA Member.

**Section 2.** A club library may be maintained for the benefit of the members. The President shall correspond with the ANA Director to provide access to the ANA Lending Library and negotiate fees.

**Section 3.** The order of business may be postponed by the ANA Director, the President, a two-thirds vote or by verbal consent.

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- 1. Call to order by the President. Optional. President: "The meeting will come to order."
- 2. Affirming the last Meeting Minutes. Optional. President: "The secretary provided the minutes of the meeting of \_\_\_\_\_\_ (date) in the newsletter... Are there any corrections to the minutes? If not, they stand approved as read." If corrections are made, the president says, "They stand approved as corrected."
- 3. Reports. Important correspondence shall be made in the newsletter and may be discussed during the next meeting. Officers and Committees may also give reports on their actions and present recommendations, which must gain the support of the Board and ANA Director in order to be voted on. The Board of Directors may give a report on their decisions and recommendations (recommendations require a vote). The President or Secretary may also give a membership update.
- **4. Unfinished and New Business.** The minutes of the previous meeting will show if any business was postponed from that meeting. The president or any club officer or members may introduce new business.
- 5. Announcements by the President.
- **6. Program.** The President announces the program and its speaker, who in turn presents the program.
- **7. Raffle.** Optional. Each person on the attendance seat shall be given a number and the President or ANA Director shall share his screen as he uses a random number generator to pick the winner. This may be repeated as many times as needed until all prizes are depleted. Prizes may be made available by any numismatist or entity through the ANA, or by the ANA Director.
- **8. Auction.** Optional. May be changed at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- **9. Quiz.** Optional. Topics can include the minting process, numismatic history, market dynamics, or something related to the Program. A prize can be made available by the ANA Director, if he/she so wishes.

- **10. General Discussion.** Optional. Led by the President.
- **11. Adjournment.** Optional. The meeting usually ends by unanimous consent. The president asks, "Is there anything further to come before us? If not, we stand adjourned". If a motion to adjourn is required, the president asks, "Is there anything further to come before us? If not, a motion to adjourn is in order." A member moves for adjournment and the motion is seconded. The president says, "It has been moved by \_\_\_\_\_\_ (name of member) and seconded that we adjourn. All those in favor say 'Aye. Those opposed, say 'No'. The motion is carried and we stand adjourned." One rap of the gavel signifies the end of the meeting.