— Meeting Summary —
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After greetings were shared and members settled in, Elliot started the membership report. The numbers were encouraging; the YNA had reached 60 members, an excellent improvement. There are still YN Challenge Coins available, so members were encouraged to claim theirs if they had not done so already.

In the Editor's Report, it was announced answering riddles in *TYN*'s Collectors' Challenges column was a new way to earn YN dollars. The patriot July issue of *TYN* was revealed, and it boasted more than 15,000 words on 43 pages. Exonumia & Paper Money, was a new column announced, featuring three articles. Cam Scheirer was selected as the columnist. Nate summarized other parts of the issue, including the interview with ANA President Thomas J. Uram and the Collectors' Challenges games. Additionally, new writing resources were posted to the Google Classroom for any members to freely access. A grant proposal for an end-of-year issue of *TYN* with the top articles of 2025 was revealed. Though the grant for nearly $2,700 was sent in, the club is awaiting word on the status of the request. There is no guarantee that it will occur.

Next, the website, now up at money.org/yn-america, was shown to all members. Pete Gentzler, the ANA webmaster who put the site together, and YNA members who gave advice along the development process were thanked for their work. Furthermore, an upcoming social media campaign was announced, and Elliot reiterated the need for volunteers. Luckily, many members were eager to assist in creating future posts. Club news, member spotlights, announcements, informational/educational tidbits were listed as possible types of posts. Elliot's last few remarks about the state of the club included the focus on finances and social media in coming months. Also, Elliot published an article on the YNA in one of the July/August issue of ERRORSCOPE and another on the ANA's Reading Room as well: *readingroom.money.org/ana-launches-young-numismatists-of-america*

The amendment to combine order of meeting items 3–9 and re-number subsequent items, which was proposed last meeting and had begun to be voted on, passed with overwhelming (>90%) support. The bylaws document has been adjusted and published to our website.

Regarding finances, Elliot recalled the $200 donation from Thomas Uram and $2500 from CVS (thanks Jeff Swindling for submitting the grant request!) for a total of $2700 in the YNA Treasury. Additional money must come from outside sources, not member dues. Spending is still at the President's discretion but must be approved and administered by the ANA Director. Though there are currently no expenditures and nobody assigned to track the YNA finances, potential expenditures may include a print issue of *TYN* and making Mini-Mint medallions.

A new officer position was announced: the Treasurer of the YNA. Members were free to apply, and the Treasurer would be chosen by the discretion of Elliot and Christian. Due to the monetary nature and responsibilities, nominees were required to be fourteen years old and submit a campaign message to the Board. They are to manage the YNA finances with precision, clarity, and integrity, and if needed, develop budgets for the year and/or individual projects. The Treasurer will periodically report to the rest of the Board.

There were two raffle lots; one had paper money and notgeld, and the other had Vietnamese coins and a replica bill

Seth Chandler, owner of Witter Coin and chancellor of Witter Coin U, was expected to attend the meeting. However, he was traveling Europe and could not join because of a timezone mishap. In lieu of his presentation, Christian presented about an interest of hers before she was a numismatist: collecting Smurfs. She discussed places they were produced, how to identify counterfeits, and rare types. There are certainly some parallels to coins!

Afterward, there was a roundtable discussion. Several new YNA members introduced themselves. Welcome! Summer Seminar highlights, ongoing numismatic projects, and new purchases were some of the topics discussed.