

The History of Central States

(Part 20 - 1986-1988)

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Our Central States president, John Cain, wrote an eloquent farewell "Commentary" in the spring, 1986, issue of *The Centinel*. He was finishing his two-year presidential term and had much to say about the direction Central States was taking. He was most proud that the CSNS board had gotten the ball rolling for "our long proposed fall convention." Indeed, the hard-working Omaha Coin Club had agreed to host the first-ever fall convention, October 17-18, 1987. President Cain was also pleased to note that the 1986 spring convention was to take place on his "home turf," Kansas City, Missouri.

Coincidentally, CSNS Secretary-Treasurer Marjorie Owen-Hendershott wrote her last message in the same issue of *The Centinel*. She also commented on the upcoming Kansas City convention to be held in the Westin Crown Center, April 2-5, and made a plea for more show attendees to visit the exhibit area and suggested that time spent digesting educational exhibits could prevent being taken advantage of in the bourse area!

The sparkling new 720 room Westin Crown Center Hotel hosted the 1986 CSNS convention with Chairman Ralph Hardman and his experienced K.C. crew running the show. It was a convention with something for everyone: a McIntire auction, a PNG Day, a large exhibit area, and an educational forum featuring Oscar H. Dodson, and dealers Dan Brown and Aubrey Bebee.



Harold H. Berk, twenty-first President of Central States, served from 1976 - 1978.

The CSNS Board, meeting in K.C., decided to continue sponsoring two adults and two juniors for the ANA Summer Seminars. A bylaw change was proposed to use an independent firm to count election ballots. Also, the Board came up with the idea to appoint a "convention coordinator" to oversee all convention details.

Marge Owen-Hendershott volunteered to become Central States' historian.



1975 - Kansas City: A wine and cheese book signing party heralded the official release of *The Catalog of Franklin Mint Products* authored by publisher Chester L. Krause and Virginia Culver, president of the ANA. Although the name of the gentleman (at far left) visiting with Krause was not recorded, others in the group included show chairman Ray Lefman, Charles Keeler, Ray Byrne and Bernice "Bink" Stevenson. (Finner photo.)

Successful candidates in the 1986 election were: President - Leon Hendrickson, 1st V.P. - Michael Kolman, 2nd V.P. - Marge Owen-Hendershott, Secretary-Treasurer - Bob Douglas, and Governors Harold Berk, Harry X Boosel, James Fairfield, Dick Grinolds, Ralph Hardman, Richard Hartzog, Kurt Krueger, Ray Lefman, Donald Mark, Leonard Owen, Florence Schook, Helen Sedo and John Wilson.

The interim board meeting held in St. Louis proved to be a very productive event. Don Hudson of Indianapolis was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the sudden death of Harold Berk. Dues were increased to \$5.00 starting in 1987, and two bylaw revisions were approved for submission to the membership both dealing with election procedures and member voting rights. Joe Jones of Iola, Wis., was appointed as advertising manager to handle all ads in the *The Centinel*, and Secretary-Treasurer Bob Douglas was happy to report that the new CSNS computer was beginning to pay off!

The 1987 convention was held in the St. Louis Cervantes Center, May 7-10. The Missouri Numismatic Society and the St. Louis Numismatic Society supplied an experienced group of volunteers to manage the show. Examples of this leadership were Roger Munie, chairman, and James Moores, exhibit chairman.



1975 - Kansas City: Another convention was history! Local committee members, glad for the chance to relax and collect their thoughts, included (from the left) Allison Lowe, Charles Keeler, Ralph Hardman and John Cain.

The convention was a success by any measure. From the huge McIntire auction to the ladies' luncheon and the well-attended ANACS forum on coin grading and counterfeit detection. This educational event was presented by J. P. Martin and Mary Sauvain. The Professional Currency Dealers Association (PCDA), the Society of Paper Money Collectors (SPMC), and the International Bank Note Society (IBNS) held meetings during the convention. The educational forum included Ron Horstman, Bruce Smith and Q. David Bowers. Three-hundred-twenty-five dealers and 125 tables of exhibits were present.

During the convention board meeting, President Hendrickson appointed a two-person committee to act as Convention Coordinators: Marge Owen-Hendershott was to handle show administrative details, and Kevin Foley would be in charge of site selection.

The first-ever CSNS fall convention took place, October 17-18, at the Holiday Inn Central in Omaha, Nebraska. Seventy-six dealers participated and a good crowd attended, except during the University of Nebraska football game! CSNS board members believed that this convention gave them a chance to meet collectors that normally didn't attend the annual spring convention.

The 49th anniversary convention was held in Indianapolis, April 7-10, 1988. The team of Jerry Lebo, bourse chairman; Mary Hutchison, exhibit chair; and show co-chairmen Don Hudson and Howard Linville put on an excellent, well-attended show in President Hendrickson's home state. Over 350 dealers manned the bourse. And the quality and scope of exhibits was another reason to have positive memories of the Hoosier convention.

1988 was another CSNS election year. Elected were: President - Michael Kolman, 1st V.P. - Marge Owen-Hendershott, 2nd V.P. - Leonard Owen, Secretary-Treasurer - Bob Douglas, and Governors Earl Armstrong, Harry X Boosel, Dick Grinolds, Ralph Hardman, Don

Hudson, Kurt Krueger, Donald Mark, Paul Padgett, Florence Schook, Leon Thornton and John Wilson.

Future conventions were scheduled for Dayton, Ohio - Fall, 1988; Overland Park, Kansas - Spring, 1989; Battle Creek, Michigan - Fall, 1989; Milwaukee, Wisconsin - Spring, 1990; and Louisville, Kentucky - Fall, 1990.