

Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS)
Board Meeting
Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5, 2024
Omaha, Nebraska

President Mitch Ernst called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM CST.

Cindy Wibker took roll call. Present in person were President Mitch Ernst, Governor Samuel Ernst, Governor David Harper, Governor David Nazzaro, Governor Gerry Tebben, and Convention Manager Cindy Wibker. Present via zoom were Secretary/Treasurer Jack Huggins and Editor Barbara Gregory. Excused absence to Vice President Brett Irick and Governor Carrie Meyer.

Motion by David Harper and second by Gerry Tebben to approve the minutes of July 16, 2024, meeting with three minor corrections from Samuel Ernst. Motion carried unanimously.

Huggins presented a treasurer's report. Motion by David Harper and second by Samuel Ernst to approve the report. Motion carried all yes.

Huggins said CSNS has experienced increased membership from the state highlighted in the new program. Membership is slow currently.

Barbara Gregory sent the fall issue of *The Centinel* to the press yesterday. She asked someone to help sell advertising, a new board member, and pay them a commission. Gregory will create a flyer for Wibker to distribute at shows and include in mailings, and Samuel Ernst will post it on the CSNS website.

President Ernst said he is thrilled with the status of CSNS. A new entertainment center and parking garage beside the Renaissance, with Andretti Racing, is set to open in the fall of 2025.

Break from 10:15-10:30 AM.

Huggins proposed a new exhibit program beginning at CSNS 2025. Exhibits will be limited to five cases and must pertain to the state being showcased. The 100-point judging system is weighed toward numismatic information and appearance. Motion by Samuel Ernst and seconded by Harper to approve the concept for the new exhibit program. Motion passed all yes. In further discussion, President Ernst suggested a mailing to all state clubs about the new exhibit program, as well as a press release in the winter edition of *The Centinel*. Huggins proposed three judges and one winner in an open class.

Samuel Ernst reported as webmaster he created a QR code that can be used for membership.

Nebraska Numismatic Association President John Veach was introduced to the board and said an educational program featuring Nebraska currency with livestock on it is being prepared.

Motion by Samuel Ernst to adjourn for the day, seconded by Gerry Tebben, and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:14 PM.

The meeting is reconvened on Saturday, October 5, at 9:02 AM. David Nazzaro made a motion for an executive session, seconded by Brett Irick, and the motion carried all yes. Motion by David Harper and seconded by Samuel Ernst at 9:21 AM to leave the executive session, and the motion passed all yes.

Secretary Huggins requested help with address changes and the deaths of members, and Wibker offered to help.

Roll calls were taken with everyone present either in person or via zoom.

Cindy Wibker gave her convention manager's report. All agreed on these items – (1) the ticket system for slabbed quarters worked well and can continue, (2) PNG ribbons are good for Wednesday only and then CSNS dealer ribbons are required, (3) ribbons can be mailed in advance to dealers only if their bourse fees and dues are paid in full, (4) the cheaper table section can be expanded in the back right corner of the bourse floor, (5) Wibker will talk to Allied security regarding using Kenny Mullins for security for the 2025 show, (6) no sponsor wall in 2025, (7) use special or roll out signs for major sponsors, and (8) Wibker will have 100-150 sponsor stickers made (rectangular, blue with white lettering) to attach to the top of the dealers' signs.

The motion by David Harper and second by Brett Irick authorizing Wibker to purchase up to 250 new showcases from Allstate. Motion passed, all yes. Request showcases be sent on pallets vs in boxes to save money. Wibker to work with dock master Kathy at the Renaissance regarding shipping directly to the convention site.

The December board meeting will include a formal proposal for Samuel Ernst to become CSNS property manager. CSNS gloves will be offered to the cleaning crew.

Break from 10:22 – 10:29 AM.

Motion by Irick and second by Tebben for Wibker to purchase yellow promotional cloth bags like the sample from 4imprint, with CSNS logo and branding on them. Motion passed, all yes votes.

Motion by Irick and second by Nazzaro to use the yellow background sample booth signs provided by Fern Decorating. Motion carried, all yes votes.

All lanyards were used in 2024 and Wibker is to purchase 1,000 new ones.

Motion by Tebben and second by Harper to offer a discounted second table to Greg Allen as a thank you for promoting CSNS on the show circuit, with Wibker to set the amount of the discount. Motion passed, all yes votes.

Motion by Irick and second by Harper to offer publication of the convention program, including ad sales, to Coin World. No vote was taken. All agreed Wibker will talk to *Coin World* and *Greysheet* regarding producing the program with the CSNS brand, and the publisher to keep all advertising revenue. 2,200 copies to be produced, and the cost for a full-page ad is \$450.00.

Motion by Irick to adjourn for lunch, seconded by Samuel Ernst, and the motion carried with all yes votes.

Lunch break from 12:08 until 1:13 PM.

Mitch Ernst gave his education report, stating the state showcase program is extremely popular, with states committed through 2030. Nebraska will be highlighted in 2025 and is making plans. The Newman Numismatic Portal is on board again and the speakers are being scheduled. Motion by Irick and second by Tebben to accept the education report. Motion passed, all yes votes.

Further discussion of the new exhibit program and all agreed – (1) prize for the winner will be set in December (plaque, gold coin, and CSNS membership all suggested), (2) three judges will work as a team similar to the best of show judges at other conventions, (3) rating sheets will not be returned, (4) exhibitors may attend their exhibit to interact with the public after judging is completed, and (5) judges may offer suggestions for improvement. Motion by Samuel Ernst to accept the exhibit program as amended, second by Irick. Motion carried unanimously.

Huggins said he acknowledges 50-year members annually and they no longer must pay dues. He also said he needs a supplier for metal life membership cards. Irick and Samuel Ernst found some online.

At the board's request, Wibker will ask Fern about the possibility of storing CSNS property in Schaumburg in an inside storage facility.

Motion to adjourn by Nazzaro, seconded by Tebben. Motion carried with all yes votes. The meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM.