

WIN General Meeting
August 4, 2017
Denver, Colorado

WIN President Charmy Harker called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. There were 16 people in attendance. She announced raffle ticket sales are booming and the 50/25/25 drawing will be held at 9:45 AM tomorrow (Saturday) at the FUN table, 263.

WIN is excited about our mentoring program, although we currently have mentors but need people to be mentored. The only requirement is they must be WIN members. A press release targeting young numismatists will be prepared and submitted to various publications.

There is a new feature in *Winning Ways*, personal profiles of our members. Harker encouraged everyone to submit their profile, along with a photograph, for publication in a future issue.

WIN is also holding a contest for articles written on the *100 Greatest Women On Coins*, as published in Ron Guth's book. A list of the 100 was published in the most recent issue of *Winning Ways*.

Harker announced that the winner of the 2016 Gloria Peters Literary Award for the best article published in *Winning Ways* was Kari Brower, for her article, "Original Concepts: Felix Schlag's Original Award Winning 1938 Jefferson Nickel Design." Kari receives a plaque and a check in the amount of \$50. All WIN members are encouraged to submit articles for publication.

Former WIN President Lorraine Weiss said some very kind words about Catherine Bullowa Moore, who recently passed away. Catherine was a pioneer for women in numismatics in the 1950's and made many contributions to our industry and hobby.

Guest speaker Steve D'Ippilito began his presentation entitled "A Century of Empresses, Russia in the 19th Century." The 18th century was particularly interesting, as 2/3 of the century was ruled by empresses. Here is the basic outline as I recorded it at the meeting:

Peter I "The Great" – Peter I was born in 1672, and ruled from 1682-1696 with Ivan. He ruled solely from 1696-1725. Peter I was best known for modernizing Russian coinage.

Catherine I - Married Peter I in 1707 and ruled from 1725-1727.

Peter II – Son of Peter 1, but his mother was not Catherine I, as Peter 1 was married more than

once. Peter II ruled from 1727-1730. He was engaged to be married, but died a few days before his wedding from smallpox.

Anna – Anna was the daughter of Ivan and ruled from 1730-1740. She surrounded herself with German advisors, was coarse and not liked by the Russians.

Ivan VI – Great nephew of Anna. Ivan VI ruled from 1740-1741, and began ruling at 9 weeks old. He was deposed (could he talk?) at the age of 1 and imprisoned. This was the end of the Miloslavskiy branch of the family rule.

Elizabeth – Rule was now shifted back to the Naryshkin branch of the family. Elisabeth was born in 1709 and ruled 1741-1761. She selected her nephew Peter as her successor. She ruled during the Seven Years War, known in America as the French and Indian War.

Peter III – Ruled for only six months, 1761-1762.

Catherine II “The Great” – Born in 1729 and ruled 1762-1796, 1/3 of the 18th century. She established a hospital system and was the first to inoculate for smallpox. She also advanced the education system.

Steve’s presentation was wonderful and he had photos of beautiful coins to accompany his historical outline. Louise Boling thanked Steve and presented him with a WIN certificate of appreciation.

There was no further business to discuss, and the meeting adjourned at 9:54 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Wibker

WIN Secretary