

Women In Numismatics (WIN) General Meeting
August 11, 2016
Anaheim, CA

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM by WIN President Charmy Harker. There were 22 people in attendance. Harker reminded everyone that a celebration of WIN's 25th anniversary was being held, with cake provided by Florida United Numismatists (FUN) being served at the FUN table at noon. At 6:30 PM there is a social mixer at the lounge in the Hilton Hotel.

Everyone present introduced themselves, stating what they collect and where they are from. Harker then mentioned a few new programs that will be introduced by WIN. The first is a mentoring program to help new collectors get started, and the second is a series of articles with a biography of a WIN member. Anyone interested in participating in the biography program should contact Dave Heinrich, editor of *Winning Ways*.

The Gloria Peters Literary Award for the 2015 calendar year was presented by Carrie Best and Lisa Loos. Best and Loos, along with Kathy Freeland, were the judges. The recipient was Cindy Wibker, for her article "Introduction to Coins of the Bible." Wibker received a plaque and a check for \$50.00.

The first speaker to reminisce about the early days of WIN was one of WIN's founders, Sondra Beymer. Sondra was originally in broadcast journalism, and holds a master's degree in psychology. She mentioned the other founders – Mary Sauvain, who was a grader with ANACS for six years, Beth Deisher, editor of *Coin World*, and Teresa Darling, corporate VP of the Long Beach Expo and also with Zaidman and Lopresto Rare Coins. Sam Lopresto was instrumental in the early years with financial support. WIN was organized in 1991, and everyone felt they needed a dynamic name. Beginning at the FUN show in January 1992, regular meetings with speakers, both women and men, were planned.

Nancy Wilson remembered Sam Lopresto donated \$1,000.00 to get WIN established, and also allowed meetings at the Long Beach Expo. Nancy's dad was in the jukebox business and brought home coins for her and her brother to go through. Her brother found three 3-legged Buffalo nickels and gave her one. Nancy's husband, John, is the first associate member of WIN and they both encourage exhibiting at coin shows.

Prue Fitts inherited a handful of gold cup-shaped coins from her father to get her started. She has seen a big change in how women dealers are treated and approached. Patti Finner was important to WIN in the early years. Prue said her first visit to a bourse floor felt like "the

money changers in the temple.” Publication of her book on Byzantine coins was encouraged by WIN as she wrote articles and began speaking on the topic. Prue is a big fan of WIN’s scholarship to the ANA summer conference.

Due to time constraints, Cindy Wibker did not speak but promised to write up her talk as an article for *Winning Ways*. Louise Boling presented each of the speakers with a certificate from WIN and thanked them for their participation. There was a door prize drawing, and each person present left with a gift – an older set of WIN elongated coins, a souvenir card by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, or a booklet about the history of women at the U.S. Mint. Best reminded everyone about the raffle drawing, and Boling announced more 25th anniversary sets of elongated coins were available at \$10 each.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Wibker

Secretary, WIN