

TEC President Annual Report – 2019

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First I want to thank everyone for being a member of TEC! This is a great organization because of our members. Also a very special thank you to the 2017-2019 TEC Board – your cooperation and support has been outstanding. The 2019-2021 Board will be inducted at the TEC Annual Meeting. At that time we say good-bye Danielle (as she focuses on her advanced degree) and welcome Bob Frazier as a new TEC Governor. Our Board works well together, handles their respective responsibilities and willingly assists each other and our members. These volunteers devote their time and experience for the betterment of our organization. We wouldn't be able to continue without a well-functioning Board; thank you for your willingness to serve.

We had a good year thanks to all of you! Some of the key activities this year:

TEC has been very visible during the last 12 months. We had an official TEC Booth at the FUN show in Orlando, The National Money Show in Pittsburgh, as well as the annual meeting and booth at the World's Fair of Money. Mini-meets were hosted in St Louis by Nina MacDonald, Rockville, IN by Brad Ream, and in Holly, MI by the Marbutt's. The Northwest Numismatic Association has a penny machine at their booth at the Washington State Fair, and requested brochures about TEC. Applications and JOIN TEC coins were provided... that resulted in 12 new members. We also had members sign up at the PAN show and Richard Hand enrolled 7 new members from the Northeast Numismatic Association events. Our Facebook page continues to add new members and many of them are joining TEC.

Dillard Exhibit Awards were presented throughout the year when exhibits contained elongated coins. This year exhibits with elongateds were at the PAN show, Hawaii State Numismatic Show, FUN Show, National Money Show, Georgia Numismatic Association Show, Central States Numismatic Show, and the Worlds Fair of Money. Exhibits were also done by individuals on a local level.

TEC Birthday coins and card were mailed to our Junior members during their birth month.

During 2019 we ran a special to expose our members to the full color, digital format of TECNews. The digital version was provided free to any print newsletter member. Beginning in 2020, a membership option will be available to receive both versions at a slightly additional cost.

Beginning with the July 2019 issue of TECNews we began sending the newsletter in a special strong envelope. Periodically members were receiving mangled newsletter or newsletters missing the coins. The cost of mailing the newsletter in the envelope was the same as sending just the newsletter with the coins stapled inside. The only additional cost was in the purchase of the envelopes. Although only one mailing has taken place using the envelopes, it seems to have solved the problem of missing coins.

One of our biggest expenses is in the mailing of the newsletter. In an effort to cut costs to avoid an increase in membership fees, we began using older stamps that are purchased at a discount. This program has gone over very well and many members favorably comment about the different stamps being used. We appreciate Jim, TEC Treasurer, suggesting this change and working to find the best vendor of the stamps. A special thank you also goes to Les, who has some additional work as he needs to figure out which denomination stamps can be used on the newsletter envelope and then apply multiple stamps.

To help members share information about elongateds and TEC, at this year's annual meeting our guest presenter will be Burton Neal Levy, the 1979/80 TEC VP. He has offered members a CD containing a presentation about elongateds that can be used at coin club meetings, Scouts, etc. The best recruitment comes from our members. Making a presentation available will help others spread the word about our great hobby.

Keep up the great work of sharing our hobby and TEC with others!