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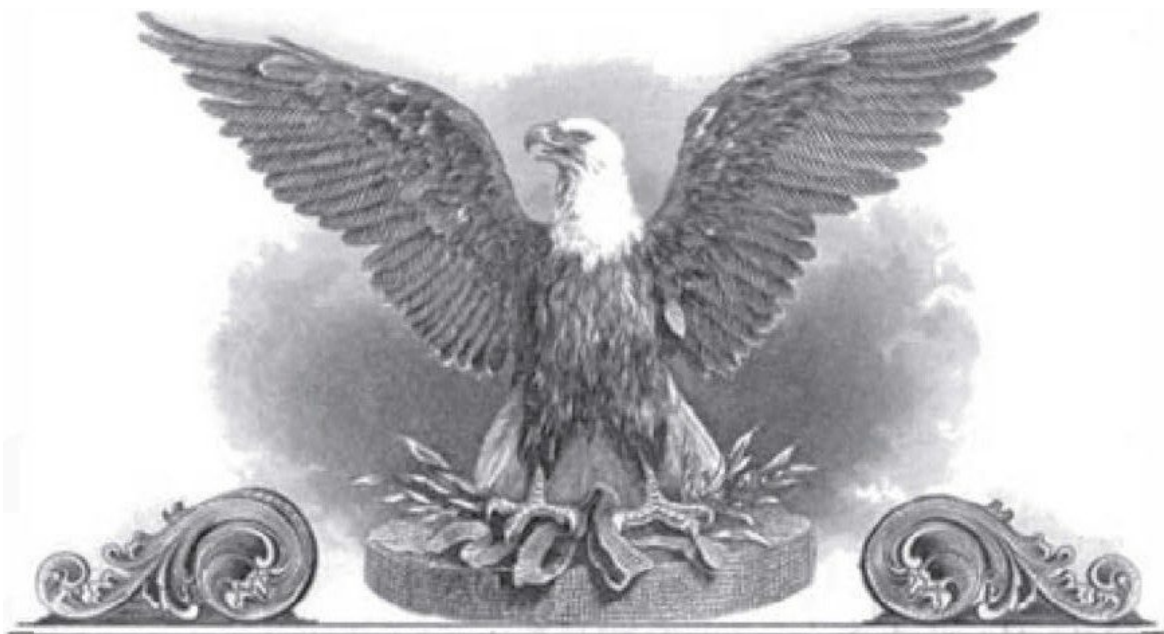


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The next meeting will be October 19th, 2026

Monthly meetings of the Indianapolis Coin Club are held the third Monday of each month (except December) at the Northside Events and Social Club, 2100 E. 71st Street in Indianapolis, IN 46220. The meetings consist of a business session, educational program, an intermission, and a numismatic auction. Doors open at 6:00 pm; the meeting will begin at 7:00.



As hopefully all of our members know, the ICC has a library that is free to use for its members. The current list of library books is available on the ICC website. Jim Sukup usually brings a few books each month, but we want to make sure that everyone is aware of the books that are available. Email Jim prior to the meeting and he will bring your selection if it is available.

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This Month's Educational Program Will Be:



**Collecting Paper Money
by an Eberhardt**

A Few Words from Your President

As we're getting towards the end of the year, and my term as club president, I wanted to clean up some loose ends. The board of directors met last weekend, and discussed the following items:

Electronic payments may be made for ICC auctions if the seller allows it. Any electronic payments accepted should be listed on the auction sheet.

The slate of candidates for 2027 has been finalized; this can be found on page 6 of this month's *Planchet*.

In appreciation of his past and ongoing contributions to the club, ICC Life Member and former ICC President, Vice President, Secretary, and Board Member Vinton Dove has been made an Honorary Board Member.

The club will have a High Roller's auction at the April 2027 meeting. For this auction, lots will have a minimum bid of \$100, a maximum of 5 lots per member, and a bid sheet fee of \$5 per item. Lot descriptions and photos may be submitted to the *Planchet* editor, and will be advertised in the *Planchet* prior to the auction. We will discuss this further at our next club meeting.

Andy Nahrwold

ICC President

The 2026 Indianapolis Coin Club Officers and Board Members

President	Andy Nahrwold	Board Member 2025-2026	Chris Bower
Vice-President	Donn Wray	Board Member 2025-2026	Vinton Dove
Secretary	Jim Sukup	Board Member 2025-2026	Jim Roehrdanz
Treasurer	Gerald Coraz	Board Member 2026-2027	Jeff Bercovitz
Newsletter Editor	Joseph Boling	Board Member 2026-2027	Scott Grant
Past President	Sharon Bower	Board Member 2026-2027	Steve Howery
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jim Warden		

Back to the Sesquicentennial – But the Medal, Not A Coin

By Mark Benvenuto

As our semiquincentennial gets underway – sometimes shortened to just semi-Q – and the coins made for it are found more in everyday pocket change, it's not hard to look back at the bicentennial year, 1976, and see what we might be able to find related to our nation's 200th birthday. It's a bit tougher to find numismatic items related to our sesquicentennial – the 150th anniversary way back in 1926 – but there is one that we might claim is hiding in plain sight. We're talking about a 1926 medal that we can still find, if we are patient, and if we do some looking.

The medal, in different versions

The medal that was made to commemorate the nation's 150th anniversary is properly called the "1926 U.S. Sesquicentennial Exposition Official Medal," and was, as the name implies, struck as part of the larger Sesquicentennial Exposition held at the fairgrounds of Philadelphia. The medals, in all forms, were struck at the Mint exhibit that was part of the larger expo.

Most art critics would argue that the obverse of this medal is the least artistic aspect of it, in that the portrait of the bust of President Washington actually seems to be secondary to the rather massive lettering that proclaims "SES-QUICENTENNIAL-INTERNATIONAL-EXPOSITION." The date and thirteen stars are also on the obverse, with a small Liberty Bell at the bottom, under "PHILADELPHIA 1926." All in all, the design can be considered handsome, but can more easily be considered crowded.

The reverse is where this design really shines, pun intended. The figure of Liberty rides a Pegasus – the winged horse of myth – while holding a radiant torch in her left hand. This is simply a wonderful piece of medallic artwork, one that is about as inspired by the classics as a modern creation can be.

This commemorative medal can be found in a rather large array of metals. The most common today, for any collector searching one out, is going to be either the brass or the bronze version. Some have suffered from some type of benign neglect over the last hundred years, but others still look as good as when they were struck. There are also examples struck in copper and in nickel, and the least common appears to be those few made as gold-plated examples. As we might expect, not only are these tougher to find today, they are more expensive.

The artist

The designer of this now-classic medal was Albin Polasek, who was born in Moravia, but in what is now the Czech Republic, and who came to the States as a young man. Those of us in the collecting community who know our history in detail are probably aware that Mr. P was one of three artists invited to produce designs for the dime, quarter, and half dollar that came out in 1916, as he had already made a name for himself. Since Adolph Weinman landed the Winged Liberty dime (aka. the Mercury dime) and Walking Liberty half dollar, and Hermon MacNeil got the Standing Liberty quarter, it's pretty easy to claim that Mr. Polasek was not a winner. But that was only for this one competition.

In 1916, Albin Polasek took charge of the Sculpture Department at the school of the esteemed Art Institute of Chicago, which probably dulled any disappointment concerning the dime-quarter-half-dollar competition. Additionally, Mr. Polasek was a serious artist of monumental sculptures, and produced over 400 during his career. That number is impressive all by itself, but is more so when we realize he did 18 of them after having suffered a stroke! The Sesquicentennial medal is the main one of his works that numismatists remember, but it is only one work in an

enormous and impressive body of sculptures he produced in his lifetime.

The purchase

For those of us who wish to add a sesquicentennial piece from 1926 to any assembly we are putting together of semiquincentennial pieces, the logical first question is: just where do we get one? There is more than one answer to this, but there are what we can call “the usual suspects” here.

First, be patient, attend plenty of coin and antiquity shows, and see if we can find one or more of the sesquicentennial pieces. Patience is the key word here. For those of us sorely lacking in this virtue (a common woe among myself and others, really), we can go to the never-closing online forums and see what is available. Our friends at eBay usually have a few for sale, and in this case have everything from lower-end pieces at about \$70, to one that is slabbed and graded MS-64 – and that costs close to \$400. It looks like the fine folks at Etsy also have some for sale. And importantly, both have plenty of other medals and souvenir items that were part of the big celebration in 1926.

The semi-Q dual-dated nickel, the dime, the multiple quarters, and the half dollar are all going to be items searched out for years after this 250th anniversary is over and the proverbial dust has settled. Folks will probably spend considerable time and money trying to find each of these coins in absolute tip top conditions. But for those of us who wish to go one step farther, it might be worth adding a 1926 sesquicentennial medal to our growing collections.



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The nominees for 2027 Indianapolis Coin Club Officers and Board Members

The nominating committee has compiled the below slate of nominees for ICC officers and board for the term 2026-27.

President	Donn Wray	Board Member 2026-2027	Jeff Bercovitz
Vice-President	Chris Bower	Board Member 2026-2027	Scott Grant
Secretary	Jim Sukup	Board Member 2026-2027	Steve Howery
Treasurer	Gerald Coraz	Board Member 2027-2028	Sharon Bower
Newsletter Editor	Joseph Boling	Board Member 2027-2028	Bill Smith
Past President	Andy Nahrwold	Board Member 2027-2028	Michael Todd Dennison
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jim Warden		

Notice

You will see in the minutes below that one of our members showed a book for Indiana's 1916 statehood centennial that had a medal mounted in the back cover. That was Vincent Norkus. Another member approached him at the break and said he also had the book and was looking for a medal to fill its empty hole. He does not remember who it was. If you two get together this month, Vincent can tell you where a homeless medal can be found. As an RN, he works odd shifts, so may not be at Monday's meeting.

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Announcements

Here are some upcoming Midwest and national coin shows

Monthly – 2nd Sunday 9am-3pm – FUBA Coins show – 71st Street Events Center, where we meet

October

17 - Lafayette Num Soc River City Comm Ctr, 2842 Old US 231 Hrs: 9am-2pm

18 – Lansing (MI)

22-24 -- Monroeville (PA), PAN Fall show, M'ville Conv Ctr, exit 57, PA Turnpike Hrs: not stated

25 – Elgin (IL) CC Fall show, Holiday Inn 495 Airport Rd. Hrs: 9am-??

25 -- Greenhills Classic Coin/Stamp/Jewelry Show, Amer Legion Post 530, 11100 Winton Rd, Cincinnati OH
Hrs: Sun 10-3:30

31 – Kalamazoo (MI) CC fall show, Kalamazoo Cy Expo Ctr, 2900 Lake St Hrs: 9am-3pm

November

7 – Crown Point (IN). Calumet Num Club fall show, Lake Cy Fairgrds 4H bldg., 889 S Court St 9-2:30pm

14 – Grand Rapids Area Coin Show, Amer Leg Post 179, 2327 Wilson Ave. Hrs: 9am-3pm

20-21 – Plainfield (IN) Indiana State show, Embassy Suites Hotel & Conv Ctr, 2353 Perry Road, 46168
Hrs: Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-4pm

20-22 – Warren (MI) Mich State Numis Soc conv, Macomb Comm Coll, 14500 E. 12 Mile Rd., 48088
Hrs: Fri 11am-6pm, Sat 10am-6pm; Sun 10am-3pm

26 – Evansville CC Black Friday show, Bally's Hotel/Casino 1st floor Walnut Room. Hrs: not stated

December – slim pickings

January

7-10 – F.U.N. Conv, 9400 Universal Blvd, Orlando. Hrs: Th-Fr 10am-6:30pm, Sa 10-5:50, Su 10-3.

15-17? – NY International Numis Conv, InterContinental NY Barclay, 111 E 48th St Hrs: 10am-??pm

17 – Muncie C&S show, Delaware Cy Fairgrds, Heartland Hall bldg, 1210 N Wheeling Ave. Hrs: 9am-4pm.

25 -- Greenhills Classic Coin/Stamp/Jewelry Show, Amer Legion Post 530, 11100 Winton Rd, Cincinnati OH
Hrs: Sun 10-3:30

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Treasurer's Report for October 2026

Here is my report: the club currently has \$23,937.69 in its checking account. After the last meeting, I deposited \$102 in the checking account. A couple of days ago, I mailed a check for \$100 to the North Side Social Club for room rental for our October, 2026 meeting. That's my report. Jerry Coraz

Your auction lots could be listed right here. Any active ICC member can put lots into our monthly auctions. Send them to the editor by the Wednesday before each month's meeting (joeboling@aol.com).

Indianapolis Coin Club

2026 Meeting Dates & Educational Programs

(If you have a program to offer in 2027, please contact Donn Wray at donn.wray@skofirm.com)

January 19, 2026 – meeting cancelled

February 16, 2026 – Joseph Boling – “Ryukyus Reversion Yen - 1972”

*Prize sponsor: Joseph Boling, 1936S Walking Liberty 50¢

March 16, 2026 – Donn Wray – “I see live people”

*Prize sponsor: Donn Wray, 1899 Barber half dollar

April 20, 2026 — the members present—extended Show and Tell

*Prize sponsor: Jim Sukup, 2010 silver Hot Springs, Arkansas Statehood quarter ultra cameo PF-69

May 18, 2026 — Jeff Bercovitz — “Indiana State Numismatic Association Medals”

*Prize sponsor: Jeff Bercovitz, 1964 Kennedy half-dollar

June 15, 2026 — Chris Bower — “Clark-Gruber & Co., Reborn in Colorado”

*Prize sponsor: Chris Bower

July 20, 2026 — “Joseph Boling” --- “WWI Brought New Notes, and the Fakers Followed Right Along”

*Prize sponsor: Andy Nahrwold, Canada 1967 Centennial dollar

August 17, 2026 — Jim Sukup --- “A Brief History of the Indianapolis Coin Club”

*Prize sponsor: Jim Sukup, 2010-S silver PF-69 UC Yellowstone quarter

September 21, 2026 – Exhibit Night

*Prize sponsor: Jerry Coraz, 1964 Canada 50 cent silver piece

October 19, 2026 —an Eberhardt—“Collecting Paper Money”

*Prize sponsor: Joseph Boling, 1929 Walking Liberty half dollar (well circulated)

November 16, 2026 – The Annual State of the Hobby Address – Mark Eberhardt

*Prize sponsor:

Tuesday, December 1, 2026 – NO MEETING (no *Planchet*) - I.C.C. Holiday Banquet at the NorthSide Events Center, 6:00pm

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Minutes of the ICC Meeting on Monday, September 21, 2026

Open - The meeting was held at the Northside Events and Social Club, 2100 E. 71 St., Indianapolis, Indiana, which was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by ICC President Andy Nahrwold. The **Attendance Prize** was a 1964 Canada 50 cent silver piece donated by Jerry Coraz. There were 32 people in attendance.

The **Secretary's Report** for August 2026 was accepted as published in the *Planchet*, by a duly made motion that was seconded and passed by the membership. The **Treasurer's Report** for August 2026 was accepted as published in the *Planchet*, by a duly made motion that was seconded and passed by the membership.

Visitors – There were two visitors at this meeting, a YN by the name of Max, who likes to collect world coins, and Mark Fix, who drove his father, long-time member Morris Fix, who has not been to a meeting for quite some time.

Reports of Committees – President Andy Nahrwold appointed Chris Bower, Donn Wray, and Jim Sukup to the Election Committee. The group was reminded that nominations for Club Officers and Board Members for 2027-28 are due, and candidates will be announced at the October 19 meeting. Elections will be held during our November meeting.

Old Business – Jim Sukup reported that if anyone was interested in taking over responsibility of our library to please let him know.

New Business – Members were reminded that we need to determine where to hold our Holiday Banquet, which is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1. It was announced that an online auction is being held in Bloomington, and there are new Ebay policies regarding high value coins to be aware of. Several ICC members were honored by the ANA last month for different awards. The Indiana State Coin Show will be held in November on the 19th (early birds), 20th and 21st at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Plainfield.

Numismatic Finds and Notes of Interest: There was a report that Ollie's had a good sale going on Red Books, and there were a couple of Coinstar finds including \$4.43 in one instance. A member reported finding a book on Indiana's centennial in 1916, which included a medal, and there were less than 1,000 copies of the book printed.

Educational Program: Today's educational program was our annual Exhibit Night. There were 14 excellent exhibits presented, one of the best Exhibit Nights we have had in recent memory and the highest number of exhibitors that we have had that this writer recalls. Exhibited topics included everything from coins and paper money to tokens, medals, numismatic memorabilia and the like. The voting for best exhibit was very competitive, with several ties coming into play for the 10 prizes awarded.

Auction – Today's auction consisted of 2 sheets, with \$4 going to the Club.

Fifty-Fifty Drawing: The prize for the 50/50 drawing totaled \$90, with the club receiving \$45 and the winner \$45. The **Attendance Prize** was also awarded.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:33, and our next regular meeting will be on Monday, October 19, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Sukup, Secretary (jsukup@rpiratings.com)

PLEASE try to have correct change for the auction, or at least use smaller bills, to pay for items that you win. Especially troublesome are \$50's and \$100's, which quickly drain the change that is available. That change is personal money, and it will be greatly appreciated by the changer and auction assistants if making change is easier and more efficient.

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