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President's Report

Our fifth biennial international numismatic conference, NAAC2013, was held in Brisbane on 9-10 November, with NAA Organising Committee Walter Bloom, Peter Lane and Colin Pitchfork, and Local Organizing Committee Bernie Begley, George Snelgrove, John Cook and Stephen Appleton. This was the first of our biennial conferences to be held outside ACANS (Macquarie University) and was a great success with the strong participation of Queensland numismatists. We broke about even, which was an added bonus. Our sixth conference will be held in Adelaide, 24-25 October 2015, and in the meantime we have held our joint meeting with RNSNZ and the Numismatic Society of Auckland, 3-6 July this year.

The NAA Journal continues to enjoy sponsorship at a sustainable level, with Noble Numismatics (Gold), Downies (Silver), CoinWorks, Del Parker, Drake Sterling, Sterling & Currency, The Purple Penny and Universal Coin Co (bronze), all contributing to ensure the Journal's continued success. Of course the Association is always looking for further support from the Australian numismatic community.

This year saw the Paul Simon Memorial Award go to Stephen Appleton of the Queensland Numismatic Society. Stephen has been very active at a high level in both QNS activities and also numismatic activities across Brisbane, including ANS Queensland Branch.

The NAA is embarking on a major project, in conjunction with ANDA, to put all Australian numismatic journals into electronic (OCR) format. This will involve numismatists around the country and will make rather rare publications more widely available through our website.

Following changes in Victorian Incorporation requirements, we are now holding our Annual General Meeting on the Friday of the year's first Noble Numismatics Sale in Sydney. We thank Stewart Wright (Status Auctions) for making a meeting room available to us.

I am grateful to Council and other NAA members for their support throughout the year, and welcome our new Secretary, Jonathan Cohen and Treasurer, Gwent Khoo, who have taken over from Peter and Janis Lane (who held these positions for many years). And of course what could we do without our Managing Editor who has done such a fine job in getting this volume of the journal together.

Walter R Bloom

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