

Ben Weiss Resigns as Webmaster of the MCA Website

In May of 2017 Ben Weiss resigned his position as Webmaster of the MCA website after 10 years of service, writing this letter to his colleagues.

Dear All,

More than 10 years ago John Adams asked me to assume the responsibility of being Webmaster of the Medal Collectors of America. During this time, with the enormous help and encouragement of many others, we have made many innovative additions, such that our website MEDALCOLLECTORS.ORG is now one of the most widely viewed websites of its type on the web.

As much as I enjoyed being your Webmaster for the past 10 years and getting to know you all personally and to learn to appreciate your many talents and contributions to our field of medal collecting, I believe now is the time to turn this over to a new person, one who may have new ideas and energies to devote to our website, to modernize it both in looks and function and generally improve it still further.

As I see it, the first order of business, is to design a new website, perhaps with a new logo, that is more professional and interesting looking, and which has more modern features to access the site in a secure fashion. Additionally, among other new features, such as those made to encourage recruiting new, young members, it should be designed so that only Members can access certain sections, such as recent editions of the MCA Advisory (accessed with a Members Only login credential).

Finally, I wish to thank you all for being so cordial and helpful in all of our interactions in my capacity as Webmaster and look forward to dealing with you all in a less formal capacity.

Please accept my best wishes to all of you,

Ben

Responding to this note, several of the officers and members of the Board of Directors thanked Ben for his tenure, writing as follows:

Does this mean that you will have more time to research and write about medals, Ben? I certainly hope so - I learn so much from your essays which are well-crafted and wonderful reading!!!

Thanks for keeping the website going for ten years - we are so indebted to you.

Anne (Bentley)

Say it ain't so, Joe. I join with Anne in thanking you profusely and hoping you will now have time to write more.

Gratefully yours,

John (Adams)

Ben,

Thank you so much for your dedicated service to the MCA. Words cannot express how much of an impact it has made.

Best,

Skyler (Liechty)

Hi Ben:

Let me add my thanks for your diligence and efforts in developing and maintaining the MCA website. It's our most important link to the outside world, providing visibility for MCA, as well as access to a wide range of information, and you have done a superb job in building it and making sure it functions properly. It will be difficult finding a replacement with your dedication.

Best regards,

David (Menchell)

Ben,

I don't often pile on, but can't pass up this opportunity to praise and thank you for all that you have done for the MCA.

To my mind, your most important contribution has not been the 10 years of excellent website stewardship (as very important as that has been), but all of the AMAZING content that you have added to the website along the way. I think of all of the back issues of The MCA Advisory now online, the regular organizational news updates, the Members' Corner, the Oral History of Medallion Art, and the many links to other excellent medal-related material on the web – probably the best of which is your very own website!

With the dramatic evolution of web technology over the last 10 years, it will be difficult to move and evolve all of this wonderful material onto an updated platform, but perhaps the most impossible part of the challenge will be finding a new MCA webmaster as talented, good-natured, and faithful as you have been.

Thank you!

Best,

John (Sallay)

Hello Ben,

No amount of gratitude can express our appreciation for the incredible amount of work that you have so graciously contributed to MCA over all of these years! Thank you for everything!

We will work hard to find a replacement to continue your legacy going forward, and work on finding the resources and talent necessary to update and revamp the site and hopefully create a member section as you describe.

Best Regards, Tony (Lopez)

Ben,

I enthusiastically pile on to add my praises, and heartfelt thanks for your significant contributions to MCA, medal collecting, and numismatic scholarship. We could not have done it without your excellent ongoing work on our website, and your many important links have made that website a source of important information for all of us. Whoever takes over our website will have big shoes to fill.

I eagerly await your next article.

Warm regards, and best wishes,

Barry (Tayman)

Thanks, Ben, for all you do for MCA and, more widely, your sophisticated study of certain issues.

Time flies, and I would not have guessed 10 years.

All good wishes, and thanks again.

Dave Bowers

Ben responded to these remarks, writing:

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you all for your generous and gracious comments. They are very much appreciated indeed!

I look forward eagerly to seeing a still more interesting and informative MCA website, one that continues to serve our fellow medal collectors with expanded and exciting new features.

Best wishes,

Ben (Weiss)