



Dillon Gage Metals Part of Program Hosting Numismatic Interns First of Four Interns Starts at Dillon Gage in March

ADDISON, TEXAS (Feb. 20, 2014)—International precious metals dealer **Dillon Gage Metals** will host four interns this year as part of a mentoring program conducted by the Professional Numismatists Guild (PNG) to recruit and train a new generation of coin dealers. Dallas-based **Dillon Gage Metals** is one of four companies participating in the rotational program. Interns' salaries are paid by their host companies.

PNG, based in California, is a nonprofit that includes rare coin dealers and experts, along with paper money and precious metals dealers from around the world. Terry Hanlon, **Dillon Gage Metals** president, serves as the 2013-2015 president of the PNG Board of Directors.

The one-year program, called "Promoting Numismatic Growth," begins in March. Interns must be between 21 and 32 years of age and will spend three months each at **Dillon Gage Metals**; Harlan J. Berk, Ltd. in Chicago; Heritage Auctions in Dallas; and Numismatic Guaranty Corp. in Sarasota, Fla.

"Numismatics is a dynamic field but many young people are not aware of its opportunities," says Hanlon. "Intern programs like this increase awareness about the coin market and demonstrate what an exciting, lucrative career choice it can be. The internships include hands-on training and will make the recipients stand out in the job market."

Dillon Gage Metals' first intern will be 29-year-old Monica Bacon of Indianapolis. Bacon has worked for Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana's online storefront and auction sites, and she has retail experience selling coins, currency and antiques. The second intern comes to **Dillon Gage Metals** in June, the third in September and the fourth in December. Housing and transportation are provided by the host companies free of charge.

This class of interns includes Chris Salladin of Fernandina Beach, Fla., who begins his internship at Numismatic Guaranty Corp; David Sunshine of Easton, Conn., starting at Harlan J. Berk; and Zeke Wischer of Abilene, Kansas, who starts at Heritage Auctions.

Three more interns are expected to begin the program at PNG member-dealer companies later this year. They are Evan Brooke of Blue Bell, Pa.; David Diegmüller of Cincinnati; and Ian Connor of Arcola, Ill.

PNG is accepting applications now for another round of internships, to start in 2015.

Interns commit to a one-year rotation between **Dillon Gage Metals** and the other host companies to observe the different facets of the numismatic industry. They're given the opportunity to learn about precious metals exchanges, coins, pricing, and auctions from industry experts.

As part of the qualifying process, candidates must take two online courses developed by PNG and the University of Rare Coins, based in Marble Falls, Tex. The first course demonstrates knowledge of coin purchasing, selling, marketing and auctions. The second focuses on metallurgy, numismatic technology, minting and the history of coins and monetary systems.

"One of the purposes of these courses is to ensure that interns have sufficient interest in and a basic knowledge about numismatics," Hanlon states. Interns are selected from those who have successfully completed both courses.

Dillon Gage Metals is committed to attracting newcomers who want to grow with the numismatic

industry, Hanlon explains. "We welcome our new interns, and we encourage those who are enthusiastic about numismatics and hoping to make a career of it to apply for future internships."

To learn more about the paid internship program and its requirements, visit <http://www.pngdealers.org/promoting-numismatic-growth>.

About Dillon Gage Metals

Dillon Gage Inc. of Dallas (DillonGage.com) was founded in 1976 and its companies include:

- **Dillon Gage Metals** (www.DillonGage.com/Metals), one of the largest international precious metals dealers in the U.S. 800-375-4653
- **FizTrade Online Trading**, (www.FizTrade.com), which offers real-time trading for bid and ask markets for gold, silver platinum and palladium. 800-375-4653
- **Digital Metals** a resource responsible for delivering advanced tools and technologies that enable dealers to be more successful in their businesses. The company offers cloud-based solutions for physical precious metals built upon the Digital Metals Platform.
- **Diamond State Depository LLC** (www.DiamondStateDepository.com), a secure and insured precious metals and certified coin depository outside Wilmington, DE. 888-322-6150
- **International Depository Services of Canada Inc.** (www.IDSofCanada.com), a secure and insured precious metals and certified coin storage facility near Toronto. 855-362-2431

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