



PCNS 1000th meeting medals. The set includes both a proof silver and an antiqued bronze specimen and is only \$30. A reminder of the Society's long and honorable history.

The Old Streets of San Francisco, Early Street Names on Some Brass Tokens by *Jerry F. Schimmel*. Published by the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society in 1993. 41 pages including many pictures. A must have reference for those interested in western trade tokens or San Francisco history. \$10

2007 Annual Papers Contest

The submittal date for the 2007 contest is the April meeting. PCNS members are renowned for their in-depth numismatic knowledge. Please consider sharing that knowledge in the form of a paper for the society!



1089th meeting of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

8:00PM Wednesday January 24, 2007
Room 370, Building C, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California

Architecture and Exonumia of San Francisco's Barbary Coast and Red Light Districts, 1890-1920

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Please join us Wednesday January 24, 2007 to hear *PCNS fellow Jerry Schimmel* tell us about the wild and woolly days in San Francisco through its tokens. This talk draws from Jerry's award winning TAMS Journal article and his extensive knowledge of San Francisco's tokens. Don't miss it!

1088th meeting. December 27, 2006: Annual holiday party!

(reported by *Herb Miles*)

Honored member Ed Fulwider was asked to swear in the new Board for the 2007 year and did so naming the following as officers and governors for the 2007 term.

President: *Michael Wehner*
Vice President: **Vacant!**
Secretary: *Herbert Miles*
Treasurer: *Michael Whalen*
Governors: *ex-officio Sarah Nordin*
Sandra Whalen
Gordon Donnell
Ed Treuting

After installation of the Officers and Governors, the membership began to enjoy the evening with the goodies brought by everyone, munchies, including cheeses, Chinese Food, cookies, wine and juices, sourdough bread, candy, cakes, and other sweets. It was a marvelous occasion and ended too soon!

Vice president's seat still vacant

Note that the vice president does not have the duty to secure speakers for each meeting, that is a misconception and the only official duty is to stand in the president's place should the president be absent or unable to perform his or her duties. Please consider volunteering for the position as the president's real job (yes, he has one) will take him away from a few meetings this year.

2007 Annual Dues

If you have not paid your 2007 dues, you are late! Individual dues are \$20 per year with each additional family member only \$5 more.

2007 future programs

February: *Daniel Feldman*, title to be announced.

The rest of the year is wide open. Pick a date and contact Michael Wehner if you would like to speak in 2007 at (415) 928-4469 or mf_wehner@yahoo.com



1906 gift of France to San Francisco by Michael Wehner

In 1909, just after the great earthquake and fire, the French ambassador to the United States presented a gold example of the large medal pictured above to the City of San Francisco. Speeches were made by the ambassador and local politicians to a large crowd. The medal was struck by the Monnaie de Paris and designed by Louis Bottee. In addition to the unique gold medal, periodically displayed at City Hall, at least three silver examples were presented. One to the mayor of San Francisco, one to the governor of California and one to the President of the United States. I have seen two examples in silver. One of these is the specimen given to the mayor and is now owned by a private collector. The other is in the San Francisco Public Library. It is housed in a small velvet line case with a small engraved metal tag that has the date "1967" on it. Also, I have seen a third silver example in an old auction catalog. Bronze examples come on the market rarely. I can find no mention of bronze examples in San Francisco newspapers that describe the event. Gold plated silver (10) and gold plated bronze medals (99) were recently restruck by the Monnaie de Paris Two outstanding questions remain:

- 1) Was this medal restruck in silver? How many were made? When was it done?
- 2) When was the medal struck in bronze? How many of these were made?