



Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

Post Office Box 475656, San Francisco, CA 94147-5656

• Founded 1915 • A Non-profit Educational Corporation •

Minutes of the PCNS Meetings of March 22, 2017

Status — Approved at the April 26th 2017 Board Meeting

Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Dan Hipple at 7:07PM. Officers Stephen Huston, Jason Macario, Herb Miles, Bob Somers, and Ed Treuting also attended. We had regrets from President Hyder.

The February 2017 Minutes were approved, and the latest Financial Report was accepted as submitted.

Papers contest: Dan reported that he has all of the judges set, and he did publicity mailings during March to 41 California clubs from a list Stephen provided.

Dan is hosting the June BBQ luncheon on Saturday, June 24, and he reminds us to bring desserts.

Recorder Huston sent queries to the Whalens and Michael Wehner asking them about the 64 missing 1000th Meeting bronze medals. They all responded that they didn't have them. Huston suggested that we remember they are missing, but there are no further leads to follow. He suspects some former officer will someday open a forgotten drawer or cupboard and go, "Aha!"

We reopened the tabled discussion of the remaining Centennial Medals, and approved Stephen going ahead with the sale of the brass, first to members who bought medal sets but did not attend the banquet, with any remaining being offered on eBay. After the sale of the brasses is completed, the two mis-struck bronzes each should be offered for auction on eBay with an opening bid of \$100, with notification sent to our members and those of the public who enquired about purchasing medals after the subscriptions ended.

We read a letter from CSNA asking us to consider hosting their northern Educational Symposium. It was noted that we did this several years when they were first started in the north, but there were expressions of doubt about our current membership being adequate to undertake this effort at this time. The discussion was tabled for President Hyder's return.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:31PM.

Membership Meeting

The Membership Meeting was called to order at 7:41PM with members Mark Wm. Clark, Chris Donaldson, and Kenneth Takahashi in attendance in addition to those from the Board Meeting.

The membership was reminded of our June 24th BBQ at Dan's, and that the Papers deadline was the April meeting.

As required by our bylaws, the names of our unpaid renewals for 2017 were read: Federico Castillo and Donald Kagin. (Recorder's note: Federico renewed.) The membership voted to again extend Becky Cieniewicz's Honorary Membership through the current year.

Information on the planned sale of the remaining Centennial Medals was announced, and Stephen will take charge of determining who qualifies for these offers for sale. (Recorder's Note: This has been done, and the first 5 eligible members have been sent letters with offers which expire with the April meeting date.)

Future speakers and topics were announced. April will be Jason on Old Mint mysteries; May will be Dan on The Circle of Friends of the Medallion. For November, it was approved that Stephen run a benefit sale for PCNS of numismatic books, relying heavily on materials from his own library, which is being reduced from a 1500 volume dealer's library to a much smaller collector's library. Announcements will be sent to other clubs to attract more buyers for this event.

Herb reported that his article on Evelyn Nesbitt had been reprinted and won a \$50 prize! He then listed the drawing prizes for the evening.

Our roundtable discussion program on *Numismatic Misfits* followed, combined with our usual mini-exhibits.

Bob brought a 2003 Lithuanian 50L commemorative for Vilnius Cathedral, which is well beyond his usual collecting range of US National Medals.

Herb had completed a 50 states quarters album in the hopes of interesting his sons in the hobby, but he was left to do it on his own, and he doesn't collect US circulating coins. His sons thought the idea was "boring," and Herb drew a line after the States series rather than continue with the ongoing quarter issues.

Jason, whose US interests focus around SF Mint issues, had a very nice 1851 3-cent silver coin, none of which were struck in SF. (He purchased it to get his invoice total up to a target amount for tax reasons!)

Chris had a 200th Anniversary medal for George Washington which was issued by the US Treasury, along with some materials relating to it, including a 1932 Bulletin announcing it.

Ken brought a miscellany including a mystery token, a Ken's Place token, a CSA Cent copy, a coin of the Mongols, and a "Japanese item." (Note: he didn't have a chance to present them all, so brought them back in April.)

Mark had banknotes depicting Pre-Columbian art, and a Panama Balboa coin which had been well worn as a pocket piece. He also asked that anyone who could obtain an image of the Central American Mint building in San Salvador (1892-94) contact him.

Ed had bought Mexican Bicentennial 2010 5-peso leaders coins after a trip to Mexico. A Peruvian mint set was added to his vacation-interests, a 1968 Mexican Olympic commem, and a silver round commemorating the Confederation of Canada Centennial. None of these has anything to do with lighthouses.

Stephen brought a tray of ancient fourrées, ancient counterfeits with silver over bronze cores, struck with dies, then placed into circulation as silver coins. He sorted them out of collections while a dealer, but never offered them for sale because many authorities consider them to "counterfeits" even though they are ancient pieces which circulated alongside official coins of the same types. He also had several medals which he kept solely because they included owls or lions, and an early CSNA convention set which he considered collecting as a series over 30 years ago but never pursued. Also a large-size National Currency note he used to hang on the wall of his office for amusement!

Dan had a shooting medal from E.B. Giller's ROTC training, before he became USAF Major General

Giller. (According to Wikipedia, Giller's "military decorations and awards include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with 17 oak leaf clusters, Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Citation Emblem, and the Croix de Guerre (France)." Somehow the marksman's medal got overlooked.) Dan also brought some silver dimes saved from circulation, a 1914 Belgium Gratitude medal for war relief, and a 1936 Great Lakes Expo elongated penny.

We took a break and then held the drawing.

Prizes included a gold-plated ingot for Queen Elizabeth's 60th anniversary, a medal set for Fort Saskatchewan in Canada, 3-piece set of San Diego Bicentennial medals, Banque de France silver octagonal medal, a letter from Eilers Music Co. noting its PPIE awards on the letterhead, and a Wayne Raymond guide to ancient coins.

Winners were Bob, Chris, Ed, and Jason, with Jason and Bob claiming two each!

The meeting was adjourned shortly before 9PM.

Submitted by Stephen Huston, *PCNS Recorder*