



# Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

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## Minutes of the PCNS Meetings of July 26, 2017

*Status — Approved at the August 23<sup>RD</sup> 2017 Board Meeting*

### Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President Hyder. All board members were present at the meeting.

The Minutes from the BBQ and the latest Financial Report were accepted as distributed.

We still need speakers for August and October. September will have member David Lange in place of the previously announced talk by Michael Wehner. Herb will contact Federico Castillo to ask if he is available to speak in August.

Herb's bill for \$25 for drawing prizes was approved and paid.

The Board tabled discussion of ads in The Bulletin after Bill suggested that he would run the requested book announcement in the TAMS Journal, where it will get wider exposure.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16.

### Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 with all board members, plus members Mark Wm Clark, Jerry Schimmel, and Michael Wehner.

Dan presented papers medals to Michael Wehner for First Place, Jerry Schimmel for Second Place, and the Third Place medal to William Hyder.

Bill then gave his presentation on *So-Called Dollars of Century 21*. He noted that the H&K book on so-called dollars ended with 1960, but the revision that Bill is doing with Jeff Shevlin will include expo medals through 1964, so the Century 21 Expo at Seattle will be included.

Originally envisioned in 1957 as a 50 year anniversary for the Alaska-Yukon Expo of 1909, it got delayed and refocused on more futuristic visions by the launch of Sputnik and Boeing's visibility in the Seattle area. The planning of the expo grounds was adapted with the Space Needle based on a radio tower in Stuttgart, and the addition of the first US public transport monorail to shuttle people into the center from distant parking areas.

The official medals were struck at the US Mint in Philadelphia in bronze and silver, with 4 pieces only being done in gold for major planners of the expo. Private gold ownership was discouraged still in the 1960s. About 140,000 bronzes were struck, and 10,015 silvers, but not all were sold. The company handling sales also struck their own separate medals in higher relief in sold them in sets along with the official medal.

Another numismatic feature of the expo was the Million Silver Dollars exhibit, individual silver dollar coins of which were sold off after the event, mainly common-date Peace dollars.

### **Members Exhibits**

Dan: Swiss medals in silver and bronze commemorating the USA's food relief program to the Swiss around the end of WWI

Mike: two 1853 SF Agricultural Fair medals

Mark: Century 21 official medal with "molten" or defaced reverse die

Stephen: Empire State Building souvenir collected by his parents on a 1947 trip, and his new acquisition of a love token engraved on a 1848 Venetian coin

Jason: 50¢ trade token of Alamogordo "Rocket City" New Mexico, which expired at 6pm on June 16, 1959

Bill: L.H. Moise sample salesman's tokens in 25¢ & 50¢ denominations

Bob: a prooflike bronze medal of Fr. Junipero Serra

Herb: a KKK membership medal in a pocket case imprinted for a Nebraska jeweler.

The drawing contained 5 prizes, of which Jason got 1, and Ed got the rest!

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Submitted by Stephen Huston, *PCNS Recorder*