

PCNS Minutes for January 27, 2021

The board meeting for January 27, 2021 was called to order via Zoom at 7:13pm by President Jason Macario. Remote attendance included Treasurer Stephen Huston, Secretary Charlie Catlett, past president Dan Hipple, Governors Ed Treuting and Bob Somers, as well as Greg Burns, Michael Wehner, and Bill Hyder. Governor Paul Turner sent his regrets for being unable to attend.

The minutes for the December meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report for reporting period January 1 through January 26, 2021 was accepted. An annual financial report was reviewed- we actually made a little money due to a drop in expenses due to Covid19. Thanks to Stephen for the report.

Review of task and committee assignments

1. Archive/Curator- Dan Hipple will continue this work
2. Papers Contest- Dan will continue this as well
3. Papers Publication- Michael and Federico will start to work on it
4. Inactive Committees: Finance and Publications- the board as a whole will keep tabs on this
5. Audit and Nominating Committees are only active in the last months of the calendar year

Status reports: tabled still for the Schimmel monograph and Sutro Library. Michael W is waiting to hear back from the Newman Numismatic Portal about scanning before proceeding further.

New membership applications: Alice Rosenthal of Berkeley and Donald Kagin of Tiburon will be discussed at the regular meeting

Speakers are still needed for future meetings.

YouTube recordings of meeting presentations are going well, with from 15 to 40 views of each presentation so far.

Adjournment 7:25

At 7:32pm the general meeting was called to order via Zoom. In attendance along with those from the board meeting were Herb Miles, Robert Jesinger, Scott Safe, Dean Neald, Mark Clark, Jeff Michael, Erik Frankenfield, and Federico Castillo.

Financials remain in good order, with a small profit for 2020 due to a drop in expenses.

Speakers are needed for future meetings, please let Stephen or Jason know about any.

New Members: Alice Rosenthal from Berkeley applied by the December meeting and is now officially a member. Don Kagin from Tiburon applied after the December meeting and will become a member at the February meeting.

Honorary Memberships need to be renewed yearly. Rebecca Cieniewicz and Ruth Phillips were both reappointed as Honorary Members with unanimous approval of the club

Featured speaker: PCNS Member Dean Neald talked about a Star Provision Co Ltd Bread Token. This was a “convoluted story of a previously unknown merchant token” from Regina, Saskatchewan. He had never heard of the company, and the token- slightly larger than a Canadian quarter- was a cheap ‘junk box’ purchase from a coin dealer. It was not listed in any standard Canadian reference. A single line in a 1917 Canadian War Purchasing Commission book noted the Star Provision Company. But it was the 1907 Incorporation papers Dean found that listed the original owners of what had been called Star Groceries and now included a baker in the limited liability corporation (hence the ‘Ltd’ noted on the token). Dean then found paperwork for when the Star Provisions Company Ltd dissolved in 1909. It continued in business into the 1940’s, when it changed back to the original name Star Groceries. Thus, the token most likely dates from 1908 while still ‘Ltd’. The talk further explained the use of the token for purchasing bread, and how the building where the store was located has been preserved as of December 2020.

His talk was recorded and will be available on our website.

Member Exhibits:

Federico showed his silver 1939 Mexican medal from the XXVIII Congreso de Americanistas. Apparently this Congress of the Americas met periodically in Europe and the Americas. It featured an Aztec ball player and various Aztec symbols

Michael displayed his 1810-1910 100th Anniversary of Chilean Independence medal made by Lalique. His was silver, and it also comes in bronze (and is much more affordable than Lalique glass!)

Robert showed us an unlisted So-Called Dollar HK-611a. HK-611 is the 1887 New Haven, CT. Soldiers Monument medal. The monument is in the middle of a park and represents several wars (Revolutionary, Civil War, etc.). There are distinct differences in the obverse and reverse of his 35mm medal, with a wreath design suggesting it being made in Philadelphia

Erik showed us a number of Swiss Cantonal and Federal coins, as well as Swiss proof/mint sets that included a denomination not released into circulation

Bill showed us several bakery tokens from Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara.

New Business: The Papers Contest is officially open, with an April 28, 2021 deadline. Rules will be posted on the PCNS website.

The general meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Catlett, Secretary PCNS