



# Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

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## Minutes of the PCNS Meetings of February 22, 2017

*Status — Approved at the March 22<sup>ND</sup> 2017 Board Meeting*

### Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Hyder at 7:01 PM, with Stephen Huston, Dan Hipple, Bob Somers, and Jason Macario also present. We had regrets from Herb Miles and Ed Treuting.

The January 2017 Minutes were approved with one change, and the Financial Report was accepted as submitted, including the purchase of drawing tickets.

Papers contest: Dan reported that he has most of the judges set, and hopes to begin publicity mailings during March to California clubs, and to our members via Bulletin distribution.

Dan is hosting the June luncheon BBQ, which was the Board set for the last Saturday of June with a nominal ticket price of \$10/person, with an encouragement to bring deserts this year.

Huston's Assets Report was discussed, with the Board noting:

- Stephen handed off the copies of past Papers and booklets to Bill Hyder for sale at the token show in March, and Bill says he will ask \$10 per item.
- Huston will send queries to the Whalens and Michael Wehner asking for a search for the 64 missing 1000<sup>th</sup> Meeting bronze medals.
- We will table discussion of the remaining Centennial Medals, but are considering their sale, first to members who were unable to attend the banquet, then to the public.

Payments to Herb Miles of \$65 for Jan/Feb prizes, and to Stephen Huston for \$95.88 to cover the next year of web hosting were approved for payment.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:24.

### Membership Meeting

The Membership Meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM with members Mark Wm. Clark, Chris Donaldson, Michael Wehner, and Federico Castillo in attendance in addition to those from the Board Meeting. We also had 3 guests: Jay, Jerry, and Rolando, who had found us via the web and phone queries.

Federico Castillo gave an illustrated presentation on *The French International Colonial Exposition of 1931*.

He noted that international expos were something of a fad at the time, almost a competition among

nations to show off their power and influence. France was one of the super-powers of the world in 1931, with colonies on 4 continents — larger than other empires, except for the British. The expo featured replica buildings from their colonies, but also from the USA, including Monticello and Mount Vernon, reminding Americans of Lafayette's importance to the revolution. The expo showcased the people, crafts, and food of the empire, with native peoples living in huts, which, due to the cheap construction and poor facilities, were often living at the expo in worse conditions than they would have had in their native homelands.

In addition to 4 official medals, several unofficial pieces were struck. The official medals are Art Deco period pieces featuring the colonial regions — Amerique, Oceania, Asia, and Africa.

The only surviving expo structure was the French national colonial museum, which was renamed as the Museum of Immigration in the 1950s, when colonialism lost its luster around the world.

Federico brought examples of the official expo medals and postcards and other expo souvenirs.

### **Member Exhibits:**

Michael — 1925 *Expo des Arts Decoratif* octagonal bronze medal, and a book on French art medals of the Deco and Nouveau styles, which included a listing for his medal, and for the engraver of the 1931 *Amerique* medal from the French colonial expo.

Jason — souvenir medals from the 1939 GGIE and the NY Worlds Fair, both struck in golden-brass or brass-plated bronze.

Bill — 1893 Columbian expo official medal which was silver-plated, 1895 bronzed-tin medal (rare), and 1868 San Francisco unlisted shell-card from a well-known bar.

Dan — 1889 Vevey Wine Festival medal, and a contributors' medal from Ronald Reagan's campaign.

### **The Drawing**

Prizes included a PPIE spoon, Jersey specimen set, 1971 Canadian BC dollar, Chinese Zodiac coin set, and half-a-dozen books on: pirates, sunken treasure, historic US shares and bonds, and an 1892 publication on English coins and tokens. These materials were obtained by Herb or donated by Stephen.

Winners included Bill, Dan, Jason, and all 3 of our guests, with Jason and Jerry each winning twice.

The meeting adjourned about 9 PM.

Submitted by Stephen Huston, *PCNS Recorder*