



Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

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Minutes of the PCNS Meetings of January 27, 2016

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Board Meeting

President Bill Hyder called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Officers present: Bill Hyder (President), Mary Lannin (VP), Stephen Huston (Recorder), and Governors Herb Miles, Bob Somers, and Ed Treuting. Governor Jason Macario was the only board member not present.

The December 2015 Minutes and the Treasurer's Report were accepted as distributed via email.

Bill and Stephen noted that, after the publication of the 2015 Papers was included in the accounting, PCNS had fully spent all special income which had been raised for the Centennial from all sources, so we are once again operating without special funds.

Recorder Huston cited the written inventory of materials he had inherited on becoming Recorder, directing special attention to these concerns:

1. 60+ pieces of the 1000th Meeting bronze medals are missing. Bill emphasized his belief that Michael Wehner must still have them. (Later in the evening, Michael agreed to examine his office again in an effort to locate them, though he thought they had been handed off when the silver medals were sold for bullion a couple of years ago.)
2. The Society's official embossing seal was not among the materials; Bill noted he had never seen it. (Later in the evening, Archivist Dan Hipple indicated that one or more embossing hand-presses were in the archives, and he would deliver same to the Recorder at a future meeting.)
3. Stephen noted that his supply of PCNS Monograph 1 was down to 4 copies, all with rusty bindery staples, and he asked if there were other copies still owned by PCNS. The Board told him to continue to offer them for sale as-is at \$15 postpaid, but copies could be sold for \$10 to members at meetings. (Later in the evening, Michael Wehner indicated he was still in possession of additional PCNS-owned copies which he would deliver to the Recorder.)
4. Though our records are created and distributed digitally, printed copies need to be kept in our archives. Bill indicated that he had supplied binders of printed documents to the Archivist for each year he was Recorder, and Archivist Dan Hipple indicated that he would print and file copies of digital documents provided to him via email. The Recorder will add the Archivist to the email list to receive Board documents.

New Business

- Speakers are needed for all future 2016 meetings. Bob Somers volunteered to speak in March, leaving February still open.
- Annual Banquet: tabled for discussion at the February meeting

The Board Meeting was adjourned before the 7:30 starting time for the General Meeting.

General Membership Meeting

The membership meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Hyder. In addition to the Board members at the earlier meeting, these members attended: Federico Castillo, Mark Wm Clark, Chris Donaldson, Dan Hipple, Ken Takahashi, and Michael Wehner.

President Hyder presented engraved award medals which had been approved late in 2015 to:

Mary Lannin — First Time Speaker

Dan Hipple — Special Sponsor for the Centennial

Stephen Huston — Distinguished Member

William Hyder — Fellow of the Society

Papers Chairman Appointment: Dan will not be available during critical times for the Papers Contest this year, so Herb Miles agreed to take on that role for 2016 with assistance from Dan.

Speakers Needed: Bill reminded the membership that we need speakers.

Archivist Dan Hipple reported that the Archives contain multiple examples of some past medals, but no action was required. He also noted that he was in possession of the official Seal, and he would deliver it to the Recorder.

• **Brass Centennial Medals:** *It was approved* that, of the remaining brass medals, one each would be presented to: our 7 corporate donors, ANA, ANS, Representative Pelosi, and a US Mint official. This would leave us with 5 pieces.

The Recorder informed the membership that we had multiple requests to purchase Centennial medals from people who missed the subscription period, in case anyone had extras to sell. The consensus in the room was that our few remaining brass pieces should not be offered for sale, but should be retained for future official uses.

ANA Convention: Mary announced that PCNS might be invited to join the New York and Chicago Coin Clubs at a special banquet at the ANA Convention this Summer. (No action required)

Program by Bill Hyder: Encased Half Dimes

Bill distributed a handout illustrating a group of zinc-encased half dime from around the 1840s, and described how he was introduced to them by collector Steve Crane who was trying to identify the details of their production and purpose. Bill described his own online research, which pointed to these objects being created and sold in conjunction with Mesmerism and quack medicine practices of the time. Some of the items appear to have been constructed to create a galvanic reaction in a person holding it in the palm of their hand.

Member Exhibits, with Mary leading the presentations:

Mary — a rare Seleucus II portrait tetradrachm which she has traced as a possibly-unique Newell plate coin, pedigreed to the Consul Weber Collection published in 1908 by Hirsch.

Dan — a Templar Conclave badge from 1883 in San Francisco, and an illustrated numismatic work published in Geneva, 1807.

Mark — a selection of POGs, round scrip 5¢ pieces used in the Middle East by the US military.

Chris — British Victorian 1/2-penny slabbed as MS63, and a bronze plaque depicting Dante and Beatrice.

Federico — a Cuban 1858 silver medal celebrating a water system, and some Costa Rican coffee tokens.

Mike — 1798 “cartwheel-style” Isle of Man 1/2 d from the Soho Mint in beautiful condition.

Ed — lighthouse medals depicting the Oregon Coast and Sandy Hook.

Bob — US Mint silver medal of 1970 for the American Fisheries Centennial.

Stephen — 1849 3-Baiocchi bronze struck at Rome by the short-lived Roman Republic which overthrew Papal States rule for a few months early that year.

Bill — examples of custom So-called Dollars holders, similar to what he is investigating for our Centennial Medals for presentations. Using custom-cut inert foam between clear plexiglas, looking like pricier Capitol holders.

Herb — recent commemorative medal for Juneteenth celebration, and a badge of the Swedish-American Patriotic League of California.

Drawing Winners

Chris: PPIE Match Safe featuring the Tower of Jewels

Ed: PCNS 800th Meeting bronze medal, Calif Midwinter Expo official souvenir card

Bob: SF Customs House medals, 50¢ discount coupon ar SF Red Garter on facsimile Confederate note

Mary: group of US 2010 uncirculated Cents

Ticket sales brought in \$35–.

The January meeting was adjourned. Herb Miles then submitted a check request for \$25 expense (for the drawing prizes above). The Recorder was unclear whether any action was or could be taken on that request, so it will be raised at the next meeting.

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Additional Activities: The 2014–15 PCNS Papers Publication was distributed to all members in attendance, with copies mailed the next day to all current members who did not attend. 2016 Dues were collected from most of the members present, and one copy of Monograph #1 was sold.

Stephen Huston, PCNS Recorder