

PCNS Minutes for April 23, 2025

The board meeting for April 23, 2025, was called to order via Zoom at 7:15 PM by President Jason Macario. In attendance were Vice President Bill Hyder, Treasurer Stephen Huston, Secretary Charlie Catlett, Governors Mike McDaniel and Ed Treuting, and member Michael Wehner. Past President Dan Hipple and Governor Bob Somers sent their regrets in not being able to attend.

The minutes for the March meeting were approved.

Financial report: the reports were sent to board members prior to the meeting and were discussed.

There is a new application for membership from Adrián González-Salinas of Monterrey, Mexico.

Speakers are needed for July-December (except October)

The June BBQ meeting pricing was discussed, and it was decided to remain at \$15, the same as last year.

December update: The fourth Wednesday in December will be Christmas eve, and the fifth Wednesday will be New Year's Eve. The fourth Wednesday in November will be a day before Thanksgiving. An alternative was discussed in having both the November and the December meetings on the third Wednesdays, November 19 and December 17. That was agreed upon by all.

Archives update: Stephen gave an update on the lengthy process of finding a final resting place for our archives. The A.N.A. is unwilling to take our dies. After much prodding to get an answer, the A.N.A. did agree to accept the first 100 years of PCNS written archival material. Everything after that is essentially all digital. Approximately ten shelf feet of archives will be sent to Newman Numismatic Portal for digital scanning; the hard copies will proceed to the A.N.A.

Schimmel book update: deferred until next month.

New Business: none

Adjournment 7:32 PM.

At 7:35 PM general meeting #1308 was called to order. Present in addition to the members from the board meeting via Zoom were Greg Burns, Scott Safe, Adrián González-Salinas, Paul Turner, and Henry Goodman.

Summer BBQ: it will be on Saturday June 28, with Federico graciously agreeing to host the BBQ at his home again this year. The cost will be \$15, and members will be sent information for signing up and payment soon.

There is a new application for membership from Adrián González-Salinas of Monterrey, Mexico. He will become a member as of the May meeting.

The change in dates of the November and December meetings was announced.

Two Heads Are Better Than One By Charlie Catlett

Coins with an image of two heads joined back-to-back were minted across the ancient Greek world hundreds of years before the Roman god Janus first shows his two faces on Roman Republican coins. This talk explored the origins and changes of this design over time in the ancient world, followed by more modern examples in Europe and the U.S. The talk, with lots of photos, was recorded and will be available on the society's YouTube website.

Member Exhibits

Bill showed the abstract heads which appeared on medieval coins. Stephen explained that the art of die engraving had been lost. In medieval times portraits were simply made with a series of die punches, resulting in simplistic or even just vague resemblances of portraits.

Michael showed a medal from the 1893 Olympic Club Roman Revival, featuring Mr. & Mrs. JB Schroeder in the guise of Augustus and Livia. Jerry Schimmel wrote an article about the event and a scandal that happened. Michael also showed two New York tokens with two heads on them.

Ed showed a £2 British coin featuring "the shot heard 'round the world", on its 250th anniversary. Charles III is on the obverse. This is the first and only British coin ever celebrating the American revolution (a war the Brits lost!).

Adrián González-Salinas shared an internet link to view *De Asse et Partibus*, by Bude, the very first work devoted to ancient coins and units of measure. He commented that many of the items in today's talk were described in *De Asse*.

The general meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM. The next meeting will be on May 28, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Catlett, Secretary PCNS