

PCNS Minutes for February 25, 2026

The board meeting for February 25, 2026, was called to order via Zoom at 7:13 PM by President Jason Macario. In attendance were Treasurer Stephen Huston, Secretary Charlie Catlett, Governor Ed Treuting, Past President Dan Hipple, and Michael Wehner. Governors Mike McDaniel and Jeff Pritchard and Vice President Bill Hyder sent their regrets in not being able to attend.

The minutes for the January meeting were approved.

The January-February financial report had been sent prior to the meeting and was briefly discussed.

The papers contest deadline is April 22. Papers should be sent to Webmaster Stephen *without* your name on it, so they can be judged anonymously. It is easiest if sent in PDF format.

We need judge(s) for Presentation Contest.

We need speakers for May and July—December.

Summer BBQ: It will be on Saturday June 27, 2026 at 1pm, with a cost of \$15. Information on registration and the location will be sent as the date approaches.

New Business: The final archives sorting process is underway. Stephen found a double row box of PPIE items small enough to fit into flips. As they are not directly related to PCNS, they would be ideally sold (auctioned), but that process needs to be determined.

Adjournment 7:29 PM.

At 7:31 PM general meeting #1318 was called to order. Present in addition to the members from the board meeting via Zoom were John Duff, Herb Miles, Adrian Gonzalez-Salinas, and Charlie Ludvik.

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Numismatic Denouement — Money of the Fall of Venice.

By Stephen Huston

Stephen's story began with a 2002 grand tour of three cities in Europe, including Venice. The city museum collection there was fantastic, and he felt he would never be able to collect Venetian coins. Then he found a tiny shop with an example of Venetian currency in the shop window, went inside, and ended up purchasing four denominations of that 1848 series.

That began his saga of learning about Venetian history and collecting some of its coins and currency. He gave a detailed history of Venice from early Roman times until when it was ruled by Napoleon. The story continued to include an uprising/revolution in 1848 and of Daniele Manin- hailed as a new leader. The currency of 1848 was used as a means of exchange in place of gold and silver needed to help survive a siege.

There are far more details of the story, all to be available on the Society's YouTube webpage.

Member Exhibits

Charlie C showed and explained a 137 BCE Roman Republic denarius of S. Pomponius Fostlus, depicting Faustulus with the she-wolf nursing Romulus and Remus.

Michael showed us two Venetian medals. First was a Renaissance medallion featuring Sebastianus Rhenerius, circa 1497. The reverse featured Venice on a globe holding a flag. He discussed the attribution. Second was a massive modern medal by Therese Dufresne featuring scenes from Venice. This will be a part of a future presentation by Michael.

Stephen showed us a page from the PCNS archives showing Stephen joining the Society as member # 364 on February 25, 1976- exactly fifty years ago!

The general meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM. The next meeting will be on March 25, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Catlett, Secretary PCNS