

PCNS Minutes for August 26, 2026

The board meeting for August 26, 2026, was called to order via Zoom at 7:15 PM by President Jason Macario. In attendance were Treasurer Stephen Huston, Secretary Charlie Catlett, Governor Mike McDaniel, Past President Dan Hipple, and Michael Wehner. Vice President Bill Hyder and Jeff Pritchard previously sent regrets about not being able to attend.

The minutes for the July meeting were approved as amended.

The July financial report was sent prior to the meeting and was briefly discussed.

Speakers are needed for November, December and into 2027.

The possibility of printing papers from 2021-2026: a discussion ensued, with a decision being made to send a question out to all members to see if there is enough interest to warrant the high cost for printing all the papers. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

New Business: none.

Adjournment 7:25 PM.

At 7:30 PM general meeting #1324 was called to order. Present in addition to the members from the board meeting via Zoom were Adrian Gonzalez-Salinas, John Duff, Henry Goodman, and guest Russ.

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Michael reported on the “new” San Francisco Coin Club hosting a show recently at Fort Mason. Witter University had forty ~14- to 20-year-olds set up in the middle of the bourse with tables and cases, and about twenty dealers were spaced around the periphery of the room. Attendance was somewhat expected to be low, but 269 people ended up paying for admission to a very successful first show.

Figuring It Out: Reinterpreting Ancient Coin Designs

By Charlie Catlett

The presentation discussed different methods used to reinterpret designs on two different ancient coins. The first involved a tiny coin from Samaria with a unique design and no other numismatic comparisons, so the investigation relied on artwork and discussions of material contemporary to its minting. A new interpretation is of a seated woman, holding a bird, possibly giving birth- which would be a first in numismatics. The second coin, from Cilicia, had many design features on the obverse similar to coins throughout the ancient Greek and Persian world, but with no explanation of their significance. It required in-depth numismatic and cultural literature research. There was some discussion after the presentation, which will be available on the society's YouTube web page.

Member Exhibits:

Stephen showed two items. First, going along with the theme of new interpretations, was the 2023 U.S. quarter dollar featuring Jovita Idar. The background field was blank, with all required inscriptions cleverly put within the folds of her clothing. He also mentioned a 2019 PCNS article of his that he submitted to the California Numismatist, where it won 1st Prize in exnumia literature! He showed and described the medal he was given for the prize.

John Duff showed us a 1984 MACO squared quarter. He talked about the difficulties of minting a square coin, and how it was the first time a computer was used to help with a coin design.

Mike showed a nice 1862 Mexican 1st Republic eight reales coin. It had the much sought after mintmark from Oaxaca. What looks like scratches across the coin are adjustment marks, showing the planchet was purposely filed to the correct weight. The coin was slabbed with that information to prevent it being graded as damaged.

Michael showed a recent acquisition of a Conder Token featuring Joseph Priestly. Now he has one in both copper and in silver. Joseph Priestly discovered oxygen in 1774, and his interesting biography was reviewed.

Russ showed a 1961 NCNA 10th Anniversary token featuring a cable car, asking questions about it.

The general meeting adjourned at 8:51PM. The next meeting will be September 23, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Catlett, Secretary PCNS