

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
August 26, 2015

Board Meeting

Vice President Dan Hipple called the meeting to order at 7:10.

Board members present included: Stephen Huston, Jerry Schimmel, Ed Treuting, Dan Hipple, and Bill Hyder.

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The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$22,057.53.

Bill reported that the medals were ready and would be shipped soon.

Dan and Ed reported that the banquet booklets were ready to send to Ed to begin the review and printing process.

The board agreed to comp dinner for Dan Hipple's son in exchange for his photographing the event.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25.

General Meeting

Vice President Dan Hipple called the meeting to order at 7:45.

Members present included: Stephen Huston, Jerry Schimmel, Ed Treuting, Dan Hipple, Bill Hyder, Ken Takahashi, Michael Wehner, Bob Jessinger, Jeff Shevlin, Jason Macario, Federico Castillo, and Bob Somers.

Guests included Scott Safe, Cecillia Shevlin, John McDonald, Howard Hornreich, and Dave Hornreich.

Jeff Shevlin presented his talk, So-Called Dollars Panama Pacific International Exposition - 1915.

The PPIE spawned a rich variety of so-called dollars starting with the official medal designed by Robert Aiken to medals struck to help underwrite state participation, the so-called state fund dollars.

State fund dollars included the aluminum Arkansas dollar-sized medal, the only aluminum so-called dollar struck for the exposition. Most of the other participating states struck their medals in bronze with rare silver-plated examples. Florida is they

only state medal usually found silver-plated and rare in bronze. The North Carolina Exposition Fund so-called dollar is the key to the series.

Although not included among the state fund dollars, researchers have overlooked the fact that the so-called Baroque Shield dollar is actually the Nebraska state seal and should be included in the state series.

California itself is represented by several medals with a variation of the state seal showing the exposition grounds coupled with a ship passing through the canal or the Tower of Jewels.

Twenty-six basic varieties, not counting metal; finish; plating; or minor die varieties, would make a basic collection of PPIE so-called dollars. Several are rare, but the North Carolina fund dollar is the only truly elusive medal.

Exhibits:

Michael Wehner shared an unlisted bronze Midwinter so-called dollar and HK 641, the 1897 San Francisco City Hall so-called dollar.

Bob Somers shared two medals with themes currently involved in national controversies. The first is the 1970 Stone Mountain Memorial national commemorative medal, currently a theme involved in controversies over the the Confederate flag. The second was the 1963 Padre Junipero Serra national commemorative medal, currently in the news because of the controversial decision to canonize him during the Pope's visit to the U.S.

Federico Castillo shared a Panamanian numismatic book that includes coins and medals of the PPIE, a Nicaraguan medal, a New Mexico token with bad Spanish text, and an unidentified token from either Texas or Mexico.

Bill Hyder exhibited a rare vulcanite Pacific Ocean House saloon token from Santa Cruz and an unlisted so-called dollar promoting the proposed state of Absaroka.

Raffle:

- Scott Safe won an HK 352 Fighting Bob 1908 so-called dollar, an HK 246 California Midwinter so-called dollar, and an HK 623 Stockton Courthouse so-called dollar.
- Ed Treuting won an HK 428 Panama California Uncle Sam so-called dollar.
- John McDonald won an HK 252 Midwinter so-called dollar.
- David Hornreich won an HK 253 Midwinter so-called dollar.
- Federico Castillo won an HK 340a San Francisco Earthquake silver-plated so-called dollar.

The meeting adjourned approximately 9:30.