



Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

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Minutes of the PCNS Meetings of September 28, 2016

Status — Approved at the October 26th Board Meeting

Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM with PCNS Recorder Huston Presiding. Also attending were governors Herb Miles and Bob Somers. We had regrets from President Hyder, VP Lannin, Governors Jason Macario and Ed Treuting, and from our Curator/Archivist Dan Hipple.

The Minutes from August were approved as sent, and the Financial Report was approved as sent.

Old Business

There were no action items.

Herb asked about any remaining PCNS Centennial Medals; the Recorder is in possession of 5 brass and 2 mis-struck bronzes.

New Business

Fort Mason room rental renewal is due for Jan–May 2017, and with no other options ready, we are proceeding.

The Numismatists of Wisconsin have been okayed to reprint Herb's article (2014/15 Papers).

Speakers are still needed for October and November; Herb offered to speak in October, based on one of his articles. Bob suggested a topic of favorite numismatic book if we don't have a speaker.

It was noted that the Nominations committee is to be appointed in October. Bylaws revisions were mentioned, but there are no suggestions for action.

The Board adjourned at 7:20PM.

General Membership Meeting

The monthly meeting was called to order by Recorder Stephen Huston at 7:36PM. In addition to the officers from the Board Meeting, members Ken Takahashi, Chris Donaldson, Mark Wm Clark, and guest Scott Griffin were present.

Stephen asked us to go around the table and introduce ourselves since we had a guest, and each told how they got started in coins or came to attend PCNS.

Business

The Board's actions were reviewed briefly without objection.

Announcements

- CSNA is looking for new Board members; contact Herb or Stephen for additional details.
- Scott Griffin announced 2 shows coming up in Bay Area.
- Drawing tickets and prizes were described, and we took our break to deal with tickets.

After the break, because one of the drawing prizes was a wooden 20th anniversary souvenir of the San Francisco Coin Club, Stephen opened with a short discussion of the 1960 decision by some PCNS members to start that club, with Ken (the last remaining SFCC Charter Member) and Mark adding details about its history.

Program: *Numismatic Tales* (an expanded members' exhibit session)

- Stephen showed a rare Byzantine bronze from one of his earliest auctions which he withdrew for further research when Byzantine specialist Simon Bendall suggested that it was from an undocumented military mint under one of the warring Emperors named "Isaac" (circa 1190 AD). It is rare enough that Stephen has found no matching specimen in the published catalogs or in sales during the decades since then.
- Herb brought a counterstamped US Half Dollar of the mid-1800s, purchased from Frank Kovacs who had obtained it from a dealer in Berlin. It bears the counterstamp of a gunsmith named Linzel, a German immigrant who worked in Little Rock, Arkansas. Herb has compiled a collection of clippings and photos regarding Linzel and his family. (Possibly the beginnings of another PCNS Paper?)
- Ken showed the last of his ancient coins, primarily coins of the Bible: shekels of Tyre, "Tribute penny" Roman denarii of Tiberius, and "Widow's Mite" leptons of Judaea. He also mentioned his coins of Genghis Khan and the Golden Horde.
- Mark brought a PPIE bronze medal which he accidentally plated with silver by using a cleaning solution which had absorbed a lot of silver from cleaning other coins. He also had some Philippine coins from Mexico with misengraved inscriptions (random retrograde letters), noting these types are almost always found in Mexico.
- Chris showed a 1992 proof set of Spain celebrating the 500 anniversary of Columbus.
- Bob had his "short set" of National Medals of the Statue of Liberty, struck in silver by the US Mint.

The Drawing was held last, with Scott, our guest for the evening, holding most of the winning tickets. Chris, Ken, and Bob also went home with prizes, which included: British 1970/71 coinage change set, 50th Anniversary medal for the movie "Gone with the Wind," a glass paperweight from the California Midwinter Fair, a South African 1966 specimen set, and a redwood dollar souvenir issued by the San Francisco Coin Club in 1980.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14PM.

Submitted by Stephen Huston, PCNS Recorder