

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
January 2018 Minutes

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by new President Dan Hipple. Vice President Jason Macario, Treasurer Stephen Huston, Secretary Bob Somers and Governors Herb Miles and Ed Treuting were present. Past President Bill Hyder was not present.

The December minutes were approved as were the December and year-end financial reports.

Dan distributed business card size promotional handouts to promote PCNS. His idea was to drop off or hand out the cards at coin shows, coin shops and flea markets, etc., to promote PCNS and grow our membership. There was general agreement that the business card size would be more functional than leaflets or full-page flyers as the cards are small enough to carry. Ed suggested adding the word "coins" and there was discussion about adding the PCNS logo as line-art to a future printing if possible. The distribution of the cards is strictly voluntary.

Dan is open to discussing any other suggestions the members may have to grow the PCNS membership.

There was a reminder that the July and August meetings will be moved to the Mechanics Institute due to the regular meeting space remodel. There is no net savings on the cost of the temporary venue.

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.

The general meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM. Also present were members Michael Wehner, Jerry Schimmel, Mark William Clark, Federico Castillo and presenter Ken Takahashi.

Announcements were made about upcoming local coin shows; San Jose on January 26-28, South San Francisco on February 10-11 and Sunnyvale on March 16-17.

End of year financials were discussed. It was noted that PCNS has 10 years of capital based on current expenditures.

Jerry volunteered to be the speaker for February on the topic of the Barbary Coast with more specifics to come.

Steve received a new membership application from Richard G. Stevenson III of Los Angeles, CA. He lists his interests as 19th-20th Century US coins and his referral as the ANA.

Ken Takahashi presented on the Coins of Treasure Island.

Robert Louis Stevenson was born in Scotland in 1850 and is most famous for his adventure novels such as Treasure Island and Kidnapped among others. Usually in poor health, his travels took him to England, France, across the United States and eventually the South Pacific. In France he met Fanny Van de Grift and would later marry her in California.

Challenged to write something adventurous and interesting by Fanny's son, Stevenson wrote Treasure Island, the story of Jim Hawkins and his search for treasure using an old treasure map where X marks the spot.

The treasure of Treasure Island would have included coins such as the Louis d'Or of France, Great Britain Guinea, Spanish Pillar Dollars or pieces of eight, Peru's Double Escudo, 4000 Reis Moeda de Gro (Moidore) of Portuguese Brazil and the Venice Italy Zecchino – Sequin.

Stevenson died in Samoa in 1894 at the age of 44.

After the presentation, member exhibited the following treasures:

Mark – a Panama medal/token 1938, a Bangor Maine token of 1906 and two cents of questionable authenticity 1910-S and 1911-S

Stephen – Coins from Canada and a European treasure chest – Canadian quarter dates 1999 October, Cambodian low quantity silver and three hand stuck (fake) Roman bronzes.

Ken – a fake Hawaiian quarter, a Trump silver medal and examples of his Treasure Island coins

Michael – 1808 Admiral Garnder 10 cash and shipwreck copper coin

Herb – San Francisco raffle tickets for the Missus Sunset contest

Ed – Cuba gold 5 Peso commemorative celebrating the lighthouse at Alexandria, a Cuba 1 Peso with the Havana Fort Lighthouse and a Barbados five cent lighthouse coin

Dan – 1904 Victor David Brenner New York Historical Society Centennial medal, a 1927 Lincoln essay medal – self engraved and a copy of a 1949 ANA "Numismatist"

Jason – 1875-S Double Eagle from the Saddle Ridge Hoard and a 1901-S Double Eagle which he fantasizes is from the Dimmick theft

The raffle results winners were:

Jason – First official issue Euros 2000-2002

Federico – Proof Gettysburg 25 cent “certified” by Littleton

Ed – 6 commemorative silver-plated crown medallions of William and Catherine the future King and Queen of England

Jerry – 100 Peso Japanese Philippine invasion note and a bag of 1973 Lincoln cents

Herb Miles submitted a bill for drawing prizes in the amount of \$30 which was approved by the Board and paid by Treasurer Huston.

Stephen noted that Jason had produced the most recent Bulletin and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Prepared by Secretary Bob Somers.