

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society March 2018 Minutes

The Board Meeting for March 28, 2018 was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Dan Hipple. Vice President Jason Macario, Secretary Bob Somers and Governors Herb Miles, Ed Treuting and past President Bill Hyder were in attendance. Treasurer Stephen Huston sent his regrets in advance for missing the meeting. The group welcomed Bill back from his absence. The February minutes were accepted as was the March financial statement. The board approved a bill for \$67.96 for web hosting. Dan announced that the three judges used for the 2017 papers were lined up again and that the 2018 papers are due to Dan by the next meeting in April. Also, the 2017 papers were mailed and should be in hand. Dan and Ed noted that they would not be present for the April meeting in which Herb volunteered to speak. June 23rd was chosen as the date for the annual barbeque. The board meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

The general meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM. Also present were Jerry Schimmel, Mark William Clark, Federico Castillo, Chris Donaldson, Ken Takahashi, Michael Wehner and Charlie Catlett. Stephen sent his regrets in advance for missing Michael's presentation. Amanda Font from KQED Radio also attend and was able to speak to several members individually about the current San Francisco Mint and its role in Numismatics. The same announcements were made regarding the 2017 and 2018 papers as well as the meeting locations for the balance of the year. Dan handed out a flyer containing the dates and locations for the remainder of 2018; at either Fort Mason or the Mechanics Institute. Members are urged to check the website prior to attending a meeting as changes may occur. The financials were discussed with the papers publication being the largest recent expense. Dan noted that based on current expenditures, PCNS is funded for the next 11 years. A new member application was received from Michael J Carolan of Ely, Nevada and will be acted on next month if there are no objections.

Michael Wehner presented and displayed medals on a topic outside his usual collecting interest, "Awards Medals of the California Agricultural Society and its Precursors". James L.L.F Warren is considered the father of California Agriculture. A noted horticulturist and businessman from Boston moved to California during the gold rush of 1849 to establish a mining company. When that venture quickly fell apart, he established Warren and Company which specialized in selling fruit trees and seed products. The rooms above his store were called Agriculture Hall and were the location for the first California State Fair. The first medal on agriculture in California was likely an 1852 Warren & Son medal. By 1853, Warren has moved his business to San Francisco and held a second State Fair. In 1854 Warren start a newspaper in San Francisco, "The California Farmer" which remained in business until 2013. Over the years, California Agriculture medals would evolve, often changing names and depicted imagery similar to the California State Seal although with varying degrees of artistry. By 1956, the medal designs became modern until 1968 when the designs became more abstract. Eventually the medals were replaced by ribbons. Warren died in San Francisco in 1896 at the age of 90 although his legacy as the

father of California Agriculture lives on in the fascinating agriculture medals as well as the ongoing California State Fairs and Cal Expo events.

Member exhibits:

Ed – Canada \$10 Peggy's Cove Light House coin and an elongated Split Rock Lighthouse mercury dime

Michael - His collection of California agricultural medals.

Mark – Medals of Sweden and Denmark, shooting, Manila Cathedral, irrigation, congress and Antarctica

Bill – Late 1800w CA state seal stick pin, 1836 Central American States 8R, the book "A Monetary History of Central America"

Charlie, 1955 doubled die cent damaged in the Sonoma fire, Greece Athens Tetradrachm toned from same fire

Herb – Two plaquettes

Dan – 1916 Agricultural Medal by Shreve and Co. – mule foot boar

Federico – Agricultural medals and trials?

The Raffle/Drawing Prizes are as follows:

Bank of California Check dated 4/20/1901, with revenue stamp, won by Dan

An Epcot folder of International Coins, won by Charles

The Official Bicentennial Declaration of the People of the United States Silver commemorative medal, won by Ed

The Official Booklet of the PPIE showing the Sculpture & Murals of the exposition, won by Charles

A large Bronze 25th anniversary medal of the Golden Gate Bridge, won by Jason

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Prepared by Secretary Bob Somers.