

**Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
May 2019 Minutes**

The board meeting for May 22, 2019 was called to order at 7:00pm at Fort Mason by President Dan Hipple. Vice President Jason Macario, Treasurer Stephen Huston, Governor Ed Treuting, Secretary Bob Somers were in attendance.

The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

The financial report for 04/01/19 to 05/21/19 was reviewed and accepted.

Dan reported that seven papers were received for the 2019 papers contest and were sent to the judges on May 22nd. A copy of the 2018 papers were sent to numismatic organizations as well as the contest judges. Two copies were placed in the archives.

Dan inquired about certain medals in the archives. He will work with Stephen to clarify.

Federico will host the Saturday, June 22, BBQ in place of the usual Wednesday meeting in June. BBQ ticket price at \$20. Get your tickets now!

Meeting locations for July through December are pending.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

The general meeting was called to order at 7:45pm. In attendance were Jerry Schimmel, Charlie Catlett, Michael Wehner, Jeff Fung and Federico Castillo in addition to those from the board meeting.

Dan reviewed the current financials and announced upcoming shows including Long Beach Show June 6-8 and the East Bay Concord on June 21-22.

Dan put out a call for speakers for July, August and September.

Work on Jerry's monograph continues.

The board is requesting feedback from all members with regard to the printed version of the annual papers. The members in attendance discussed the pros and cons of publishing the 2019 papers electronically versus our standard booklet format and we want to hear from you. We appreciate all of Stephen's work over the years but producing the papers in two formats is a lot of work. Stephen is ready to pass on some responsibilities. If the membership feel strongly that they want to continue a print version, PCNS will need a volunteer to prepare the print layout work while Stephen has agreed to continue to prep for the papers for the PCNS website. Please send us your feedback on print versus electronic papers and if you are interested in preparing the print version. Your feedback will help the board make an informed decision.

Federico presented part three of his study of Latin American tokens titled - Token Denominations: Revisiting Latin American Tokens (Again!)

While United States tokens were mainly used in cities as a substitute for money, Latin American tokens were primarily used in rural areas and had more varied uses. City tokens were typically substitutes for money such as good-fors, entrance or transportation fares. Rural tokens were

used for purposes other than to pay workers or suppliers. They were used as units of measure in agricultural tasks which could indicate weight, unit, volume, distance length of time or task. Examples include a cannasto token which was a basket used as a measure of volume for coffee cherries in Costa Rico or a limpia token from Guatamalla, a task token to clean an area of the field. A chopp token was a unit of liquid measure of beer. An arroba token from Mexico was a unit of weight that a burro could carry or about 25lbs. While a pasada token was a unit of distance, one trip across a river. Also, the same tokens had different a uses in a different countries. Federico did an excellent job of pulling together the complexity of Latin American tokens and that rural Latin American tokens were much more than a substitute for money.

Member exhibits included:

Jerry – Venezuela coins and tokens

Jeff – A collection of nickels

Charlie – 1838 Anti-slavery token "Am I not a woman and a sister" and San Francisco Columbia one dollar token – Golden Jubilee 1888-1938

Bob – A 2019 American Legion silver commemorative dollar

Dan – Two 1876 Centennial Exposition wood plaquettes

Federico – 1932 Costa Rico medal celebrating the creator of snake anti-venom

Michael -1852 Henry Clay California medal and a Golden Gate Bridge medal

Drawing results:

Charlie – Coins of England book and a 1909 Alaska-Yukon Expo Utah so-called dollar

Ed – Modern US Proof Sets book

Jason – 1982 proof George Washington commemorative half dollar and \$5 scrip note from Heppner Sheepskin Store

Jeff – Two tickets the upcoming Giant's game donated by Dan

The general meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.