

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society  
November 2020 Minutes

The board meeting for November 25, 2020 was called to order via Zoom at 7:15pm by President Jason Macario. Remote attendance included Treasurer Stephen Huston, Secretary Bob Somers, Governor Paul V. Turner and several members.

The amended minutes for the October meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report for reporting period October 28 through November 24, 2020 was accepted.

There is no update on the Newman Numismatic Portal (NNP) accepting the index of 2012 and post 2012 papers as well as a link back to the PCNS homepage.

Stephen will speak December 23 on Coinage of the Plague Years.

Speakers are needed for future meetings.

Election of Officers will occur at the December meeting.

Adjournment 7:25

At 7:33pm, the general meeting was called to order via Zoom. In attendance along with those from the board meeting were Bill Hyder, Charlie Catlett, Dean Neald, Mike McDaniel, Herb Miles, Chris Rivers, Jeff Michael, Dan Hipple, Michael Wehner and guest Scott Safe.

Financials remain in good order.

Stephen will speak in December in place of our holiday meeting.

Speakers are needed for future meetings.

Congratulations to Ken Takahashi on his 25 years of membership in PCNS!

PCNS Board elections will occur at the December meeting. Anyone interested in serving in any position on the board, please contact Jason.

Dues will remain \$20. PayPal accepted with instructions found on the website.

Lingering Wisps of Blue Smoke: Santa Cruz, California Cigar Tokens.

Bill Hyder gave another excellent presentation to the members, this time on cigar store tokens and the cultural significance of cigar stores the late 1800s. At that time, men of all classes enjoyed a good cigar and cigars were an important part of social life. The story begins in 1881 when Aron Cohen and A Fibush established a cigar manufacturing company what was then the center of Santa Cruz, at Pacific Avenue and Front Street. The freshest cigars needed to be made locally from tobacco imported through San Francisco. Bill weaved in history of various trade, saloon, slot machine and good for tokens related to the manufacture or sale of cigars in Santa Cruz. There's much more to the story and you can watch Bill's full presentation on the PCNS YouTube channel.

Member Exhibits:

Paul – Liberty and no slavery token with a digit scratched out

Chris – 1896 PCGS MS-64 proof-like Barber dime & 1855 liberty head half cent counter stamped "Use GGG"

Stephen – William Till & William Webster coin dealer token from about 1854, dealers in ancient and modern coins, medals and antiques

Charlie – A proof-like Woodgate and Co. New York cigar store token from a current auction

Scott – 1976-D Colorado Centennial gold medal

Michael W. – M Thornton grocer token, M.A. Gunst & Co. cigar token,

The general meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.