

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
April 2020 Minutes

The board meeting for April 22, 2020 was called to order via Zoom at 7:15pm by President Jason Macario. Remote attendance included Treasurer Stephen Huston, Secretary Bob Somers, Governors Ed Treuting and Paul V. Turner along with several members.

(Pre-meeting notes - The March PCNS board meeting and general meeting were canceled due to the COVID-19 shelter in place orders. The Financial Report for Q1, January through March 2020, was sent out by Stephen via email on April 3, 2020. Michael Wehner set up a Zoom meeting for the April along with a test run. Jason sent out Zoom instructions.)

The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

The board reviewed the Financial Report for reporting period April 1 through April 21, 2020.

PCNS will receive a refund from Fort Mason for any meetings cancelled due to the shelter in place orders.

Two membership renewals and a donation were received via PayPal. Jason collected the mail from the post office after the April meeting which contained more membership renewals.

A decision to still hold the June BBQ will be made at the next meeting. After the meeting, Dan offered to host in July if the BBQ needs to be moved.

Michael has sent out a small sampling of the Schimmel monograph project for review and comment.

There was no update on the movement of the PCNS library out of the Sutro Library.

Michael is working on the 2019 papers. The board discussed combining 2019 and 2020 for printing. No decision made on combined printing.

Bill will speak in May, assuming the meeting will also be remote. A speaker is needed for July.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

The general meeting was called to order at 7:30pm via Zoom. In attendance were Past President Dan Hipple, Federico Castillo, Erik Frankenfield, Mark Benvenuto, Rick Webster, Charlie Catlett, Jeff Fung, Bill Hyder, Chris Rivers, Herb Miles, Dean Neald and Michael Wehner.

Speakers are needed for July. Bill will speak in May.

The annual BBQ planned for June 27, may be impacted by an extension of the shelter in place order. A decision will be made at the May meeting.

Sanity with Numismatics – presented by Michael Wehner

Michael spoke about research he has been doing - while sheltering in place - for an upcoming article on the first documented California private gold coin struck in Benicia. Norris, Gregg and Norris were an ironmongering firm out of New York City. At least one Norris traveled to California and struck gold coins before returning to New York. Their first five dollar coin resembling US mint coin was mentioned in the Alta California on May 31, 1849. While other companies may have struck gold coins earlier in California, this is the first to be mentioned in print. Michael owns a Norris counterstamped 1851 large cent attributed to the same New York firm. We look forward to reading the full article

Member Exhibits:

Paul – US coins minted in San Francisco

Mark B – Mughal dam & Meissen porcelain medal

Chris – Full basic type set, seated liberty series in Capital Plastics holder

Erik – GGIE commemorative medal, ICCS graded Newfoundland coins and a 1873 two cent piece

Bill – Thomas Elder paperweight, Moise state seal medal and a Tune for Token book

Jeff – 1 kilo French Libertas Americana silver medal

Federico – A book on Minor Keets, 1855 Crimean War medal, a Costa Rican token and a token with the initials FC denomination $\frac{3}{4}$ R, possible sample

Charlie – SF MUNI token and a selection of Civil War tokens

Bob – 3 inch silver Jim Thorpe National Commemorative Medal

Michael – State seal Moise medal without a die crack

The general meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.