

PCNS Minutes for January 26, 2022

The board meeting for January 26, 2022, was called to order in person at Fort Mason at 7:00PM by President Jason Macario. Attendance at Fort Mason included Governors Ed Treuting and Mike McDaniel, and Bill Hyder. In attendance via Zoom was Treasurer Stephen Huston, Secretary Charlie Catlett, Governor Bob Somers, past president Dan Hipple, and Michael Wehner.

The minutes for the December meeting were approved.

The treasurer's financial reports for 2021 and January 2022 were approved. Stephen mentioned that there have been almost no rent fees for Fort Mason for the last two years. We did pay rent late in 2021 for 3 meeting deposits for 2022, the other 2 being covered by deposits paid 2 years earlier. We will see our expenses climb by over \$2,000 per year if we continue meeting in person monthly at Ft Mason. Mention was made in that discussion of holding Fort Mason-style in person meetings only quarterly with monthly meetings continuing via Zoom. In the near future we will need to discuss the frequency of in-person meetings.

2022 Papers Contest: submissions are due by the end of the April 27 meeting. Jason will coordinate the competition.

Status of 2019-2021 Papers printing: the quote for printing the papers was \$1090 plus tax. The board voted to approve funding for the printing of up to \$1200.

The Archives move is happening Monday January 31. Jason and Charlie will meet at Dan's home in Tiburon, load up a van (and any excess in another car), and drive to Stephen's home in Woodland to unload the archives.

Needed: speakers for February 23, March 23, April 27- please contact Jason and/or Stephen

New Business: 1) Michael mentioned that the ANA is holding its annual publication contest. We will submit our papers to the competition. 2) Michael also mentioned Jerry Schimmel's book, which has a bit more work to be finished. Michael will resume finishing it and wants to include excerpts from a 45-minute taped interview. Michael has been in contact with Jerry's family and has their permission to complete the book. He would like images of Jerry if anyone has one.

Adjournment 7:21 PM

At 7:37 PM, general meeting #1269 was called to order. In attendance at Fort Mason along with those from the board meeting were Mark Wm Clark and Federico Castillo. Present via Zoom were Governor Paul Turner, Doug Ward, Herb Miles, Dean Neald, Scott Safe, Jeff Fung, and Charlie Ludvik.

Due to technical difficulties, the business part of the meeting was held after the presentation, but they are presented here first.

Jason reminded members who have not paid 2022 dues that they should do so, preferably through our PayPal account.

The Papers Contest for 2022 was announced. Entries are due by the end of the April 27 meeting. Jason will coordinate the competition.

Speakers are needed for February, March, and April- please contact Jason and/or Stephen. Two honorary memberships were up for renewal: Rebecca Cieniewicz and Ruth Phillips were both reappointed as Honorary Members with unanimous approval of the club.

Charlie Ludvik has applied for membership in the club. Per PCNS bylaws, he will become a member at the February meeting. He was able to join us via Zoom for the meeting.

Featured speaker: Douglas Ward
The Double Deuce Proof: An Argument for Provenance

Doug spoke at length presenting his research on the origins of the 1922 High Relief Matte Proof Peace Dollar. Nobody knows for sure how they were “liberated” from the mint, but he has a good idea. Doug mostly talked about the first three known specimens.

Per Q David Bowers, the Wayte Raymond specimen was “found” in the collection of the Connecticut/NYC dealer. We do not know why he did not reveal it to Walter Breen (as of Breen’s 1961 article). Don Taxay did not mention it either. It was first revealed by a 1970’s NYC dealer twenty years after Raymond passed away.

Doug then proceeded to document various sales and auctions the piece was in, starting in a 1974 Bowers and Merena auction. There were several other offerings, apparently not selling. It wasn’t until a 2015 Goldberg’s sale that it did sell for \$250,000. But the coin had been dipped/cleaned, as revealed by comparison photos from before and after which matched the coin. The cleaning process resulted in a huge increase in value. But that would never have happened with something like an 1804 dollar (which is more common than the 1922 Proof Peace Dollar)!

Doug then discussed the Zerbe Specimen, likely acquired in 1922 directly from Chief Engraver George T. Morgan. Being labeled a “pattern”, it was legal to own (as of a 1910 court ruling). Doug also mentioned the Rhodes specimen and went on to show the eleven currently known examples. Interestingly, almost every example entered as a single item and not from a large collection. This helps with Doug’s theory that Farran Zerbe gave them to individuals. We know he gave special strikes of the 1921-S Morgan Dollar to PCNS members. Hopefully more digging will find out where the 1922 Matte Proof Peace Dollars really originated.

Member Exhibits:

Michael talked about his City Steam Bakery token, good for 1 loaf of bread. It is one of two known, both of which were found in Nevada (as San Francisco tokens often are). As there is no identification on the token as to origin, Michael documented his search, starting with an 1896 San Francisco Call mention of a bakery by that name- but aluminum was not used as tokens back then due to its relative rarity at the time. He eventually traced the likely bakery location to one in the Mission District at 24th and Alabama Streets.

Doug displayed an encased peace dollar. It was a 1940 advertising piece for Red Curtice Buick Dealers. Curtice was the president of GM at the time.

Scott talked about the Christian Brothers Mont La Salle retreat in Napa. He showed their 1958 California State Fair Award Medal for dry vermouth. Michael added that Scott’s medal was the last in the series of State Fair Medals produced.

The general meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Catlett, Secretary PCNS