

## PCNS Minutes for May 25, 2022

The board meeting for May 25, 2022, was called to order in person at Fort Mason at 7:13 PM by President Jason Macario. In attendance via Zoom were Secretary Charlie Catlett, Treasurer Stephen Huston, Governors Bob Somers, Ed Treuting, and Mike McDaniel, Bill Hyder, and Michael Wehner. Past president Dan Hipple sent his regrets for not being able to attend.

The minutes for the April meeting were approved.

The treasurer's financial report for April 27-May 24, 2022, was given to the board for review. It was moved, seconded, and approved to pay the \$122.44 mailing costs for the 2019-2021 Papers.

2022 Papers Contest update: the judges have made their decisions, and they will be announced at the June BBQ meeting.

Summer BBQ: June 18, 1 PM, at the Berkeley home of Federico. The cost is \$10 via PayPal

Speakers are needed for July through November- please contact Jason if you are interested.

Old Business: Michael updated his work on Jerry Schimmel's book. He is missing the image for one unique token. He suggested that we consider an option of print-on-demand for the book when it is ready to be published. This will be discussed further as he completes the work and has a page count.

Adjournment 7:28 PM.

At 7:30 PM, general meeting #1273 was called to order. Present, in addition to the members from the board meeting, were Jeff Fung at Fort Mason, and via Zoom were Doug Ward, Herb Miles, Dean Neald, Scott Safe, Paul Turner, Charlie Ludvik, and Federico Castillo.

The summer BBQ meeting is being planned for June 18, 1 PM, at the Berkeley home of Federico. The cost is \$10 via PayPal.

Jason asked for speakers for July through November. Let him know if you are interested or have a speaker lined up.

Featured speaker: Stephen Huston

Tales From the Crypt:

What Else Was in the PCNS Archives (besides paper archives)

Stephen has 30-40 boxes of archive material to sort through at his home, and not all of them have even been opened yet. There are objects of many sizes, shapes, materials, and weights. The following are most of what he highlighted in his presentation:

- An artist's plaster model sculpture design for the club's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary medal with the Palace of Fine Arts design. The model was round, with the design fitting inside the octagonal medals
- May 1915 photo of members of one of the PPIE award juries, mounted on a board. PCNS member N.A. Bowers is in the photo as one of the jury members

- Palace of Fine Arts 'piece' that was presented to the PCNS in 1965. It was a piece of plaster about three feet long which had come from the crumbling building. The whole building was dismantled and rebuilt from 1964-1974, and it is unsure if the "piece" had fallen off the original building or if it was rubble when it was dismantled.
- Souvenir photos of the PPIE, some in multiples
- PCNS award to Maxine Bryce in 1970. After she passed away, it was returned to the PCNS
- A.N.A. plaque for "Branch No. 7" of the A.N.A. in 1916. At that time member clubs were called branches of the main club, before club numbers were assigned.
- CSNA 80<sup>th</sup> Convention poster from 1987(~ 2' X 3'). PCNS was the host club
- 1989 Outstanding Regional Numismatic Publication award from the CSNA

The PCNS "coin collection" of items given/donated to PCNS but not issued by us

- 1857 North Borneo one cent coin which survived the San Francisco earthquake and fire. Fire damage is clearly evident. From Farran Zerbe, given to the club in 1926 on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Quake
- Zerbe's 1904 store card in aluminum, 50mm in size. This was from a time when aluminum was still somewhat valuable.
- A "1923 dime" with details that are completely obliterated. President Harding died at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco that year. Documentation with the dime states that it was placed on the tracks of the train carrying Harding's body back home, and run over by that train.
- Engraved 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary medal from the Boston Numismatic Society, engraved to PCNS
- CSNA Presidential Medal (50mm in size) made for Dr. Nathan Bowers, president of CSNA 1953-1954. He is the same N.A. Bowers pictured in the PPIE award jury photo mentioned earlier.
- CSNA Presidential Medals for two other PCNS members who became CSNA presidents
- TAMS medals from 1979 depicting Farran Zerbe
- CSNA 50 Year membership medal from 2007

PCNS Tokens and Medals

- Farran Zerbe founder PCNS 1915/Token of Esteem 1930
- PCNS 200<sup>th</sup> Meeting April 27, 1932
- PCNS 250<sup>th</sup> Meeting July 22, 1936/Honored Guest Farran Zerbe
- Silver Jubilee 1915-1940, the club's first octagonal medal
- PCNS 682<sup>nd</sup> Meeting December 27, 1972. Honoring the betrothal of the PCNS president with the CSNA president
- 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary octagonal medal
- 1978 banquet award honoring Maxine Bryce in 1978, plus banquet pieces given to attendees as well
- 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary medal in bronze, countermarked for the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 1982 800<sup>th</sup> Meeting silver and bronze octagonal medals
- Wooden nickels, plastic tokens, galvanos, and dies.

Stephen discussed where items are intended to go, and his thoughts on dispersing them in varying ways. He still has a lot to sort out, so more will be discussed about this in the future. His presentation was recorded and will be available soon on YouTube.

Member Exhibits:

- Bill: 1868 unlisted shell card- possibly from California; and an 1896 Bryan Dollar struck by Moise
- Doug: 1930 PCNS Token of Esteem in aluminum

- Federico: PCNS medal given to him in 2004 after his first club presentation on Costa Rican coinage. He is very proud of having made that effort, and has given many presentations since
- Dean: Canadian 2021 Bluenose dime with a missing "C" in the word cents. A nice discussion ensued about the degree of that letter missing on different examples (and some dimes with even more letters missing). The consensus seemed to be that it was from a blob of grease that got stuck on the die. One coin that he showed had a slight divot next to the missing letter, which was likely a dislodged bit of grease forming the indentation with a subsequent striking.
- Michael: a cast Medal Collectors of America medal featuring an octopus hoarding a treasure chest of coins
- Stephen showed highlights of minutes from some archived PCNS meetings, where coins were reported to be handed out to members present: March 1922 meeting minutes where the secretary is noted to have passed away. At that meeting Mr. Frank exhibited and furnished the Alabama half dollar and 1921 Peace Dollars to members present; in April 1922 the Grant half dollar was given to members present; in June 1922 more 1921 Peace Dollars were handed out to members who had not received one before; April 1926- coins that had been through the 1906 earthquake and fire (20 years earlier) were distributed to members, a gift of Farran Zerbe.

The general meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlie Catlett, Secretary PCNS