



# Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

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## Minutes of the PCNS Meetings of January 25, 2017

*Status — Approved at the February 22<sup>ND</sup> 2017 Board Meeting*

### Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Hyder at 7:09 PM with Stephen Huston, Dan Hipple, Bob Somers, and Immediate Past President Herb Miles also present. We had regrets from Governors Jason Macario and Ed Treuting.

The December 2016 Minutes were approved without changes, and the Financial Report was accepted as submitted.

A 2017 Budget was discussed, and the Board approved using target figures based on 2016 actual income/expenses as prepared by Recorder Huston. It was noted that this would result in a net loss for 2017 of about \$1,000, but that PCNS has periodic fundraising events which seem to have held us in the \$10K–13K range for more than a decade now.

The 2017 Papers contest will be run by Dan once again.

Dan also volunteered to host the June luncheon, but the luncheon/BBQ event will be discussed with membership input again in March.

Stephen noted that we have some copies of past Papers and booklets which have not been selling, and requested direction regarding them. Bill Hyder offered to put them out for sale at the token show in March, which sounded good to the Board, so Stephen will bring the entire supply to pass off the Bill at the February meeting.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

### Membership Meeting

The Membership Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM with members Mark Wm. Clark, Chris Donaldson, Donald Kagin, and Federico Castillo in attendance in addition to those from the Board Meeting.

Herb Miles presented a program on *Florence Evelyn Nesbit Thaw: the girl on the mirror*.

He described her life as a teenager modeling for artists, her transition to the theater, and her eventual affair with Stanford White, which, though it ended before her eventual marriage to Thaw, finally ended badly when her slightly deranged husband decided to kill her former lover. Thaw was tried and then retried for the crime, Evelyn managing to divorce him during his period outside of a mental facility. He was eventually acquitted in spite of having committed the crime before a public audience!

Herb brought about 20 items featuring photographs and drawings of Nesbit. He noted that his work on Nesbit has been published three times now, first by PCNS, then by TAMS, and even more recently by another group.

[During the break, Federico Castillo offered to change his speaking date to February from March, which puts our next vacancy off another month.]

In addition to Herb's wealth of Nesbit material, most attendees brought items to exhibit:

Dan — a rectangular medal from a New York 1913 Sanitation expo, a Bay Bridge Opening event badge, and a copper trial stamp for the Hawaii 50¢ coin of 1883, along with a "neutron dime."

Don — the actual US Mint invoice to Henry Chapman for restriking the Bechtler gold pieces.

Bill — California Midwinter Expo piece (1894) good for a camel ride in the Dahomey Village at the expo, a Hayes-Tilden satirical medal following their election which was decided by jiggering the electoral college after the fact(!) with a reverse accusing publisher Charles Dana of the New York Sun of yellow journalism. Also a fancy-shaped 1880s Roos Bros. brass store card from SF.

Stephen — Ptolemy X bronze coin acquired this month, struck around the end of the 2nd Century BCE for Cyprus, but it's not yet certain if the mint is Paphos or some secondary provincial mint.

Bob — a recently obtained specimen of his Grandfather's formal calling-card, acquired from someone who found it in an estate sale. Also an octagonal Good For 50¢ token from Ted's Place in Durand, Mich.

Chris — 1834 English 6d slabbed as Mint State 64, a beautiful specimen.

Federico — two tokens from Texas which illustrate the cross-border nature of the economy in some small towns, as these were both denominated in Mexican Reales — a 1R of Peña, TX, and a 1/2 real from Gongora.

The drawing included many items: books, mint sets, antique postcards, maps, Siamese currency, and even Hell banknotes. Some of the material was obtained by Herb, and some donated by members Calvin Rogers and Stephen Huston.

Winners included Bill, Don, Dan, Mark, Chris, and Bob — a couple of them more than once!

As the last piece of business for the evening, the membership approved member Donald Kagin's request that PCNS endorse him for the upcoming race for ANA Vice President. The membership approved, and President Hyder and Recorder Huston signed off on the paperwork (later mailing it to ANA headquarters).

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 9:15.

Submitted by Stephen Huston, *PCNS Recorder*