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1311th Monthly Meeting

Coinage & Keeping Tabs — from Mesopotamia to Wall Street

Stephen Huston

**Wednesday, July 23, 2025, 7:30 PM PDT
Online**



“Keeping Tabs.” Hmm. Your editor is winging it here. I can think of two senses that might apply to numismatics. The less likely is the sense in which “keeping tabs” means keeping track of the location of people. This could apply to coinage in that the locations where coins are found could be an indicator of how far people have wandered from the home of the coinage. In other words, using them as tracking devices. Hmm. That just doesn’t seem likely.

The second sense is related to “keeping a tab,” or a record of debts and credits between persons or organizations; in other words, the relative abstraction of coinage from barter.

Join us online on **Wednesday, July 23** when **Stephen Huston** will explain which of these is the case. My money (pun intended) is on the second sense. But I have been disastrously wrong in the past, so tune in to find out.

Plan to exhibit your own relevant item or one of your recent acquisitions. So that everyone may participate, please take pictures of your exhibits to facilitate viewing on Zoom.

JUNE BBQ RECAP

It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon when a group of PCNS members and friends gathered in Berkeley for the 2025 summer BBQ. The weather was beautiful, and the food spread was particularly delicious, with grilled meats and vegetables, beans, and salads. Oh, and flan. Unforgettable delicious flan! Once again, we thank Federico and Angela Castillo for their generous and delicious hospitality!

The agenda for a June “meeting” is very brief, focusing on announcements and the presentation of awards.



President Jason Macario had the pleasure of announcing the following awards and distributing the following medals:

- First-time speaker medals for **Greg Meyer, Greg Bennick and Henry Goodman**. Unfortunately, none could join us, and will receive their medals in the mail.

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PCNS MEETINGS

PCNS meetings take place at 7:30 pm Pacific Time on the fourth Wednesday of most months. Currently, meetings are held online using the Zoom platform, thereby allowing members, presenters, and guests to attend no matter where they are located. Everyone with an interest in numismatics is welcome to attend. A meeting code/invitation link will be emailed to all members separately the day before the meeting; non-members can request a link by emailing webmaster@pcns.org.

Special occasions, such as the annual BBQ, will continue to occur in person.

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2025

July 23, 2025**Stephen Huston**: *Coinage & Keeping Tabs — from Mesopotamia to Wall Street*
August 27, 2025**Michael Wehner & Federico Castillo**: *Proclamation Medals in the Mexico City Mint*
September 24, 2025*Speaker and Topic TBA**
October 22, 2025**Douglas Ward** *Topic TBA*
November 19, 2025*Speaker and Topic TBA**

SPEAK UP!

There are always opportunities for **you** to make a presentation. Thanks to Zoom, you don't even need to be in San Francisco. Your topic can even be something about which you have submitted or plan to submit a *Paper*. Please email webmaster@pcns.org to sign up.

JUNE BBQ HIGHLIGHTS (CONT'D)

- Second place medal for the 2025 Papers Contest to **Bill Hyder**, for *Native American Medallion Portraits from the Battle of the Little Bighorn*.
- First place medal for the 2025 Papers Contest to **Douglas Ward** for *The Paradigm in Aluminum Patterns*.
- Award for the inaugural 2024 Presentation Contest to **Jeff Pritchard** for his July 2024 presentation *Mystery of the Maiden of Holland's Liberty Cap*.

Congratulations to all honorees!

For the only in-person gathering in a year, we held a drawing. Winners were:

- **Mike**: *The Complete Story of the San Francisco Horror*, a book about the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire, published in 1906, shortly after the fires were out.
- **Ed**: 1942 and 1943-S ungraded Winged Liberty dimes, plus a miniature lighted magnifier.
- **Federico**: 1982-S U.S. Proof Set, and a 1986-S Statue of Liberty commemorative plus a miniature lighted magnifier
- **Bill**: Die set for the 1970 Krewe of Houmas Mardi Gras medal.
- **Doug**: PCNS 800th Meeting medal, 2018 golden Donald Trump "medal," plus a miniature lighted magnifier.

Thanks to all attendees and drawing ticket purchasers!

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