

PCNS Minutes for May 24, 2023

The board meeting for May 24, 2023, was called to order via Zoom at 7:12PM by President Jason Macario. In attendance were Vice President Bill Hyder, Secretary Charlie Catlett, Treasurer Stephen Huston, Governors Bob Somers and Mike McDaniel, and Michael Wehner. Governor Ed Treuting sent his regrets at not being able to attend.

The minutes for the April meeting were approved.

Financial report: the report was sent to members prior to the meeting and was discussed.

The June BBQ is planned for Saturday June 24, 1 PM in Berkeley. The cost is \$15/person through the PayPal link at the society's pcns.org website.

Papers Contest update: the scores have been tallied and winners declared. Jason sent those names to Stephen for engraving medals, and they will be announced at the June meeting.

November meeting date: It was decided unanimously to hold the November meeting on the fifth Wednesday this year. Rather than Thanksgiving eve (the fourth Wednesday), the meeting will be held November 29th.

We still need speakers for October-November. Michael volunteered to speak in September.

New Business: none

Adjournment 7:21 PM

At 7:31 PM, general meeting #1285 was called to order. Present in addition to the members from the board meeting via Zoom were Charlie Ludvic, Jeff Pritchard, Dean Neald, John Duff, Federico Castillo, Mark Wm. Clark, Herb Miles, Scott Safe, Paul Turner, Greg Burns, and Dean Ristenpart.

The June BBQ will be Saturday June 24 at 1PM. It will be in Berkeley. The cost is \$15/person through the PayPal link at the society's pcns.org website, with confirmation payment due by Friday June 16.

Speakers are needed for October-November.

Featured Speaker: Bill Hyder

Isaac F. Wood Satirical Medals: A Work in Progress

Bill's research into this topic is based on four 1876 satirical presidential election medals of Isaac F. Wood, produced by George Lovett. Wood was born in 1841 and died about 1895. Because he changed his name there is some difficulty tracking down early information about him.

He began issuing medals in 1868. His first medal was perhaps one with the motto THE FIRST "DADDY OF THE AMERICAN COIN TRADE". In 1869 came the Wood Memorial Medal series, featuring Norwalk, Andrew Johnson, and his alma mater Haverford College. In 1875 he issued a satirical medal about George Washington and the incomplete Washington Monument.

He was a fan of President Grant and struck a number of satirical medals relating to politicians. Bill detailed medals satirizing Charles Dana and Samuel Tilden in particular. There are a number of obscure references in the mottos on these medals, and Bill is working on putting together an article fully explaining the medals. His detailed talk was recorded and will soon be available on the society's web-page.

Member Exhibits:

Charlie C showed the latest acquisition of a Thomas Spence Conder Token (D&H 720) with a die combination of two sought after images. And I also showed *the* book written by James Conder in 1799 that gave these tokens their name.

Stephen continues his collection related to Venice, which rebelled against Austrian rule in 1848. He showed a recently purchased 1812 copper Soldo, minted in Milan for Napoleon- the King of Italy at the time.

Jeff showed a photo of a beautiful 1863 Seated Liberty quarter dollar pattern and gave us details on it. There are perhaps six known, his is the second highest graded. Wow.

PCNS received an inquiry about a Western Multiphone token, which was referred to Michael to answer. He has two of the tokens. They are not telephone tokens- they advertise for the first juke box! Michael found photos of some of these jukeboxes to go along with the tokens, and shared information about the company.

The general meeting adjourned at 8:50PM. The next meeting will be the June 24, 2023 BBQ.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Catlett, Secretary PCNS