

PCNS Minutes for October 23, 2024

The board meeting for October 23, 2024, was called to order via Zoom at 7:15 PM by President Jason Macario. In attendance were Vice President Bill Hyder, Treasurer Stephen Huston, Secretary Charlie Catlett, Governors Mike McDaniel, Bob Somers, and Ed Treuting, past president Dan Hipple, and members Michael Wehner and John Duff.

The minutes for the September meeting were approved.

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

Speakers are arranged through February 2025.

PCNS Monograph #2 (Jerry Schimmel book) update: Jason has looked at word counts and layouts. He has rough estimates for three potential sizes of print-on-demand options: Digest size of approximately 130 pages at \$7.09/copy; 6" X 9" size of approximately 110 pages at \$6.28/copy; and letter size of approximately 70 pages at \$5.58/copy. These would all be on high quality paper via print-on-demand. The board unanimously favored the 6 X 9 size. More specifics on cost will hopefully be available for the November board meeting.

Board Elections: All current board members expressed a willingness to run for re-election.

New business: none.

Adjournment 7:35 PM.

At 7:35 PM, general meeting #1302 was called to order. Present in addition to the members from the board meeting via Zoom were Herb Miles, Paul Turner, Jeff Pritchard, Scott Safe, Charlie Ludvic, Henry Goodman, Doug Ward, and Ricardo De León Tallavas.

Speakers are set through February 2025.

Jason announced that elections are to be held at the upcoming December meeting. If any members are interested in running for a position on the board, they should contact either Jason or Stephen.

"A Forgotten Letter: The Most Important Finding about 1914 Muera Huerta Mexican Pesos" By Ricardo De León Tallavas

Ricardo talked about the most famous coin of the Mexican Revolution, the "MUERA HUERTA" silver pesos. He reviewed a history of the revolution beginning in 1910. In 1913 Victoriano Huerta became president after a coup that imprisoned and executed the current president Madero and his vice president. He was aided by Mexican military generals and the U.S. Ambassador and was hated by most Mexicans because of his treacherous assassination of Madero.

This led to the minting of a peso coin with the motto "MUERA HUERTA" = death to Huerta. Fascinating details about the crude design, who minted it and where it was minted, gold fantasy pieces made later, and legends about the coin were discussed. For a hundred years, the legend about the origin of the coin was that Pancho Villa had ordered the pesos to be minted. An amazing discovery of a primary document tucked into a book previously owned by a Los Angeles dentist (and Father of Mexican

Numismatics) Dr. Alberto F. Pradeau allowed Ricardo to make important determinations about these coins. The document proved conclusively that Pancho Villa did not order the MUERA HUERTA pesos to be minted, rather the pesos had been initiated by a different revolutionary warlord. There was an interesting discussion after his talk about various details of the coins and events. A recording of the talk is available on the Society's YouTube web page.

Member Exhibits

Michael W started off the exhibits with a 1910 Mexican Independence Centennial Medal in silver, made by Tiffany & Co. He also showed a Mexican War New York Volunteer medal that had been engraved.

Bill showed us a 1944 anti-Hitler pinback. It was mechanical: pull down on a small lever and see Hitler rise hanging from a noose. It is likely a later reproduction of the original, but still an interesting item.

John showed us some new unlisted tokens from Holtville and Imperial, Ca.

Ed showed the 230th Anniversary of the Flowing Hair design medal, silver dollar sized. He just received it and was only able to order a single piece. The mint sold out of that one quickly. He also showed us a Hull Gala Day/Boston Lighthouse medal with a ribbon.

Mike M showed us a few Mexican silver proof one ounce bullion coins with Aztec designs, and Ricardo was able to help describe the design figures.

The general meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM. The next meeting will be on November 27, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Catlett, Secretary PCNS