

PCNS Minutes for May 27, 2026

The board meeting for May 27, 2026, 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, Ed Treuting and Jeff Pritchard, Past President Dan Hipple, and Michael Wehner.

The minutes for the April meeting were approved as amended.

The May financial report was sent prior to the meeting and was briefly discussed.

Summer BBQ: It will be on Saturday June 27, 2026 at 1pm, with a cost of \$15. Ticketing info is on the payments page of our website. Info regarding location will only be sent to ticket holders much nearer the actual date. A reminder will be sent via e-mail to encourage a big turnout.

Speakers are needed for August through December.

New Business:

Adjournment 7:27 PM.

At 7:33 PM general meeting #1321 was called to order. Present in addition to the members from the board meeting via Zoom were Herb Miles, Charlie Ludvik, Bob Somers, Scott Safe, and Greg Burns.

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1826 — A Year of Celebrations

By PCNS Fellow William D. Hyder

Bill's talk was based on work he did with Jeff Shevlin, with assistance from Scott Safe and Bob Jessinger, on a new So-Called Dollar book. He presented this talk at the ANA Mid-winter session in Savannah, Georgia and will present it again at the ANA Summer session in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The Erie Canal opened in 1825. 1826 was the U.S. National Jubilee, the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. And on July 4, 1826, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson passed away. So, there were a lot of factors in how this was all celebrated.

There was not enough time to prepare a medal for the opening of the Erie Canal, so it was initially celebrated with a badge. A medal was made in 1826, and Bill discussed the varieties, metals, mintage, and design elements. Bill also discussed a National Jubilee medal, and details on how the engraver's initials "CR" were determined to be from German die sinker Casper Reinhold. The medal is rich in symbolism, which was explained. A second 1826 National Jubilee medal was made and is very rare.

Finally, Bill discussed how the lives and deaths of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson influenced how America celebrated the fourth of July, and how the Erie Canal focused attention on the two men.

There was a good discussion following Bill's talk, which will be available for viewing on the Society's YouTube webpage.

Member Exhibits:

Stephen: The 1876 Philadelphia Exposition was also the first World's Fair to be held in the US. Besides the regular sized medals, there were 4" medals also made- they were about ½" thick. He showed us an

example of one. Stephen handled one with his coin business long ago. They are much rarer and more costly than the usual So-Called Dollar-sized medals made that year.

Michael showed us a 100 Franc note from Belgium featuring Saint Michael, and a 1926 Sesquicentennial medal.

Jeff showed us two coins. First was an ancient Greek electrum 1/6 stater from Lesbos, featuring Cabeiros wearing a Pileus. The other was a gold coin from the Kingdom of Axum featuring King Endybis, circa 300 BCE.

The general meeting adjourned at 8:41PM. The next meeting will be the barbeque on Saturday June 27, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Catlett, Secretary PCNS