

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2021

January 27, 2021Dean Neald, *Star Provision Co Ltd Bread Token*
February 24, 2021*Speaker and Topic TBA**
March 24, 2021.....*Speaker and Topic TBA**
April 28, 2021*Speaker and Topic TBA**
April 28, 2021Deadline for 2021 Papers Contest Submissions

* See "Speak Up!" below

PCNS MEETINGS IN THE AGE OF COVID-19

In-person meetings of PCNS are suspended until further notice. Instead, we will meet online. This has the benefit of enabling those who are unable to be in San Francisco to join us for a meeting **and** to give a presentation!

SPEAK UP!

As can be seen above, there are ample opportunities for **you** to make a presentation in coming months. Your presentation can even be something about which you have submitted or plan to submit a *Paper*. Please email webmaster@pcns.org to sign up.

2021 PCNS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PresidentJason Macario
Secretary.....Charlie Catlett
Treasurer.....Stephen Huston
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GovernorEd Treuting
GovernorPaul Turner
Past PresidentDaniel Hipple

Meetings of the Board of Governors normally take place 30 minutes before the membership meeting in the same location. Online board meetings may begin at 7:15.

CONTACTING AND PAYING PCNS

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PCNS WEBSITE

Visit www.pcns.org to read our *Papers* (including the not-yet-printed 2019 *Papers*), get the latest *Bulletin*, or to check our meeting schedule.

New! Beginning with the May, 2020 Meeting, you can also view a recording of the presentation on our [YouTube channel](#), available through links from pcns.org! Use a QR scanner/reader to open pcns.org via this code.



1257th Monthly Meeting of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



Star Provision Co. Ltd. Bread Token
Dean Neald

Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 7:30 PM
online

PCNS + PO BOX 475656 + SAN FRANCISCO CA 94147

MYSTERY FROM NORTH OF THE BORDER

What happens when you find a previously unknown numismatic item? Say, for example, you come across a token for a product from a local merchant that no longer exists and nobody remembers. Sounds like a case for Encyclopedia Brown!

Join us on **Wednesday, January 27**, as **Dean Neald**, a PCNS member from Regina, Saskatchewan relates his adventure researching a bread token from the Star Provision Company Limited of Regina. Dean will share what he learned about the company and the tentative answer of when the token was made.

So gather your mystery tokens, ~~bread recipes~~, or recent acquisitions, photograph them for sharing, and join us online!

DECEMBER MEETING RECAP

The first order of business for the December meeting was the election of officers and governors for 2021. The slate presented by the nominating committee (see the back page) was elected, with no hanging or pregnant chads, no accusations of fake ballots, and no controversy resulting in riots. Join me in thanking Bob Somers for his three years service as Secretary. Bob will continue as a Governor, and Charlie Catlett will take his place.

Stephen Huston reported that **Ed Fulwider**, PCNS President 1976-77, passed away earlier in the month. Ed had been a PCNS member for over 40 years.

Stephen closed out the year of COVID with a timely presentation. Plagues have had a significant impact on coinage and the economy throughout recorded history. The first historically recorded plague, the great plague of Athens, killed approximately a third of the population in the city and impacted Athenian coinage in both size and quality. Throughout recorded history, pandemics including scarlet fever, measles, smallpox, the bubonic plague and the "Spanish" flu have caused great loss of life and impacted war and trade across the globe.

Our current pandemic, COVID-19 has increased unemployment but has also increased the use of electronic payment systems. While people social distance and avoid contact, less coinage is circulating resulting in a coin shortage. The full impact of our current plague has yet to be written.

You can see Stephen's presentation on the [PCNS YouTube channel](#).

ZOOMING

Our January meeting will take place online using the Zoom platform. If you're already familiar with Zoom, then you're all set. A meeting code/invitation link will be emailed to you separately.

If you're new to the Zoom service, you'll need to do a few things ahead of the meeting. **Don't wait until the last minute to get set up!** For those of you reading this *Bulletin* in hard copy, a sheet with instructions is enclosed. Otherwise, please check the PCNS website for more information.

DECEMBER MEMBER EXHIBITS

Bill: A Zerbe "mystery medal" featuring "Bryan For President" and a fox head on the obverse. Only four similar specimens exist.

Ed: An image of an Alameda County flyer from the Red Cross in 1918 advising to wear a mask (during the "Spanish" Flu); and American Legion lighthouse medals.

Charlie: A 1781 numismatic book with an engraving featuring a coin minting workshop run by cherubs.

Herb: A silver medal inscribed "The First Colored Child Born in Lake County, Colorado, 1878" from Leadville Colorado.

Michael: Italian renaissance medals.

DUES ARE DUE

With the arrival of 2021, we enter a new membership year for PCNS. Dues are due and payable as of January 1.

Membership dues remain \$20 per year, and support the oldest numismatic organization in the West. If you haven't paid your dues already, we recommend that you do so today so that your membership doesn't lapse. Members who haven't renewed by March 31 are dropped from the membership rolls. We don't want that to happen!

Not sure if you've paid yet? Send an email to webmaster@pcns.org

Ways to pay:

Newfangled: Pay online via PayPal to money@pcns.org or go to www.paypal.me/pcnsorg;

Classic: Mail a check or money order, payable to PCNS, to:

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NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

We have received a membership application from **Alice Rosenthal**, of Berkeley, California. Per PCNS bylaws, Alice will become an Active Member of PCNS at the January 27 meeting.

WRITE NOW!

The submission deadline for the 2021 Papers Contest is the **April 28** meeting.

Important: Refer to the publication section of pcns.org for the contest rules and our copyright policy.