

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2021-2022

December 22, 2021 **Election and Holiday Party**
January 26, 2022 **Doug Ward, *The Double Deuce Proof:***
An Argument for Provenance
February 23, 2022 *Speaker and Topic TBA**
March 23, 2022 *Speaker and Topic TBA**

* See "Speak Up!" below

SPEAK UP!

There are several opportunities for **you** to make a presentation in the coming months. You don't need to be in San Francisco to present. 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.

PCNS MEETS IN PERSON AGAIN

In-person meetings of PCNS have resumed as of November, 2021. **In accordance with Fort Mason policy, masks *must* be worn inside the building;** PCNS expects that attendees are fully vaccinated for COVID-19. We will continue using the Zoom platform to enable those who are unable to be in San Francisco to join us for a meeting **and** to give a presentation! A meeting code/invitation link will be emailed to all members separately the day before the meeting.

2021 PCNS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

President Jason Macario
Secretary Charlie Catlett
Treasurer Stephen Huston
Governors Bob Somers, Ed Treuting, Paul Turner
Past President Daniel Hipple

Meetings of the Board of Governors normally take place 30 minutes before the membership meeting in the same location.

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PCNS WEBSITE

Visit www.pcns.org to read our *Papers* (including the about-to-be-printed 2019 - 2021 *Papers*), get the latest *Bulletin*, or to check our meeting schedule.

Miss a meeting? 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.



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PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



1268th Monthly Meeting

Election and Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 22, 2021, 7:30 PM

Fort Mason Center, Building C

and

Online (hopefully)

PCNS + PO BOX 475656 + SAN FRANCISCO CA 94147

GOOD-BYE AND GOOD RIDDANCE TO 2021

Many of us thought that 2020 was the bottom of the barrel when it came to years. Unfortunately, 2021 got off to an even rougher start, and that assessment comes from someone who experienced a home invasion robbery on the second morning of 2020!



As is PCNS tradition, our **Wednesday, December 22** meeting will feature the election of Governors for the coming year, followed by good company and good cheer. The party is a pot luck, so bring something tasty to share. PCNS will provide appropriate paper plates, cups, napkins, plastic utensils, and containers for leftovers, but please bring any needed serving utensils.

Please note: Fort Mason requires that masks be worn in all indoor spaces, including our meeting room. In addition, we expect that meeting attendees will be

fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

The December meeting is also an excellent opportunity to pay your dues, still \$20, for 2022. So bring a check or cash to the meeting and start the new year in good standing!

NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP

Jason Macario presented an updated version of his “Hunting for Hidden Gold” talk. After a short introduction regarding the establishment of the United States Mint in San Francisco and the general public-facing operations of the facility at the turn of the 20th Century, Jason got to the *real* story.

The tale begins with the semi-annual inventory of coinage at the San Francisco Mint in June of 1901. To the concern of everyone involved, the physical inventory was notably short of what was expected based on the books. The amount missing consisted of six sacks of double eagles (\$20). As each sack held 250 coins, the missing inventory amounted to 1,500 coins or \$30,000.

After an extensive and thorough search of the building, officials concluded that the missing coins had been stolen by an employee of the mint. Suspicion centered on two individuals who had access to the vault where the coins were kept, Chief Cashier William Cole and Chief Clerk Walter Dimmick.

Dimmick’s employment history with the mint was spotty at best, including allegations of stealing small amounts of money from pay envelopes, misappropriation of \$1,300 in funds, and attempting to forge Superintendent Frank Leach’s signature. He had been demoted from the position of Chief Cashier in 1899, and was disliked by most other employees.

Dimmick went to trial four times between 1901 and 1903, and was convicted of several crimes, earning him a total sentence of nine years hard labor in San Quentin. He maintained his innocence the entire time, and his wife stood by him until the end. After his release in 1909, he lived the rest of his life in obscurity. The missing gold was never recovered.

There were some technical difficulties in the first part of Jason’s presentation, which has delayed posting it online, but it should be on the [PCNS YouTube](#) channel soon.

STEP UP!

As another year comes to an end, it’s time to elect officers for 2022. We’re always looking for fresh faces to get involved in the leadership of PCNS.

The nominating committee has proposed the following slate for the coming year. Nominations remain open and will be accepted at the meeting prior to the vote.

President	Jason Macario
Vice President	<vacant>
Secretary	Charlie Catlett
Treasurer	Stephen Huston
Governor	Mike McDaniel
Governor	Bob Somers
Governor	Ed Treuting
Governor	Paul Turner

Dan Hipple continues as a member of the Board of Governors in his position of Past President.



NOVEMBER MEMBER EXHIBITS

Doug: A 1932 Los Angeles Olympics (X Olympiad) souvenir token in gilt bronze, approximately 1/2”. The obverse features a sprinter; the reverse is similar to a fractional gold piece.

Scott: Five varieties of Soil Conservation Society Medals.

Dean: 2-1/2” glass medal commemorating a visit by Queen Elizabeth II and her husband to a glass factory in the UK.

Jason: A 1901-S Double Eagle gold piece, graded MS 63. Could it have been one of the pieces originally from the heist of 1901? We have no way to really know (but Jason asserts that it is and invites anyone to prove that it isn’t).

Federico: 1946 Costa Rica 25 centavo pattern in Proof 65, quite rare; a Chow Wing Sing Co. Bluefields token, from Bluefields, Nicaragua, with a Chinese countermark; and a Costa Rica coffee plantation token with an error in spelling (ORSI instead of OROSI).

Paul: A medal made by the Medallion Art Company featuring Lincoln on the obverse, and the upper part of the reverse engraved for a prize he got in high school in 1957.

Ed: 2006 \$5 gold San Francisco Mint commemorative for the centennial of the 1906 earthquake; a 2006 gold \$5 half eagle NGC MS-70; Cuban 5-peso gold commemorating the Lighthouse of Alexandria; and his new acquisition, a 1923-S Standing Liberty Quarter in PGCs XF-40.

Michael: 2021 Peace Dollar and a 2021-S Morgan Dollar, with stories on acquiring and reselling them.

Mark: Mendocino County Camp Marwadel token; a PPIE elongated cent with the name “Frisco” on it; and two 1836 Cuzco, Peru four-real pieces, holed for jewelry but still silver- a nice flea market find.