

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
September 26, 2012

Board Meeting

President Stephen Huston called the board meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Board members present included: Herb Miles, Stephen Huston, Bill Hyder, Dan Hipple, and Ed Treuting.

Members present included: Glen Risdon, Michael Wehner, and Ken Takahashi.

The secretary's report was accepted with changes proposed via email.

The Treasurer's Report showed total receipts of \$61.41 and expenditures of \$169.93 between August 23 and September 26. The balance of all funds on the 26th was \$13,254.33. The board approved new expenditures for \$50 for raffle expenses.

President Huston reported that the papers publication is on track for this year.

President Huston reported on the meeting earlier in the day when he and Bill Hyder presented Frank Strazzarino with his 50th anniversary medal.

The board continued discussions for an anniversary medal and award medals. Bill Hyder reported that he had not yet found a place to silver plate existing medals. Several suggestions were made for additional follow up. Stephen Huston suggested thinking outside the box for an anniversary medal.

Michael Wehner suggested an open design competition for a 100th anniversary medal. No prize would be given except for an example of the final medal. The competition will be announced in our newsletter and other venues.

Federico agreed to speak in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

The General Meeting was called to order at 7:50.

Members present included: Herb Miles, Stephen Huston, Bill Hyder, Dan Hipple, Michael Wehner, Glen Risdon, Michael Wehner, and Ken Takahashi.

Dan Hipple presented his talk, Toivo Johnson's Bad Idea.

Toivo Johnson was a Maine coin dealer specializing in U.S. commemorative coins. He was a 30 year member of the ANA. He issued a set of medals honoring coin designers

in 1962 and 1963. Dan found the series particularly difficult to research and the information that is available generally cites on or two sources.

Toivo approached Medallion Art with his idea for the series, but the company declined participation unless he modified some of his plans for the medal designs. Metal Arts Company in Rochester, New York had no problems with his idea and agreed to make the medal series. Six different medals were struck, but did not sell well.

Wanting to learn more about the series, Dan learned that Toivo had two other large medals designed and struck in addition to a smaller sized series issued for the centennial of Maine's statehood. After acquiring a store card issued by another Johnson in Maine, Dan decided to call the phone number on the 30+ year old token and found Toivo's son on the other end. We will be hearing more about his research in the future.

Exhibits included:

Ken Takahashi shared his collection of DVDs with TV episodes that featured rare coins. The Streets of San Francisco solved a crime involving a collection of double eagles, while Hawaii 50 went in search of the \$100,000 nickel.

Michael Wehner shared stories of British museums.

Glen Risdon exhibited a French 1833 medal of Franklin and Montyon, an article on the carousel of 1622 medal, and a Ludi Equestres commemorative.

Herb Miles shared an elaborate Native Sons of the Golden West medal.

Bill Hyder shared an 1893 World's Columbian Exposition official medal struck on a Braided Hair large cent and the 100 Anniversary of the New York Numismatic Club publication, An Island of Civility.

Raffle Prizes:

Michael Wehner won an 1880 British historical medal.

Ed Treuting won a 1973 San Francisco Cable Car medal.

Dan Hipple won Mort Reed's book, Abraham Lincoln, and a large Golden Gate Bridge medal.

Stephen Huston won a 1951 King George IV Festival of Britain crown and a Toivo Johnson medal donated by Dan Hipple.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40.

