

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society  
July 25, 2012

### Board Meeting

President Stephen Huston called the board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

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The Treasurer's Report showed total receipts of \$1,305.92 and expenditures of \$1,041.75 between April 25 and July 25. The balance of all funds on the 25<sup>th</sup> was \$13,886.15. The board approved new expenditures for mail envelopes, reservation deposit for 2013 at Fort Mason, and \$70 for raffle expenses.

The disposition of the two remaining silver medals, one round and one octagonal was discussed. We have one 50-year member to honor, two 25-year members, two past presidents, and our annual writing awards. We have sufficient bronze medals to last for a few years.

The board decided to engrave the remaining silver octagonal medal for Frank Strazzarino, our 50-year member. The Recorder was instructed to ask for a quote from Medallic Art for having new medals struck. Further decisions were tabled until the August meeting when we have the costs for new medals.

The board also discussed the quote for publishing the annual papers and a possible change in size and format. Printing the papers in 8.5x11 format will cost us \$3.50 each for 50 copies. The board voted to get a quote for 8x5.5 format and tabled a decision until the August meeting when we have both quotes in hand.

Michael Wehner asked Don Kagin if he would speak at an upcoming meeting. The Recorder was asked to contact Don and Michael and arrange for one of them to speak in August.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

The General Meeting was called to order at 7:35.

Members present included: Herb Miles, Stephen Huston, Bill Hyder, Dan Hipple, Michael Whalen, Michael Turrini, Glen Risdon, Mark William Clark, Bob Bennett, Michael Wehner, David Somers, Catz Forsman, Ken Takahashi, and Federico Castillo. Manual Garcia attended as a guest.

Lloyd Chan was ill, so Michael Turrini presented just his Coins with Stories.

The ABC Peso of Cuba provided his first story. Struck from 1933 to 1939 and the size of a U.S. silver dollar, the coin was named for the ABC terrorist cells fighting U.S. protectorate status. Roosevelt abrogated the protectorate status in 1933 and members of the ABC cells became members of the new government, including the Treasury secretary, hence the name. The pesos were slated to be melted in the 1940s, but collectors saved some. Michael shared a 1937 peso, the rarest of the set.

A 1928 Irish proof set provided his second story. The English had dominated Ireland since the 1100s and the battles between the poor Catholic Irish population and the British government came to a head with the 1916 Easter Uprising. Although the British put down the uprising and executed the instigators, one of its leaders was spared because his mother was an American. He survived to become the first Prime Minister of the Free State of Ireland in 1922. William Butler Yeats was selected to chair the committee to design the nation's first coinage. Percy Metcalf's designs were selected with the harp on the obverse to represent the state and familiar farm and game animals and inscriptions in Gaelic on the reverse. Ironically, the coins were struck at the Royal Mint in London.

Michael's final story involved a silver award tray presented to the Mark Hopkins for the best-decorated cable car during the 1973 Cable Car Centennial in San Francisco. Michael rode the bus nearly every day with a lady who worked at the Mark Hopkins for most of her life. He remembered the day she boarded the bus and told the story of winning the award and being presented with the tray. Years later, he was offered the tray at a coin show and bought it on the spot remembering the lady from his early years as a student and teacher.

Exhibits included:

Federico Castillo shared an 1818 Guatemalan 8 reales and a copper medal produced by the French mint to honor the first Latin American to win the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1967.

Mark Wm Clark shared 2 Wells Fargo medals and a 1908-S Indian Head cent acquired during a trip to Mexico City. The Wells Fargo medals were purchased when he placed a minimum bid on what he thought was a single medal. Imagine his surprise when he won and learned it was two medals, not one.

Manual Garcia brought a framed 2-dollar bill with horse racing story and \$2.00 betting ticket. As a bonus, the bill is a star note.

Catz Forsman shared a selection of pocket change from his own pocket, his father's pocket, and his grandfather's pocket. They helped shape his interest in collecting coins.

Michael Wehner brought three railroad medals from Peru featuring Henry Meiggs. Meiggs built the first wharf on North Shore, but defrauded the city in the process. He fled to Peru where he became a railroad developer. The medals commemorate a few of his accomplishments. He also shared an early stereo card showing an Andean glacier on Mount Meiggs.

David Somers shared the new 2012 Birth Year coin set issued by the U.S. Mint.

Dan Hipple shared a Pf-63 1929 Graf Zeppelin commemorative medal and two 1705 1 Zolotta Ottoman Empire coins, one MS-62 (none finer) and one AU 55.

Whalen shared his stories of Godless Numismatics. In 1911, Canadian coins omitted DEI GRA, by the Grace of God, from the new coins of George V. The legend was restored the next year. He shared the 1911-1912 pairs of large cents, quarters, and half dollars. He also shared the Saint-Gaudens 1907 \$20 gold piece without the In God We Trust motto and a later piece with the motto added to the reverse design.

Glen Risdon shared two Louis XIV restrike medals, a Hawaiian quarter, an 1894 Mid Winter Fair medal, 2 PPIE medals, an Arizona token from Jerome, and a National Defense decoration store card.

Bill Hyder brought coin boxes and solid coin stacks issued as souvenirs for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition and the 1894 California Midwinter Exposition.

Michael Turrini shared two Calgary Numismatic Society leather "steer hides."

Stephen Huston shared a silver coin box (made from white metal) built around a 1689 coronation medal. He also showed three Roman coins, two regular issues and the third a mule struck from mismatched dies of the first two in the attempt to maintain die and coin production in the days following the death of Constantine the Great.

Herb Miles shared an 1846 book by William Smith, The Coins of England. The book has an attractive binding and wonderful color illustrated plates.

Raffle Prizes:

Whalen won a 1994 one ounce silver Mexican bullion piece.

Dan Hipple won an 1888 Canadian dime.

Catz Forsman won a California souvenir medal.

Manual Garcia won a lot of paper Notgeld.

Mark Wm Clark won a 1992 Columbus commemorative half dollar.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.