

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
January 23, 2013

Board Meeting

President Stephen Huston called the board meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

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

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The secretary's report was accepted as sent via email with the addition of noting that nominations were requested for officers at the December meeting before our vote was held. No additional nominations were received.

The Treasurer's Report showed total receipts of \$120.96 and expenditures of \$79.24 between December 26 and January 23. The balance of all funds on the 23rd was \$12,685.41. The proposed budget for 2013 projects a loss of \$1,215. The board approved buying more stamps for bulletin postage.

The proposed budget generated a good deal of discussion about our primary expense, \$102.30 a month rent for our meeting room. Members were asked to explore alternatives with President Huston volunteering to check with libraries.

Bill Hyder brought the silver-plated award medals for board inspection. Two of the ten will be allocated to past president medals for Michael Whalen and Federico Castillo.

President Huston reported that the published papers were mailed in December.

The board agreed to announce the 2013 papers contest in the February bulletin.

Bill Hyder reported he was working on a call for medal design ideas for The California Numismatist.

Dan Hipple volunteered to speak in February and John Jencek has agreed to speak in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

The General Meeting was called to order at 7:45.

Members present included: Stephen Huston, Bill Hyder, Glen Risdon, Ken Takahashi, Ed Treuting, Mark William Clark, Jerry Schimmel, Michael Wehner, David Somers, Dan Hipple, Herb Miles, Scott Annechino, Catz Fortzman, and Federico Castillo.

Ed Treuting moved that we put the 2012 papers on the web to create content of interest to collectors and to create interest in the PCNS. Herb Miles second the motion which passed unanimously.

William Hyder then presented his talk, **Elder vs. Zerbe: The 1909 ANA Presidential Election**. Two dealers born not far apart in rural Pennsylvania followed two different paths in numismatics, but both became influential in the early days of the ANA. On the surface, they seemed to be friends and Elder supported Zerbe's re-election as ANA president in 1909. When Zerbe declined to run, Elder nominated Frank C. Higgins while Zerbe supported William Henderson and made good use of his ownership and editorial control of *The Numismatist*. The campaign turned nasty at the outset and within a month Elder had issued two satirical tokens making fun of Zerbe. At the convention, Higgins withdrew after Henderson agreed to adopt the Higgins platform and Zerbe agreed to sell *The Numismatist*. Elder's two tokens remain little known reminders of a bitter campaign.

Exhibits included:

Glen Risdon shared an 1853 P gold U.S. dollar, possible counterfeit.

Mark William Clark Brought a Key to Treasure Island from the Golden Gate International Exposition and a Kasmer Tailor Don't Worry Club (swastika) advertising token. He also display a set of four San Francisco Masonic pennies.

Federico Castillo shared a 1733 Mexico 8 Reales with a Guatemalan Quetzaltenango countermark.

Scott Annechino shared four rarities from his Belgian Congo collection, four version of the 1936 and 1937 5 Francs (one a mule of with the 1922 design), each the finest known graded pieces.

Michael Wehner shared a 1940 PCNS anniversary slug struck in aluminum, a new and unique discovery piece.

David Somers brought copies of Confederate paper money and three examples of foreign currency.

Dan Hipple exhibited an set of 1985 British Virgin Islands silver 20 dollar pieces commemorating shipwreck artifacts. Struck by the Franklin Mint, some consider them money and others consider them medals even though they were legal tender at the time of issue. He also displayed three Swedish medals from the 1800s designed by Lea Ahlborn, probably the most prolific national mint designer.

Herb Miles shared a 1590 8 Reales from the Mexico City mint.

Raffle prizes:

Federico Castillo won a sterling silver Cripplegate Institute Medal.

Ed Treuting won a Roman coin book.

Stephen Huston won a framed print of medieval medals.

David Somers won a mint struck bronze Cable Car commemorative medal.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.