

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
December 17th, 2014.

Board Meeting

Vice President Dan Hipple called meeting to order at 7:20.

Board Members present included: Dan Hipple, Steven Huston, and Jerry Schimmel.

Members included: Mary Lannin, Chris Donaldson, Federico Castillo, Michael Wehner and Mark Clark.

There was no treasurer's report for this meeting.

The previous minutes were approved.

There was a vote for the approval of retaining all of the current board members in their current positions, as proposed at the previous meeting. The BOD members and general members voted unanimously to approve the current BOD.

There was a discussion as to who would be a good speaker for the 100th anniversary banquet. Michael Wehner and Mary Lannin both proposed a speaker that they mutually agreed that David McCarthy would be a good speaker for the event. I believe both said they would be willing to contact this person to ask about speaking, once we have a confirmed date for the banquet. All agreed the date of the banquet should be relevant to the date of the first PCNS meeting 100 years ago. Dan Hipple agreed to research the date in the archives, and provide this date. (the 'preliminary' meeting to discuss establishing an entity was held on June 17th, 1915, and the first 'official' meeting was held on June 24th, 1915).

There was further discussion about the Papers Contest. There have been some issues with the e-exchanges of the papers and associated pictures, that have caused some problems and delays. Since this is going to run into the 2015 Papers contest, it was agreed that we would produce just one publication, instead of two, with that publication to contain both the 'ungraded' 2014 articles as well as the 'graded' 2015 articles, in two separate sections. There was some debate as to whether or not this publication should be expanded for the 100th, or perhaps there should be a separate publication for the 100th. This needs further discussion, at the January meeting.

There was some further discussion about the 100 year medals. But, at the November meeting, there was a clear decision that copper/bronze medals could not be ordered except as part of a Set order. These prices at the December meeting: Silver only \$75, Set \$100 (No separate bronze price permitted) It was also specified that while PCNS would make a minimum of 50 silver, there was no limit on number to be produced above that except that it would be limited to pre-paid orders by a yet-to-be-announced date. All mintages are to be limited to pre-orders, (except special pieces for awards), to be determined before we place the final striking order.

There was discussion about the fact that, although we have talked about the 100th meeting / banquet for quite some time, it has not made enough progress, and time is getting short. To this end, Dan Hipple agreed to put together a list of key positions for the 100th, so that individuals can be assigned each task with deliverable dates. Some of these are already assigned. Approval / modifications to the list to take place at January meeting, and volunteers for positions recruited.
Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

General Meeting:

Dan Hipple called the meeting to order at 8:35

Since it was the Christmas meeting, we all enjoyed food and refreshments for the potluck dinner provided by the attendees. There was plenty to eat and it was enjoyed by all.

Since we did not have an assigned speaker for this meeting, Dan Hipple brought a number of items and did a round table discussion about the Copper Mines of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Dan brought examples of pure copper mined from the mines themselves, as well as two samples of pure copper from a vein on the bottom of Lake Superior. Noting the differences in the way the material looked and felt. Dan also brought a sample of Mohawkite, which only occurred in the Mohawk Mine located in Mohawk Michigan. In the late 1800's, between 75% and 90% of all the copper used in the U.S, came from these mines alone. Which would indicate that most copper coinage during this period was produced from ore mined on the U.P.

Chris Donaldson inquired as to whether it would be possible to make a larger quantity of the 100 Year medals in an inexpensive material, such as aluminum, to just give out at the banquet and other events. It was determined that we would ask Bill Hy6der to inquire as to what it would cost to produce a larger number of these in a minor metal.

There was not a raffle, since the raffle master and material were not present.

We did not do a 'show and tell' this evening either.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.