

**Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
March 2019 Minutes**

The board meeting for March 27, 2019 was called to order at 7:00 pm at Fort Mason by President Dan Hipple. Present were Vice President Jason Macario, Treasurer Stephen Huston, Governor Ed Treuting and Secretary Bob Somers.

The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

The financial report for reporting period 02/27/19 to 03/26/19 was reviewed and accepted. Expenses were higher than usual for the month due to rent and printing cost for 2018 papers. 90% of members renewed and one new member application was received. Stephen followed up with the new applicant to confirm that they are interested in joining as an individual. PCNS membership is open to individuals.

The April and May meetings will be held at Fort Mason. The June BBQ plans were discussed but are not finalized. Meeting locations for July through December are pending the availability of Fort Mason.

The 2019 papers deadline will be at the April meeting. Any papers submitted at that meeting will be collected by Jason who will forward them to Dan. Dan will be unable to attend the April meeting.

A brief monograph update by Jerry indicates that Michael continues to photograph content.

Bill will speak at the April meeting. Federico will speak at the May meeting.

Stephen delivered medals to Dan for all awards scheduled for our annual awards' "event"— Papers 1st-3rd, a 25-year member, a special member award still unrepresented from 2018; 3 silver, 2 bronzes in total.

Honorary membership continued by vote of the membership for both Ruth Phillips and Becky Cieniewicz.

Joseph Friedrich & Benny Haimovitz were the only 2018 members not yet renewed by the end of the March meeting. Stephen sent reminders with their copies of the 2018 Papers.

Copies of the 2018 Papers Publication were distributed to all members present at the meeting. All other copies were mailed the next day. The Papers were also already on our website.

The board approved a motion to submit the 2018 publications (papers and all twelve issues of the Bulletin) the ANA Outstanding Club Publications Competition.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

The general meeting was called to order at 7:45pm. In attendance were Jerry Schimmel, Jeff Fung, Mark Wm. Clark, Michael Wehner, Charlie Catlett and Federico Castillo in addition to those from the board meeting.

Dan reviewed the current financials and announced several upcoming shows including Santa Clara April 12-14, Sacramento Valley April 26-27 and Vallejo April 28.

PCNS members feature prominently in the recent TAMS Journal.

Dan presented the topic: The First Two Commemorative Medal Series in the U.S., the American Art-Union and the Circle of Friends of the Medallion.

The American Art-Union to promote American art was modeled after a similar English program. With a five-dollar membership in the Art-Union, members were guaranteed works of American Art in the lottery held on Christmas Eve. Members were guaranteed at minimum an engraved print. Among the prizes awarded were three medals issued between 1847 and 1849 designed by Peter Paul Duggan and engraved by Charles Cushing Wright. The medals celebrated well know American artists and were distributed by the lottery to Art-Union members along with other works of art. The subjects were, 1847 Washington Allston, 1848 Gilbert Stuart and 1849 John Trumbull. This short-lived series ended abruptly when anti-lottery laws were passed in New York putting an end to the art lottery.

The Circle of Friends of the Medallion was founded to promote medallic art in the United States in 1908 by Robert Hewitt, Jr. Charles de Kay. Themes and artists were chosen by committee although the artist had great freedom to design their medals. The medals were produced by the Medallic Art Company and Davidson's of Philadelphia. This is the first series of medals to be placed in matching books for presentation. The books also contained the program background, a description of the medal and theme as well as comments by the artist. The 12 medals produced between 1909 and 1915 were designed by 11 leading medalists of the day covering a variety of themes. They are 1909 Hudson-Fulton Celebration by John Flanagan, 1910 Happiness of Home & Hearth by Isidore Konti, 1911 Saint Brendan the Navigator by John Mowbray-Clark, 1911 Motherhood by Victor David Brenner, 1911 Marquis de Lafayette by Jules-Edouard Roine, 1912 Charles Dickens by John Severinus Conway, 1912 Abdul Baha by Louis Potter, 1913 The Ocean by Sigurd Neandros, 1913 John Charles Fremont the Pathfinder by Rene Theophile de Quelin, 1914 Anglo-American Peace Centennial by John Mowbray-Clark, 1914 New Netherland Tercentenary by Paul Manship and 1915 Blessed Joan of Ark by Allan George Newman. All of the medals and books are available with some effort and time. The mintages are thought to be between 400 and 500 although some designs are more difficult to locate due to the popularity of the theme or the artist. No more medals were issued after 1915 but the series was the inspiration for other hugely successful program, The Society of Medalists.

Member exhibits included:

Jeff – 20th century strike of the three-inch Madison Peace Medal as well as the version currently available on the US Mint website

Jason – 2019 proof cent with a W mint mark from that West Point Mint that is being offered as a gift with purchase from the US Mint

Jerry – a framed Panama Pacific International Expo 2nd place award certificate and a silver plated PPIE award medal

Federico – Cuban masonic token, a Peru token and an 1889 Paris Mint medal from Mexico

Michael – Circle of Friends of the Medallion Fremont medal, a gilt bronze French art medal and 1861 Brunswick-Luneburg "Show Taler"

Mark – 1880 St Louis Agricultural & Mechanical Association medal, an unlisted Los Angeles token and a United Artist Theater season pass fob for the Hon. William P Stanton.

Ed – 1907 Atlantic City masonic lodge token, an Alcatraz lighthouse token and Montauk Point silver round

Charlie – two burned coins salvaged from the Santa Rosa fire (Hadrian bronze and a San Francisco toilet token), Tower of Jewels so-called dollar and a felt banner from the Pan Pacific Expo also featuring the Tower of Jewels

Drawing results:

Ed - Stock certificate, medal and mint set

Jason - Stock certificate, token die, so-called dollar and a book on notes from Native American Territories

Charlie – Fair tickets and a token

Jeff – Hyperinflation note

The general meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.