

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
June 2020 Minutes

The board meeting for June 24, 2020 was called to order via Zoom at 7:15pm by President Jason Macario. Remote attendance included Treasurer Stephen Huston, Secretary Bob Somers, Governors Ed Treuting and Paul V. Turner, past President Dan Hipple along with several members.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved.

The financial report for reporting period: May 27, 2020 to June 23, 2020 was discussed.

There was no update on the Schimmel monograph project.

There was no update on the PCNS Library move from Sutro Library.

Three of the four judges' results were back for the 2020 papers contest. Full results expected at the next meeting.

2019 papers have been uploaded to the PCNS website. They will be printed with the 2020 papers, date TBD.

Speakers are needed for September, October, November and possibly August if there is not a BBQ.

Paul will speak at the July meeting.

A new member application was received from Michael McDaniel.

The Board agreed to create a PCNS YouTube channel and recent presentations will be posted with the presenters' permission. A link can be found on the PCNS website.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.

At 7:30 pm via Zoom, the 1250th PCNS meeting was called to order on the 105th anniversary of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. In attendance along with the Board were Erik Frankenfield, Charlie Catlett, Robert Jesinger, Michael Wehner, Mike McDaniel, Dean Neald, Greg Burns, Herb Miles, Jeff Fung, Bill Hyder and Federico Castillo.

Jason put out a call for speakers at future meetings.

The speaker for July will be Paul V. Turner.

The American Numismatic Association World's Fair of Money scheduled for August has been postponed due to COVID-19.

CNSA is seeking volunteers for their board positions.

PCNS presentations will be posted on YouTube.

The Great Cornerstone Mystery was the topic of the evening, presented by Jason Macario.

Jason's interest in the history of the second San Francisco mint grew out of his duties with the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society. Their twelve-year effort to turn the historic building into a museum ultimately failed but Jason learned the history of the building. Jason discussed the origins of the mint, economic context of the era as well the Masonic tradition of placing a casket of items in a cornerstone. Jason went on to address these basic questions.

Is the casket still there?

Are the contents intact?

What is the condition of the coins?

Where is the cornerstone?

Will the casket coins be recovered? Should they?

Intrigued? Please take the time to watch Jason's presentation on the PCNS YouTube channel.

Member Exhibits:

Charlie – POW tokens

Federico – a small collection of tokens

Stephen – Test plate for notes

Ed – 1909-s VDB cent, 1937-s quarter and an 1895-s silver Morgan dollar

Bill – A San Francisco token, a French medal, a Dan Carr peace dollar and 2020 hard times token

Paul – 1859-s counterfeit dollar coin

Jeff – Pan Pacific short set and original box

Michael W – An authentic 1859-s Morgan dollar, Masonic trowels, Hungarian Meteorological Society medal and a South Park and North Beach paper token

The general meeting adjourned at 9:21pm.