

## PCNS Minutes for January 25, 2023

The board meeting for January 25, 2023, was called to order via Zoom at 7:16 PM by Vice President Bill Hyder. In attendance were Secretary Charlie Catlett, Treasurer Stephen Huston, Past President Dan Hipple, and Governors Bob Somers and Mike McDaniel. President Jason Marcario sent regrets that he could not attend the meeting.

The minutes for the December meeting were approved.

Financial reports: the Treasurer's Annual Report for 2022 and the January 2023 Report were sent to members prior to the meeting and were discussed.

2023 Papers Contest: submissions are due April 26, Jason will coordinate judges

A new member application was received from Dean Ristenpart of Concord, CA

Honorary membership renewal for Rebecca "Becky" Cieniewicz will be discussed at the regular meeting.

We still need speakers for April 26 and May 24, 2023.

New Business: None

Adjournment 7:21 PM.

At 7:30 PM, general meeting #1281 was called to order. Present, in addition to the members from the board meeting via Zoom were Paul Turner, Charlie Ludvic, Harold Tuchfeld, Doug Ward, Jeff Pritchard, Federico Castillo, and Dean Ristenpart.

Bill Hyder started the meeting with the announcement that PCNS member David Lange had passed away. His contributions to numismatics were appreciated and he will be missed by many.

Members were reminded to pay their 2023 dues, if they haven't done so yet.

The 2023 Papers Contest dates were announced with entries due April 26, 2023. Jason will coordinate judges.

Dean Ristenpart of Concord, CA has applied for membership. It was announced in the bulletin, and he will become a member at the February meeting. He joined us for tonight's meeting on Zoom.

Speakers are needed for April and May 2023, please let Stephen know if interested. Jeff Pritchard has offered to give a talk on estate planning and how to handle your collection for when you pass away. There were many questions, indicating the club is interested in that as a future presentation. It has been penciled in for the April meeting.

Honorary membership for Rebecca "Becky" Cieniewicz was discussed. It needs to be renewed annually. The vote agreeing to renew her membership was unanimous.

Featured Speaker: Harold Tuchfeld

"The Rise of Rome in Judaea 161-37 BCE"

Harold's talk was in two parts. The first was about the history of Judea from prior to Roman intervention through the end of the Hasmonean rule in 37 BCE. The second part was all about the coinage during those periods.

Prior to contact with Romans, Judea was part of the Seleucid Empire. Harold reviewed the location, the economy, and religious aspects of the region at the time.

The rule of Antiochus IV was filled with repressive edicts against the Jewish population in Jerusalem. This led to the Maccabean Revolt, resulting in reclaiming Jerusalem and rededicating the Temple- and the origin of the Hanukkah story. What followed was the Hasmonean dynasty of Jewish self-rule (more or less) in Judea.

How was that self-rule maintained? With the Roman-Jewish treaty of friendship in 161 BCE. It was described in 1 Maccabees, in Hebrew, around the time of the event. No Hebrew versions remain, but there are Greek translations of it in the Septuagint- the Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible done at a later date.

The Hasmonean Dynasty lasted 103 years and included eight rulers. Over that time the kingdom expanded considerably. The Romans were there to protect against Seleucid incursions, and the Jewish kingdom was an ally. This wasn't a problem until the Romans started conquering the Seleucids.

Harold nicely described the infighting among various Hasmonean rulers late in the dynasty. Two of them fought each other, both appealing to Rome in 63 BCE for support. This was an opening for Pompey to annex all the land for Rome.

In 40 BCE Antigonus became the last of the Hasmonean rulers, and he had to battle with Herod ("the Great") who had been declared king by the Roman senate. Antigonus had help from the Parthians, Herod was backed by the Romans. And in 37 BCE Antigonus was defeated, and shortly after executed.

The Herodian dynasty followed, but that is another story for another time. Harold then showed coins related to the various times and rulers, as presented in the first part of his talk. There were several questions that followed the talk. It was recorded and should be available soon for viewing on-line.

#### Member Exhibits:

Charlie showed his example of the "Menorah" coin of Mattataya Antigonus as well as examples from Herod the Great, describing the designs and minting.

Doug showed us his Byzantine solidus featuring Irene and Constantine VI from 793-797 in gold. He also showed a heavily encrusted and patinated Byzantine coin, and Stephen helped in describing recognizable elements on it.

Harold showed a very nice example of a coin of Tigranes V, the grandson of Herod the Great

Bill showed the most recent medal from the Medal Collectors of America. The obverse featured "Communicating across time through the medal". The reverse depicted a Roman coin partially buried in the earth.

Stephen related Bill's medal to collector Paul Holtzman who did "subject matter collecting": collecting by what coins depicted on them.

The general meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM. The next meeting will be February 22, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlie Catlett, Secretary PCNS