

PCNS Minutes for September 27, 2023

The board meeting for September 27, 2023, was called to order via Zoom at 7:15 PM by President Jason Macario. In attendance were Secretary Charlie Catlett, Treasurer Stephen Huston, Vice President Bill Hyder, Governors Bob Somers and Ed Treuting, Past President Dan Hipple, and Michael Wehner.

The minutes for the August meeting were approved.

Financial report: the report was sent to board members prior to the meeting and was discussed.

Update on December meeting: S.F. Parks and Rec could not reach an agreement with Jason for use of their facility for the December meeting, so the meeting will be on-line via Zoom, and elections will be held at that time.

We need speakers for October and December- Federico will be asked if he can present for the December meeting.

New Business: none

Adjournment 7:20 PM

At 7:31 PM, general meeting #1289 was called to order. Present in addition to the members from the board meeting via Zoom were Charlie Ludvic, Herb Miles, Scott Safe, John Duff, Jeff Pritchard, Harold Tuchfeld, and Dean Ristenpart.

We need speakers for October and December. Please let Jason and/or Stephen know if you are willing.

Featured Speaker: Michael Wehner The Numismatic Tourist Visits the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna

Michael has been traveling a lot lately, as he often does. While traveling he tries to visit museums, go to shows, etc. He has been to the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna several times. The most recent trip to this fabulous museum entailed over two hours spent just in the medals cabinet. This presentation was not meant as a scholarly presentation. It was a slide show of some of the cool medals he saw in the museum.

A large part of the collection was originally from the collection of Kaiser Franz Josef, and Michael started off with an impressive medal with his portrait. The rest of the show was a viewing of medals starting with cast Renaissance medals and progressing chronologically to the present.

For full details, please see the recording of this interesting talk on the Society's Videos webpage.

Member Exhibits:

Bill talked about medals produced by Edward Sawyer (1913). All were galvanos, featuring portraits of Native Americans. He bought some, then the deal fell through. Then he bought seven others, with maybe one or two more pending arrival. They are very rare, and an article about them is forthcoming.

Stephen showed us an 1848 note issued by Venice- its first paper money ever issued. He told the story of the note's issue.

Bob showed some of his antique finish US Mint medals- Pearl Harbor Survivors, Yosemite, Rabbi Schneerson, Colin Powel, Persian Gulf Veterans.

Charlie C talked about the book The Numismatourist, published in 2014. It lists numismatic museums all over the world. Three nice museums visited so far were the Bode Museum (Berlin), Monnaie de Paris (Paris Mint), and Casa de Moneda (Bogota).

Michael showed us some of his examples of Renaissance medals.

John talked about an interesting white metal Conder Token commemorating the 1791 Birmingham Riots, known as a "Sedition Penny".

The general meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM. The next meeting will be October 25, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Catlett, Secretary PCNS