

PCNS Minutes for January 24, 2024

The board meeting for January 24, 2024, was called to order via Zoom at 7:15 PM by Vice President Bill Hyder. In attendance were Treasurer Stephen Huston, Secretary Charlie Catlett, and Governors Bob Somers, Mike McDaniel, and Ed Treuting. President Jason Macario sent his regrets for not being able to attend.

The minutes for the December meeting were approved.

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

Speakers are needed for March and beyond.

2024 Papers Contest submissions are due April 24, Jason will coordinate the judging.

Annual Presentation Contest: There was brief discussion about criteria used for judging, which will be discussed further in the future.

We will need to present the renewal of honorary member Rebecca "Becky" Cieniewicz to the general membership for approval.

New Business: There was discussion about TAMS and PCNS linking of articles/videos for relevant topics that would appeal to both organizations. This cross promotion would expose numismatists to a broader range of information than they would normally see and increase visibility and accessibility for the entire numismatic community. There was no objection to this idea.

Adjournment 7:33 PM

At 7:33 PM, general meeting #1293 was called to order. Present in addition to the members from the board meeting via Zoom were Michael Wehner, Charlie Ludvic, Scott Safe, Jeff Pritchard, Doug Ward, Paul Turner, Toti Paliza, Miralyn Sarino, Herb Miles, Greg Burns, Becky Rush, Dean Neald, Harold Tuchfeld, Henry Goodman, Mike Carolan, Don Kagin, and David McCarthy.

Speakers are still needed for March 2024 and beyond- please let us know if you can give a presentation.

The Presentation Contest judging guidelines are being developed.

The Papers Contest is open, with submissions due by April 24, 2024.

The membership renewal of honorary member Rebecca "Becky" Cieniewicz was approved without any objections.

Featured Speakers: Donald Kagin & David McCarthy
"America's Golden Era: Private and Pioneer Gold Coins 1786–1862."

Don and David teamed up for this presentation. Don explained part of the fascination in pioneer gold coins: every one is different. He talked about his early family interests in pioneer gold. He did a PhD dissertation on the subject and published a book on it in 1981, which remains a standard reference today.

After forty years there were many new discoveries and many corrections needed. David joined Kagin's in 2003 and helped with diagnostic studies to make many of the discoveries. This all prompted them to jointly write a new book, not a second edition of the first book but rather a new one based on chronological- not geographical- order. It was shortened to have broader appeal, yet it included population reports and many minting details.

From this introduction Don and David alternated talking about the complete chronologic order of pioneer gold. They began with Ephraim Brasher and his countermarked gold coins, followed by the Georgia gold rush, Carolina gold, Mormon gold, and finally gold coins from California, Oregon, and Colorado. For full details of this lengthy detailed discussion please see the recording on the Society's Videos webpage.

Member Exhibits:

Michael W showed us photos of Bechtler's house in North Carolina, which is now a museum. He also shared a Miner's Bank \$10 pattern in copper.

Scott S talked about Dan Carr's Moonlight Mint producing pioneer coin replicas. He mentioned an article discussing P & RR Smith vs. Conway dies.

The general meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM. The next meeting will be February 28, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Catlett, Secretary PCNS