

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2020

- January 22David McCarthy, *Continental Currency Medal*
February 26Paul Turner, *Foreign Coins Minted in San Francisco*
March 25.....*Speaker & Topic TBA**
April 22.....Jerry Schimmel, *Topic TBA*
April 22Deadline for 2020 Papers Content Submissions
May 27*Speaker & Topic TBA**
June**Summer BBQ, Date TBA**

* See "Speak Up!" below

SPEAK UP!

The new year brings new opportunities for you to make a presentation. Your presentation can even be something about which you have submitted or plan to submit a *Paper*. Email webmaster@pcns.org to sign up.

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1245th Monthly Meeting of the PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



The Continental Currency Medal

How a European Souvenir Medal Became One of the Most Desirable "Coins" in Early US Numismatics

David McCarthy

Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 7:30 PM

Fort Mason Center, Building C

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A DOLLAR IS A DOLLAR IS A DOLLAR...

Or is it?

The role and legitimacy of the Continental Currency “Dollar” has been a contentious topic, probably since they first appeared. The fact that there’s no surviving documentation relating to its Congressional authorization raises important questions as who, where, and when they made, much less why these non-denominated pieces are called “dollars.”

Join us on **January 22** as David McCarthy presents his theory that these popular “coins” are actually souvenirs made in Europe, and that they never circulated in the United States as legal tender. Bring your tender, legal or not, to share.



DECEMBER MEETING RECAP

The primary business of the December meeting was the election of governors and officers for 2020. Those present elected the slate presented by the Nominating Committee:

PresidentJason Macario
Secretary.....Bob Somers
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GovernorPaul Turner

Daniel Hipple continues as a member of the Board of Governors in his position of Past President. As there was no nominee for Vice President, the position will remain vacant for the time being.

Following the election, members enjoyed the traditional holiday potluck refreshments, along with good cheer and conversation.

DECEMBER DRAWING RESULTS

Jeff: Display case

Charlie: A five-ounce sterling silver Richard M Nixon medal

Paul: 1910 Brussels Expo medal, US Mint Rutherford B Hayes bronze medal and an Anders Nyborg 1978 Islands Medajen medal

DUES ARE DUE

With the arrival of 2020, we enter a new membership year for PCNS. Dues are due and payable as of January 1.

Membership dues remain \$20 per year, and support the oldest numismatic organization in the West. If you haven’t paid your dues already, we recommend that you do so today so that your membership doesn’t lapse. Members who haven’t renewed by March 31 are dropped from the membership rolls. We don’t want that to happen!

Not sure if you’ve paid yet? Send an email to webmaster@pcns.org

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Easy: Pay in person at the January meeting;

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DECEMBER MEMBER EXHIBITS

Dan: Two Ottoman Empire zolota and a 2020 Hawaiian commemorative dollar

Michael: ACME Beer San Francisco token by Moise, a rubber foot token and transit horsecar tokens

Federico: Madrid two reales with a Cuban countermark as well as a San Francisco countermark of JT Jones

Jerry: A collection of Nevada brothel tokens, Old Ship Saloon tokens and photographs of the Old Ship Saloon

WRITE NOW!

The submission deadline for the 2020 Papers Contest is the **April 22** meeting. **Important:** Refer to the publication section of pcns.org for the contest rules and our copyright policy.