

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
January 25, 2012

Board Meeting:

President Stephen Huston called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Board members present included: Stephen Huston, Dan Hipple, Herb Miles, Michael Whalen, and Bill Hyder. Other members present included Mark William Clark and David Somers.

The treasurer's report noted a discrepancy \$80.64 between the closing report by the outgoing treasurer and the balances at the time the accounts were transferred. The outgoing treasurer noted a discrepancy of \$77.22 at the time of the transfer. President Huston appointed Herb Miles to chair an Audit Committee to review the books. The incoming Treasurer is opting to start with the balance present at the time of the transfer and report the total balance of the organization's funds as the sum of the checking account and the savings account each month to try to avoid errors creeping in as funds are transferred to maintain reasonable balances in the checking account. On January 1, 2012, the organization had a total balance of \$11,748.88 in the combined checking and savings accounts.

The treasurer's report showed \$85 in dues and a \$50 donation received at the 12/28/11 meeting. Those funds were deposited on January 3, 2012, leaving a balance of \$11,883.88 on January 25, 2012. The board approved payments of \$75.75 to Bill Hyder for mailing envelopes and postage and \$10 to NCNA for \$10 annual dues.

In addition to an Audit Committee, President Huston appointed Dan Hipple to head a Publications Committee to try to restart our annual publication.

Speaking commitments on record include Lloyd Chan for July, Michael Turrini for February, Dan Hipple for March, and Stephen Huston for a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

General Meeting:

Stephen Huston called the meeting to order at 7:40.

Members present included: Michael Whalen, Stephen Huston, Bill Hyder, Mark William Clark, Herb Miles, David Somers, Dan Hipple, Michael Wehner, Federico Castillo, and Lew Robinson. Guests included: Joanie Levisohn.

Bill Hyder presented a talk: The PPIE Official Medal prepared by Jeff Shevlin and himself based on a draft article prepared for the Numismatist. The official medal is

cataloged as being struck in silver, gilt bronze, and bronze. Silver and gold-plated bronze medals were struck at the Philadelphia mint since they involved the use of precious metals. Bronze medals were struck at the mint exhibit in San Francisco and were finished with one of four patinas: Bright Bronze, Statuary Bronze, Oxidized Bronze, and Antiqued Bronze. Shevlin and Hyder have compiled a color chart to allow the identification of the different finishes for uncirculated medals. As the medals wear, correct identification of the patina becomes difficult if not impossible in most instances. They also document silver-plated medals that they speculate were produced for Farran Zerbe in order to make an additional profit and cast white metal examples that were likely made outside the exposition grounds by others hoping to profit from the exposition souvenir market. In all, only 40,000 plus bronze medals and about 2,500 silver medals were sold despite a record attendance of approximately 18,000,000 people.

Member exhibits:

Michael Wehner shared his collection of encased cents from San Francisco and a Magnolia Saloon token from San Francisco.

Mark William Clark circulated David Lange's 2001 marriage token, counter stamped 2011 in celebration of his tenth wedding anniversary.

Herb Miles brought a miniature skillet with the Horticultural Palace from the PPIE, a Grand Council PPIE badge from the UC Team, and a First Day Participant's badge. In addition, he shared a Condor Token slave halfpenny from Manchester.

Joanie Levisohn shared a Roman coin from 180-192 AD of Commodus, son of Marcus Aurelius, three 1943 steel cents, and a second restrike of the Lovett Confederate Cent.

Dan Hipple shared an 1893 Italian Columbian Exposition high relief medal, a 1925 German inflation medal recording the astounding prices of the time, and a 1966 ANA Diamond Jubilee medal.

David Somers brought a World War I French medal featuring a tank, a Hitler and pig satirical medal, and a 1970 coins price book.

Stephen Huston shared a rare 1848 Venice 5 Lire struck on an old coin that had been defaced and then over struck.

Whalen shared a variety of Buffalo nickels including a 1914/3, a 1918-3 with retained cuds, a 1918/7-D, and a 1937-D 3-legged Buffalo (possibly an altered piece).

Bill Hyder shared an unlisted early California gaming counter with the California state seal and an American flag design on the reverse.

Raffle Prizes:

PPIE Diamond Jubilee Medal, PPIE Mating Bear token, 2 SF Stereo Cards, 2 PCNS Souvenir Cards, PPIE Stetson hat token, a PPIE Uncle Sam token, an HK 422 PPIE medal, and a Mandalay Bay Saint-Gaudens Treasures Medal.

President Huston adjourned the meeting at 8:45.