

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
November 28, 2012

Board Meeting

President Stephen Huston called the board meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Board members present included: Herb Miles, Stephen Huston, Bill Hyder, Dan Hipple, and Ed Treuting.

Members present included: David Somers and Ken Takahashi.

The secretary's report was accepted with changes proposed via email.

The Treasurer's Report showed total receipts of \$81.06 and expenditures of \$60.00 between October 24 and November 28. The balance of all funds on the 28th was \$13,012.69. The board approved new expenditures for the annual publication and annual ANA dues.

President Huston reported that the papers publication would be completed in December. He distributed draft layouts to authors and committee members for proofing.

The board continued discussions for an anniversary medal and award medals. Bill Hyder presented a proposal from Daniel Carr and the Moonlight Mint to prepare a 100th anniversary medal. The board approved the concept of the proposal. Next steps are to continue exploring a design or design concept for the medal and to test member interest. We would need to sell 50 copper or bronze medals for \$50 each to cover the costs of the dies and striking the medals. Carr's proposal would also allow us to offer silver medals or medals in other compositions in limited, individual orders if there was sufficient interest and we choose to do so. Again, the decision was to test member interest in the options we might want to make available.

Bill Hyder had no update on plating existing medal stock for awards at the time of the meeting.

Seth Chandler's application for membership was accepted.

The board agreed to sign the nomination petition for Bill Hyder for the ANA Board of Governors.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

The General Meeting was called to order at 7:50.

Members present included: Herb Miles, Stephen Huston, Bill Hyder, Dan Hipple, Glen Risdon, Ken Takahashi, Ed Treuting, David Somers, and Federico Castillo.

Federico Castillo presented his talk, **Sheep Shearing in the Southwest and its Numismatic Connection.**

Federico discovered sheep shearing tokens when looking for interesting token denominations. Most tokens were made for travelling shearing companies working along the Mexican border areas of New Mexico and Texas, although they are found in other states as well. Shearing crews, often family-based, moved from ranch to ranch performing the shearing tasks and providing routine veterinary care for ranchers.

A team captain would inspect the fleece and then give the workman a token. At the end of the day, you would turn in your tokens for your pay. When electric shears became commonplace, the pay scale changed and so did the denomination on the tokens. Good for one sheep usually indicates an early token, while a token good for 100 or more sheep is undoubtedly modern.

While sheep tokens vary in quality and number, there are a few general traits. Texas tokens are generally issued with information about the shearing companies owned by Latinos. New Mexican tokens are generally pictorial and issued by Basque or Catalan-owned businesses.

Exhibits included:

Herb Miles shared a 1949 Canadian dollar asking if it is proof or not.

David Somers brought two error notes, one with a folded printing error and one with an ink smear. The other was a 1929 Cleveland National Bank note.

Dan Hipple shared an 1898 Swiss medal for the dedication of the National Museum in Zurich and a 1935 medal honoring Robert Wallace. Wallace learned to make spoons and became a cutlery manufacturer before immigrating to the U.S. and started making German-silver cutlery. His business, Wallace Silver, ultimately became the largest manufacturer of cutlery in the U.S.

Bill Hyder exhibited a nineteenth-century type set including an Indian Head cent, a Liberty Nickel, and a Barber dime all elongated as 1893 Columbian Exposition souvenirs.

Stephen Huston brought an Anillo restrike of the Rancheros Visitadores token and a Queen Elizabeth II 25 pence fantasy coin from Gough Island.

Raffle Prizes:

Ed won a 1966 "melted" mint set and a set of British weights.

Bill won 3 Stooges wooden nickels and 1906 Earthquake playing cards.

Dan won a bronze medal from West Point.

Federico won an 1871 San Francisco German peace medal.

David won a Treasure Chest of gaming tokens.

Glen won a T-Shirt.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.