

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

January 28, 2015

Board Meeting

President Herb Miles called the meeting to order at about 7:00 pm. Members present were Stephen M. Huston, Ed Treuting, and Jerry Schimmel. Dan Hipple was absent due to a recent surgery. Other attendees were Michael Wehner, Robert Somers, Michael S. Turrini, Lloyd Chan, Ken Takahashi, and Federico Castillo.

Herb read the Treasurer's Report which had been submitted by Bill in an email a few days prior to the meeting. Minutes of the December meeting were approved without changes.

Discussion ensued on the timing and release of our proposed 100th anniversary medal. Steve and Ed noted that timing is becoming critical if we are to have proper advertising and sales. Both preferred that we have die trials by the end of June and allow sales to last until the June PCNS meeting.

After a considerable amount of back and forth discussion regarding the timing of advertising and where to submit information on the medals sales, several conclusions were reached. Steve will prepare a model public announcement with ordering details and forward to board members for critique and approval. The board would like to have die trials for review by the May meeting and will discuss with Bill whether this can be done. Lastly, sales should end by our June meeting to allow for the maximum amount of time for advertising in various numismatic publications.

Jerry Schimmel offered that the formal banquet we are planning instead of a picnic should have a number of items to make the event special. We should have an agenda with a speaker, distribute the 100th anniversary medals if possible, have a nice publication, either at the event or shortly thereafter, featuring current officers, pictures of prior events and personages from our archives, and we should distribute awards or certificates of achievement to deserving members. He noted that we should recognize any numismatic luminaries present, note past PCNS presidents and others if in attendance. Herb noted that a proclamation from the Mayor of San Francisco would be nice and perhaps someone can contact the office of the mayor and pursue such a proclamation.

The board thought those were good suggestions and Jerry will take the lead in developing what should be done.

Michael Wehner then gave the board an update on his research on venues for holding the banquet. So far, his contacts and the restaurants that have responded have costs that are above what we normally are accustomed to pay, i.e., approaching \$100 per person. After some discussion, the board wanted Michael to continue his research and determine if costs can be lowered to a more acceptable level around \$50 per person.

As for a speaker at our event, Michael had suggested David McCarthy, of Don Kagin's office would be a good choice as he was instrumental in helping market the recent gold hoard found in Marin County and his detailed knowledge of the coins, their cleaning, and other interesting details might be very

entertaining. Federico questioned Michael's choice and reasoning and wondered if someone else might be better, but did not have any suggestions.

For New Business, Steve submitted a letter from Janet Cronbach asking PCNS to allow her to exhibit at the Fremont Library several left over items from the PCNS PPIE collection. These items relate to an exhibit at the PPIE and items at the Fremont Library will also relate to that 1915 exhibit and building. After a short, a motion to allow such exhibit was made, seconded, and passed.

Board meeting adjourned at 8:15

At the general meeting which began at 8:25, we noted that we had a potential new member, Robert Somers, who had found us through the website and we all introduced ourselves and noted our favorite area of collecting.

Then Ken Takahashi presented his program on "Savings Stamps;" World War I and World War II efforts to raise funds for each war by allowing the general public to participate because the stamps were issued in small denominations.

Ken explained that there are basically 4 slightly different types of stamps; the first type named Postal Savings Stamps, the second simple designated Savings Stamps, the third War Savings Stamps, and the fourth Treasury Savings Stamps.

Ken gave the attendees a history of each type, when they were issued and in what denominations, and who issued each. Sometimes, the Post Office issued the stamps and sometimes it was the Treasury Department.

Booklets were issued for all types except the Treasury Savings Stamps and allowed the stamps to be pasted in until a certain sum was achieved, then the booklet could be redeemed for its initial cost plus interest.

Lastly, Ken spoke about Postal Note Stamps, a method to give change for Money Orders of less than one dollar. They were issued in 1945 in amounts ranging from 1 cent through 10 cent and then in 10 cent increments, i.e. 20, 30, 40, etc. These stamps were discontinued in 1951.

Exhibits:

Jerry Schimmel shared medals, a map, and a book from the German Democratic Republic.

Lloyd Chan shared a 1636 taler from Branschweig-Luneburg.

Michael Wehner shared a silver San Francisco cable car medal.

Michael Turrini shared US savings bonds from World War II.

Federico Castillo shared three "Central American Union" medals.

Drawing:

Jerry Schimmel won a Golden Gate Bridge Anniversary Folio by the Postal Commemorative Society.

Michael Wehner won a print of early San Francisco showing North Beach and Meigg's Warf.

Michael Turrini won a U.S Constitution proof commemorative dollar and a booklet of San Francisco paper items.

Ken Takahashi won a 25¢ U.S. War Savings Bond stamp album.

The meeting adjourned about 10:00pm.