



Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

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Minutes of the PCNS Meetings of August 24, 2016

Status — Approved at the September 28th Board Meeting

Board Meeting

President Bill Hyder called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Officers present: Bill Hyder (President), Mary Lannin (VP), Stephen Huston (Recorder), Governors Jason Macario, Bob Somers, and Herb Miles (Past President), along with member Dan Hipple (Curator/Archivist). Governor Ed Treuting emailed regrets in advance of the meeting. Members Michael Turrini and Chris Donaldson were present, along with guest Lloyd G. Chan, our speaker for the evening.

Minutes of the July meeting and the Financial Report were accepted without further discussion.

Old Business

The Papers publication is being prepared by Stephen.

Bill will ask Michael Wehner if he is ready to speak in September. Bill noted that he will miss the next meeting, and Mary added that she will also miss it; Jason offered his regrets for September as well. At this point it appears Recorder Huston will preside next month with a reduced attendance.

New Business

President Hyder warned that October will be the beginning of the nominations process.

The ANA membership plaque was displayed; PCNS is one of just 5 or 6 100-year ANA members.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

General Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Hyder. In addition to those at the Board meeting, attendees included members Mark Wm Clark, Kenneth Takahashi, Donald Kagin, and Federico Castillo, for a total of 14 present.

The ANA plaque was passed around, noting that all of the PCNS members who attended the ANA banquet signed the back of the award plaque!

Program by Lloyd G. Chan: *A Brief History of the Trade Dollar*

Lloyd began with a brief history of early coinage, noting that some ancient coins circulated in trade outside the areas where coined, such as coins of Athens, the Roman and Byzantine empires.

He progressed to the early thaler coinages in German and Austrian regions to the Maria Theresa

thaler, which was issued for centuries with the 1780 date for trade uses.

The Lion Dollars and various versions of the Spanish and Mexican 8-Reales came on the scene as international trade coins, later to be challenged by trade dollars from China, Japan Britain, France, and eventually the US Trade Dollar.

Questions and comments followed, then a short break.

Member Exhibits

Mark — Mexico pictorial token, Korean War medal for 17th Infantry unit

Mary — a group of 16 bimetallic coins from the Austrian mint, noting that they are hard to obtain because Austria has quit marketing them within the US due to sales tax issues.

Michael — Roman silver denarius of the Emperor Hadrian, and a 1966 gold sovereign given as a prize in Quebec, Canada.

Dan — Trade dollars of Britain, USA, and Japan, including one with the Gin mark on the reverse.

Don — distributed a 2¢-worth token with discussion about the ANA wanting members' feedback on promoting the hobby and membership; followed by some discussion of his trip to Cuba, where he met with numismatists working with a numismatic museum in Cuba.

Bill — large shell card for a shoe business in SF and Oakland with a built-in ball-groove game, 1909 Repoussé half dollar for the Alaska Yukon Pacific Expo, 1893 Canadian Court medal.

Federico — New Orleans medal for North Central & South America Expo of 1885/6, two banana plantation tokens of Guatemala and Costa Rica.

Jason — 1969 Snoopy Moon Landing silver medal.

Herb — Trade Dollar altered as a "Potty Dollar" and a love token trade dollar.

Chris — a group of ancient coins purchased at ANA (Seleucid silvers and bronzes).

Lloyd — a tray of assorted trade coins accompanied his presentation.

Drawing

Items were a catalog of German WWI tokens with one such token, 1967 British obsolete coin set, 6 Bicentennial medals, a Maria Theresa taler, and a Northwestern Pacific RR trip pass booklet. Winners: Mark, Jason, Michael, Don and Ken. The drawing brought in \$70, and the membership approved Herb's bill of \$35 for costs of the items. A check was issued by the Recorder.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9 PM.

Submitted by Stephen Huston, PCNS Recorder