

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society May 2018 Minutes

The board meeting for May 23, 2018 was called to order at 7:03pm by President Dan Hipple. Vice President Jason Macario, Treasurer Stephen Huston, Secretary Bob Somers and Governors Herb Miles and Ed Treuting were in attendance. Bill Hyder sent his regrets in advance for missing the meeting.

The April minutes were accepted. The quarterly and monthly financial reports were discussed and accepted, including March, April & May to present date. Steve announced that we should discuss honorary memberships for members Ruth M. Phillips and Becky Cieniewicz during the general meeting and the board reviewed lapsed memberships. Dan announced that four papers have been received and two scores were already back from the judges. The board tabled any decision about late or non-competitive papers being published until there is a better idea of the page count and added cost for printing. Dan continues to follow up on the purchase of the club die from the bankruptcy estate. Payments are being accepted for the June BBQ in lieu of our normal meeting. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Jason announced that the Mechanics Institute has been tentatively reserved for the November, December & January meetings while our usual Fort Mason space is under renovation. The board meeting adjourned at 7:33pm

The general meeting was called to order at 7:46pm. Also present were Mark William Clark, Jerry Schimmel, Ken Takahashi and presenter Federico Castillo. Announcements included the club die update and BBQ update. Membership dropped when five members did not renew. They are Ruth M Phillips, Stephen Album, Philip J Carrigan, Ed Fulwider & Paul Heinen. The financials are in good shape & meeting location changes were discussed. Members should watch the website for meeting locations **and times** until future notice. The July meeting will be held at the Mechanics Institute. After a brief discussion the members unanimously voted to renew the honorary membership of Becky Cieniewicz as well as to extend a new honorary membership to Ruth M. Phillips.

The National Irrigation Congress – Water and Development in the Southwest, part 1 of 2 was presented by Federico Castillo. Early travelers across the United States found arid and semi-arid desert from North Dakota to Texas and west into California. Early water rights or pueblo water rights, under Spanish and Mexican rule, were property rights that granted ownership of local water sources to land owners adjacent to the water or to anyone to could make the best use of the water. This early period emphasized private ownership of the water resources. By the late 1800's, public ownership of water resources expanded largely due to the expansion of agriculture in the central valley, the need for water in large cities and the influence of The National Irrigation Congress. Organized in 1891, the early objectives of the NIC were not clear but it advocated for a means to conquer the desert. The NIC would bring together parties interested in water to discuss agriculture, equipment, techniques and most importantly legislation. Their influence on the laws regarding public ownership of water resources lead to

most major projects throughout the west including the Shasta Dam, Los Angeles Aqueduct and the Central Valley Project which moved water from northern California to the south. The NIC met periodically from 1891 to 1916 establishing the modern management of water resources, allowing agriculture to have a bigger piece of the pie and creating several National Irrigation Congress medals and tokens along the way.

Member exhibits:

Jerry – Items dug from the mud of the Thames River

Federico – Several National Irrigation Congress medals

Mark – California tokens

Herb – French art medal awarded to Mrs. Herbert Fleishhacker

Dan – A Lima Peru medal commemorating the visit of US Secretary of State to their new hydro-electric dam

Stephen – Roman to modern coins rescued from Arkansas

Ed – New Orleans minted dime, quarter, half dollar and dollar coins

The drawing prizes are as follows:

1. Panama pill and magnifier - Dan
2. Morgan silver dollar and magnifier - Bob
3. 1994 Canadian commemorative and magnifier - Ed
4. PPIE medal and magnifier - Jason
5. Book and magnifier - Ed

The board approved \$40 to Herb for the drawing prizes. Dan also announced that Herb would be relocating to southern California soon. The members wished Herb the best and thanked him for his contributions to PCNS. He will be missed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Prepared by Secretary Bob Somers.