

PCNS Minutes for March 24, 2021

The board meeting for March 24, 2021 was called to order via Zoom at 7:01 PM by President Jason Macario. Remote attendance included Treasurer Stephen Huston, Secretary Charlie Catlett, past president Dan Hipple, Governors Ed Treuting, Paul Turner, and Bob Somers, as well as Michael Wehner, Bill Hyder, Robert Jesinger, and Herb Miles.

The minutes for the February meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report for reporting period February 24 through March 23, 2021 was accepted.

Speakers are needed for all future meetings.

New Business:

-Scheduling of meetings for the months which have five Wednesdays: The consensus was to hold them all on the fourth Wednesday of those months. Therefore, the schedule will include June 23, September 22, and December 22.

-A new member application from Doug Ward of Santa Ana, CA was received and posted in the Bulletin. He becomes a member at this regular meeting .

-Honorary memberships for non-member speakers were discussed. These would be non-voting memberships, and last for the remainder of the calendar year. For those speakers who talk at the end of the year, extending those honorary memberships would have to be considered the following January. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept this policy. This will be offered to last month's speaker..

-Printing options for the combined 2019 and 2020 papers were discussed. There is a consideration for print-to-order versus ordering a set number of copies. Michael will have a PDF version of the 2019 and 2020 papers ready by the May meeting. We will need to evaluate the size of the printed edition and get pricing options in order to make a decision at that point.

-Papers format on the website: shall we continue html format or switch to PDF? Currently Stephen can only place the 2019 and 2020 papers online in html format. But papers from 2012-2018 are available to be posted in PDF format, so people would be easily able to print out copies if desired. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to post the 2012-2018 papers online in PDF format.

-Ordering new medals: In order to update our stock of medals for future use, it was determined that we would need 100 bronze and 25 silver octagonal uniface medals made. This is anticipated to last a decade. Bill has obtained a quote from Daniel Carr, who produced our centennial medal. Our octagonal medals are larger than standard club rounds and require about 1-1/2 ounces of metal each, so 38 ounces of silver is needed. There was a suggestion of members donating old silver and bronze coins rather than purchasing bullion. It raises fabrication costs of each medal. To simplify the three options , this is what has been proposed:

A. Daniel supplies all bullion: \$2,420-

B. PCNS supplies .999 silver: \$1,295- (+silver)

C. PCNS supplies coin silver & bronze: \$1,670

It was left off that we will poll members about choices and bring this up again for a decision.

-Finally, it was mentioned that Bill McKivior recently passed. He was a judge for our papers contest.

Adjournment 7:34 PM

At 7:37 PM, general meeting #1259 was called to order via Zoom. In attendance along with those from the board meeting were Scott Safe, Dean Neald, Mike McDaniel, and Doug Ward.

Doug Ward, from Santa Ana CA is our newest member and was welcomed in the Zoom meeting.

The April meeting is the deadline to submit a paper for the 2021 Papers Contest. Please send them to Dan; rules are posted on the web page. We were looking for a third papers judge since Bill McKivior recently passed away. It was a general consensus that a club member could be a judge if he/she did not have a paper entered, and Stephen confirmed that this has indeed happened with the club in the past. Scott Safe volunteered to be a judge and was accepted.

Financials remain in good order.

Speakers are still needed for all future months.

Featured speaker: Robert A. Jesinger, So-Called Dollars and the William H. Warner & Bro. Co. of Philadelphia

Robert is a So-Called Dollars (SCD) collector. He started with PPIE medals, and discovered he was able to research these and other SCDs especially from places he has lived, including Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. He presented extensive research into the William H. Warner & Bro. Co. of Philadelphia, beginning with John Warner (medalist in the 1850s-1860s) and his son Charles Warner who was a coin dealer, produced store card tokens, but was less involved with making medals.

William and Charles K Warner were brothers in the business from 1868 to at least 1899 and produced a tremendous number of medals involving a number of die engravers. W.H. Key, J.H. Diehl, E.A.Kretschman were among known die engravers, and some wreaths were designed by A.C Paquet. It is apparent that a number of engravers from the Philadelphia mint worked on the side for engraving these dies, and that many of the dies were used in various combinations.

A particular style of medal design (the Philadelphia Style) is noted. Obverses have an engraved design centrally, with lettering around the border. The reverses usually featured a wreath. We really do not know who made a number of these. Most do not have a makers mark or initials to identify where they were made, but we can tell by a common style that it is likely from Warner & Co.

Robert had a reprint of a catalog Warner offered in 1902 with 102 medals for sale. He then showed us a number of those medals that he has, along with the catalog label and info on likely origin of each one. Robert admitted that there is an expansive number of SCD likely from Philadelphia, with lots more fun investigation to be had into the die engravers and minting.

Member Exhibits:

Stephen: A shilling of England's King Edward VI. This was somewhat worn, had been bent, had graffiti on it, and at one time had a pin soldered on the back so it could be pinned onto a shirt or coat. Stephen thinks this all has to do with preventing witchcraft, which was a prevalent issue during the time of his reign

Doug gave a short presentation on the origins of the 1922 Peace Dollar in high relief sandblast proof. He is looking into early years of PCNS when Farran Zerbe was around and may have been involved with some specimens

Bill showed some wonderful die sinker's medals

Scott talked about his 1964 World's Fair Olympic Trials medal

Michael showed some of his octagonal So-Called Dollars, patterned after the \$50 Augustus Humbert 'slug' from San Francisco. He also talked fondly of Bill McKivor, as did some other members.

Charlie showed his Edward VI sixpence, to accompany Stephen's talk. Edward VI was the first English ruler to mint sixpences, which continued through Elizabeth II until decimal coinage started.

Other new business: Stephen listed six members who have not paid 2021 dues as of the March meeting. They will be reminded.

The general meeting adjourned at 9:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Catlett, Secretary PCNS