

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
February 25, 2015

Board Meeting

Vice President Hipple called the meeting to order at 7:05.

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

Members included Mary Lannin, Mark William Clark, and Chris Donaldson.

The secretary's report was approved as mailed and corrected by Stephen Huston .
The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$14,950.28.

Bob Somers application for membership was approved. Jason Macario's application will be published in the next bulletin.

The board discussed creating a PayPal account for dues and medal orders.

Dan Hipple reported receiving donations of \$1,000 from Bay Contract, \$250 from Landmark Builders, and \$250 from Foley Electric to support the 100th PCNS Anniversary events. Dan will send letters acknowledging the contributions.

Discussion then turned to the June meeting and we left it open as to a regular meeting or an alternative at an undetermined location to be discussed with the members.

We discussed the 100th anniversary medal and Bill Hyder will ask Dan Carr for computer renderings in May.

Jerry Schimmel assumed responsibility for the 100th anniversary banquet booklet.

We tabled decisions on the banquet date and location, although the board favored an earlier September date.

Stephen Huston discussed problems with the ANA website hosting. He proposed moving to a paid hosting service such as Go Daddy. Ed Treuting moved that we contract with Go-Daddy for web hosting. Jerry Schimmel seconded the motion. There was some discussion that clarified the intent was to leave Stephen with the discretion to select the best option to minimize PCNS costs. The motion passed with no negative votes.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:50.

General Meeting

Vice President Dan Hipple called the general meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Members included Bill Hyder, Stephen Huston, Jerry Schimmel, Dan Hipple, Mary Lannin, Mark William Clark, Ed Treuting, Bob Somers, and Chris Donaldson.

Jerry Schimmel delivered his talk entitled: San Francisco Military Tokens: Early Views of the Posts, Bits of Their History.

Jerry discussed the fact that little has been written about how military tokens were used. Proposed (and likely) uses include advances in pay to be used in base canteens, slot machine and pool table tokens, and general use as necessity money. Post trader tokens were the earliest, were first issued in the 1870s for stores run by private traders for the benefit of the GIs. Post Exchanges opened in the 1890s.

San Francisco military tokens include:

Presidio: Founded by Spain with a history extending through Mexico and finally the U.S. in the 1840s. An image of Fort Point appears on a 5¢ and a 10¢ token, both rare.

Fort Miley near the Cliff House. Today it is a VA hospital.

Fort Mason located on the bluff of Black Point.

Fort Baker, Fort Barry, and Fort Cronkite in Marin County.

Bay Islands include Alcatraz, Fort McDowell on Angel Island, Goat Island or Yerba Buena used as a naval training facility, and Mare Island.

Exhibits:

Mary Lannin shared recent rare Seleucid acquisitions including an ex-D'Este/Gonziga piece with her gold counterstamp (ca. 1474-1539). Some of the pieces will appear in an ANS online catalog.

Stephen Huston exhibited his newest acquisition, a Ptolemaic bronze of "incertae" attribution.

Bill Hyder shared an 1890's New England California Pioneers badge, a 1906 San Francisco Earthquake badge, and a 1949 Native Sons of the Golden West Long Beach Centennial Days so-called dollar.

Dan Hipple exhibited a 1776 Swedish Riksdaler and an 1894 Agricultural Medal.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.