

## **Pacific Coast Numismatic Society February 2018 Minutes**

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Vice President Jason Macario. Treasurer Stephen Huston, Secretary Bob Somers and Governors Herb Miles and Ed Treuting were present. President Dan Hipple and past President Bill Hyder were not present.

The January minutes were approved as were the February financial reports.

Steve announced that the papers are in the proofing stage and the board discussed the quotes on printing of the papers. The board elected to use KP.

Jerry requested to use the PCNS name at the San Francisco Library when doing his current research. There was no objection by the board.

Herb mentioned that CSNA is looking for clubs to host educational symposiums. The board discussed not having the membership engagement it has had in the past and no action was taken.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

The general meeting was called to order 7:30 PM. Also present were Jerry Schimmel, Mark William Clark, Federico Castillo, Chris Donaldson and Charlie Catlett.

Herb announced that the Northern California Numismatic Association will hold their fifth annual California Numismatic Seminar on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. This will again be an all-day event. Herb also mentioned that CSNA is looking for ideas to promote growth in its membership.

An announcement was made that the ANA was accepting donations.

Richard Stevenson and Joseph Frederick were approved as new members of PCNS.

Jerry Schimmel presented on San Francisco's Barbary Coast and Its Brass Checks - Brass Checks of the Barbary Coast and Red-Light Districts. In San Francisco, Pacific Street was synonymous with The Barbary Coast with many dance halls, saloons and brothels established in the area. Most of brothels were located just south west of Pacific Street near Portsmouth Square although brothels were found throughout the city as well. After the 1906 earthquake and fire, there was a short prohibition until July 1906. Between 1907 and 1910 business such as The Leader Dance Hall and The Turkish Dance Hall issued drink, dance and special night tokens. Percentage girls would receive a percentage of the money they brought in by encouraging the patrons to spend

more on drinking and dancing. In an effort to appear more respectable, businesses began to change their names from bars to grills and dance halls to dance schools. Laws were even passed that would prevent women from working in certain sections of the city. Jerry showed examples of the brass checks that were used in drinking establishments and dance halls. Example included a 25 cent Maggie Kelly Dance Hall token, Sam King 5 and 10 cent tokens, The Violet Saloon 10 cent token as well as saloon or dance tokens from The Campfire and The Golden City. Other tokens shown included tokens from The Owl Dance Hall, The Moulin Rouge, I Wells 28 Ross Alley, The OK, The Cascade Saloon, The Thalia, The Hippodrome among many others.

Member exhibits:

Mark – Oddments for Long Beach, coin holders from Sweden and a mystery medal

Charlie – 1915 Pan Pacific Exhibition medal

Herb – Rose brothel token from San Francisco

Stephen – British royal seal c. 1707 with Queen Anne's UK arms

Chris – Three miscellaneous items in Capitol plastic holders

Federico – Dr. Nathan's California Vinegar Bitters advertising mirror and a possible 1915 PPI ostrich farm token

There was no raffle held at the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Prepared by Secretary Bob Somers.