

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society  
December 2020 Minutes

The board meeting for December 23, 2020 was called to order via Zoom at 7:15pm by President Jason Macario. Remote attendance included Treasurer Stephen Huston, Secretary Bob Somers, Governors Ed Treuting & Paul V. Turner, past President Dan Hipple as well as several members.

The minutes for the November meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report for reporting period November 25 through December 22, 2020 was accepted.

Speakers are needed for future meetings.

Nominees for election of PCNS Officers were reviewed. Nominations will be opened at the general meeting before elections.

Stephen received an inquiry via email on possible locations to donate numismatic material. After discussing the options, Stephen will provide contact information to the ANA.

Adjournment 7:25

At 7:32pm, the general meeting was called to order via Zoom. In attendance along with those from the board meeting were Michael Wehner, Bill Hyder, Charlie Catlett, Greg Burns, Dean Neald, Herb Miles, Jeff Michael, Scott Safe and Don Kagin.

Financials remain stable.

Speakers are needed for future meetings.

A reminder was given to pay membership dues for 2021. Dues will remain \$20. PayPal accepted with instructions found on the website.

Welcome to new member Scott Safe.

Jason reviewed the slate of PCNS officers interested in serving for 2021 and opened nominations from the floor. With no further nominations, the members elected the slate put forth.

- President: Jason Macario
- Treasurer: Stephen Huston
- Secretary: Charlie Catlett
- Governors: Ed Treuting, Bob Somers & Paul V. Turner
- Vice President: vacant

Stephen announced the sad news that former PCNS President Ed Fulwider passed away earlier this month. Ed had been a PCNS member for over 40 years, and was a regular at events until recently.

Our speaker for the evening, Stephen Huston presented Coinage of the Plague years to round out 2020 on a topical note. Plagues have had a significant impact on coinage and the economy throughout recorded history. The first historically recorded plague, the great plague of Athens, killed approximately a third of the population in the city and impacted Athenian coinage in both size and quality. Throughout recorded history, plagues including scarlet fever, measles, small pox, the bubonic plague and the "Spanish" flu have caused great loss of life and impacted war and trade across the globe. Our current plague, COVID-19 has increased unemployment but has also increased the use of electronic payment systems. While people social distance and avoid contact, less coinage is circulating resulting in a coin shortage. The full impact of our current plague has yet to be written. You can see Stephen's full presentation on the PCNS YouTube channel.

Member Exhibits:

Bill – Zerbe mystery 50mm medal

Charlie – An old numismatic book

Ed – A flyer from the 1918 Alameda County Health Department – Wear A Mask! As well as two medals; an America Legion 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary medal and third SPVA Volksmarch medal, each depicting a lighthouse design

Michael W. – An Italian Renaissance medal by Pisani

Herb – A Leadville Colorado medal commemorating the first colored child in Lake County Colorado, April 1878.

Members discussed how the pandemic has opened opportunities for virtual club meetings as well as virtual coin shows.

The general meeting adjourned with a toast the end of 2020.