

PCNS Minutes for January 22, 2025

The board meeting for January 22, 2025, was called to order via Zoom at 7:14 PM by President Jason Macario. In attendance were Vice President Bill Hyder, Treasurer Stephen Huston, Secretary Charlie Catlett, Governors Mike McDaniel, Bob Somers, and Ed Treuting, past president Dan Hipple, and members Michael Wehner and Herb Miles.

The minutes for the December meeting were approved.

Financial reports: the reports were sent to board members prior to the meeting and were discussed.

We need speakers for May 2025 and thereafter

Submissions for 2025 Papers Contest are due April 23, 2025

2025 Presentation Contest: Jason is still looking for two more judges.

We will need to present the annual renewal of honorary member Rebecca "Becky" Cieniewicz to the general membership for approval. In addition, the board discussed giving honorary membership for a second time to Ricardo De León Tallavas based on him being a nonmember who has given yet another talk late in 2024. The consensus was to give him a one-year honorary membership for 2025.

PCNS Monograph #2 (Jerry Schimmel book) update: there was a brief discussion of questions from the December meeting, and Jason will look into alternative sources and prices for printing the monograph.

Old New Business: There are 15-20 book boxes of PCNS books in the California State Library and Sutro Library, which need to be handled: either find someone to accept them, or the library will dispense with them. As the Library was willing to ship the boxes to a recipient, Herb offered to take them- to be possibly auctioned at a future date.

Other new business: none.

Adjournment 7:37 PM.

At 7:38 PM general meeting #1305 was called to order. Present in addition to the members from the board meeting via Zoom were Charlie Ludvic, Jeff Pritchard, Paul Turner, Scott Safe, John Duff, Greg Bennick, Doug Ward, and Henry Goodman.

We need judges for the Presentation Contest- please let Jason know if interested.

Entries for the 2025 Papers Contest are due April 23, 2025.

We need speakers for May, 2025 and beyond.

The annual renewal of honorary member Rebecca "Becky" Cieniewicz to the general membership was approved unanimously.

The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition
By Jeff Pritchard

Jeff's presentation on the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition (AYPE) was in four parts. First was a discussion of the **Purchase of Alaska**. He described the ten-year process of purchasing what became known as "Seward's Folly". **Gold** came next, discovered in 1896. This changed the attitude toward Alaska, with the rush to find gold nicely documented. Jeff's great-grandparents were among those trekking to the gold fields of Alaska. The **Exposition** was held in Seattle in 1909, and details of the construction, events, and displays were reviewed. Finally, **So-Called Dollars, award medals**, and other ephemera were shown and discussed. There was an interesting discussion after Jeff's talk, which will be available on the Society's YouTube page. Most of the member exhibits were related to the topic.

Member Exhibits

Bill showed: a 1909 AYPE 'pop-up', the first one done for an exposition, produced from a Barber half dollar; a large trade token; a watch fob; and a saloon/gambling hall token from the fair- even though the fair was dry!

Scott showed and described photos from a museum in Fairbanks, where the AYPE logo was displayed. There was an official opening ceremony invitation, stock certificate, an award medal, and a Pay Streak token.

Michael talked about an encased Indian Head cent from Dawson (a Canadian town on the Yukon River which played a big role in the Klondike gold rush), as well as a bi-metal Dawson token. Then he showed tokens from San Francisco with Alaska themes: Alaska Taverns on Mission, Embarcadero, and O'Farrell.

Charlie C showed four ancient coins with animals from a recent NY show: a "bee" from Ephesus, a "dolphin" from Olbia, a Roman Republic denarius with a wolf, and a Philistine "owl".

The general meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM. The next meeting will be on February 26, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Catlett, Secretary PCNS