

PCNS Minutes for March 26, 2025

The board meeting for March 26, 2025, was called to order via Zoom at 7:15 PM by President Jason Macario. In attendance were Vice President Bill Hyder, Treasurer Stephen Huston, Secretary Charlie Catlett, Governors Mike McDaniel and Bob Somers, and members Michael Wehner and Federico Castillo. Past President Dan Hipple and Governor Ed Treuting belatedly sent their regrets in not being able to attend.

The minutes for the February meeting were approved.

Financial report: the report was sent to board members prior to the meeting and was discussed.

Submissions for the 2025 Papers Contest are due by our next meeting on April 23, 2025.

PCNS Monograph #2 (Jerry Schimmel book) update: pending further review of the layout, to be discussed in April.

Summer BBQ: a date of Saturday June 28 was chosen, with Federico agreeing to host the BBQ at his home.

New business: none

Adjournment 7:27 PM.

At 7:30 PM general meeting #1307 was called to order. Present in addition to the members from the board meeting via Zoom were Jeff Pritchard, John Duff, Doug Ward, Greg Burns, Scott Safe, and Herb Miles. Guests joining us were speaker Greg Meyer from Texas, and Adrian Gonzalez Salinas from Monterrey, Mexico.

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Summer BBQ: it will be on Saturday June 28, with Federico graciously agreeing to host the BBQ at his home again this year. More information to come.

Tequila and Tokens of Jalisco By Greg Meyer

Greg lives in Texas and is an author of books on coins and tokens from Mexico. While doing background research for Jalisco State Coppers he went down a rabbit hole and started research on tequila tokens. He began the talk with a review of how and where tequila is produced. It's history dates to production starting in 1621 with "wine of mezcal" (produced from any agave plant) to Tequila (produced from >50 blue agave). He then discussed the background of tequila tokens, and showed several examples:

- 1857 struck Lazaro J Gallardo token with a tree (initially thought to be mesquite). He was founding father of Gran Centenario premium tequila.
- A Camachines token with an agave plant
- A Zacatecas contemporary counterfeit with an agave counterstamp
- Encased five centavo advertising Sauza Tequila
- Bar and liquor tokens like the ABW Club "owl".

After Greg's talk, guest Adrian Gonzalez Salinas added extra information as he quickly showed a power-point presentation on the same subject which he presented a few years ago. He clarified that the

tree on the Gallardo token is an orange tree, likely representing flavor added to some tequilas. He had more details about the Gallardo family, including a search about a grandson mentioned in PCNS minutes some years ago. Finally, the various counterstamps appear to represent various types of tequila produced by Gran Centenario.

There were questions and a discussion after the presentations. It was recorded and is available for viewing on the Society's YouTube page.

Member Exhibits

Bill proudly showed us his two new Sawyer medals, which arrived the day of the meeting. They are 128mm sized medals to match the two 'small' ones of the type already in his collection.

Federico showed us his tequila tokens: a Lazaro Gallardo token, two countermarked tokens, a Tequila Sauza encased coin, and a Jalisco 1 liter token of unknown significance. Adrian felt it was likely for a liter of milk, not tequila.

Mike M shared two finely detailed Mexican 1838 two-real coins with impressive die clashes on the reverse.

The general meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM. The next meeting will be on April 23, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Catlett, Secretary PCNS