

# THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Mount Lebanon United Methodist Church at 3319 West Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15216

## Minutes from September 2, 2025

WPNS President Michael Drabick called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. Twelve members and one guest present.

### Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. (Motion Michael, second Jackie.)

### Treasurer's Report

- Account balance as of August 31 was \$1,291.80. Three checks cleared for \$578.92.

Correspondence: None.

### Committee Reports:

- Website: Stu mentioned that the website is now set up for posting member presentations if in PDF form, and has in fact already posted the slides from tonight's presentation. Anyone who has presented recently, please contact him.

### Announcements:

- Upcoming coin shows: Castle Shannon on September 14, October 5, November 16, December 7. Indiana PA on September 14. PAN on October 16-18.
- The PAN show is sold out, and a waiting list exists. But there is exhibit space! Blaine is acting as show chair. Friday of that week is ANA judge training. Also need volunteers for helping dealers load in (Wednesday morning 9am) and out (Saturday 3pm).

### Old business:

- Draft copies of our 2025-26 presentations program were handed out to verify info.
- The banquet date will be Thursday, November 6, at Scoglio's in Upper St Clair. This is the same place PAN has its meetings.
  - We will need a minimum of 16 paying attendees.
  - Michael made arrangements with the venue. Food will be ordered from the menu. The club will pay for table-wide items like appetizers. Attendees will pay for their own food and drinks. Expect dinners to run about \$30.
  - We will have a private room with sliding doors and our own rest rooms.
  - Attendees should plan to arrive no earlier than 6. Begin ordering by 7.
  - We still need a speaker for the banquet. As mentioned last month, this does not need to be a numismatic topic since non-collecting spouses or guests may be present.
- The club email is not being monitored. Michael will set up a new Gmail account then set up a forwarding rule on the old one so that the new one receives any incoming mail. This will also mean updating the website and future handouts.
- A date has been agreed to for next year's meeting at the Heinz History Center but various details have not, such as exact time, which room will be made available, or staff availability. Discussions concerned how to publicize the event without having unexpected drop-ins.

### New business: None.

Presentation – Stuart Strickland, “Denominations That Have Been Retired (or Should Be)”. My goal is to illustrate the values our current coin denominations originally had, how they evolved over the last two centuries, and how little they do for us today. In short, inflation has rendered our coinage virtually useless, more an annoyance than purposeful. I suggest discontinuing several coin and paper money denominations and adding back a couple coin denominations that have become paper only. I would get rid of every circulating denomination below the \$20 bill except the quarter dollar and \$1 coin, and reintroduce \$5 and \$10 coins, which would put us approximately where we were in 1942 in the purchasing power of the coins we then used.

The slide deck can be accessed at [2025-09-02 - Denominations that have been retired.pdf](https://www.wpns1878.org/presentations/2025-09/2025-09-02%20-%20Denominations%20that%20have%20been%20retired.pdf) (<https://www.wpns1878.org/presentations/2025-09/2025-09-02%20-%20Denominations%20that%20have%20been%20retired.pdf>).

- First, go to wpns1878.org
- Click on Presentations
- Scroll to the bottom of the list
- Click on the link mentioned above.

Adjourned 8:55.

Minutes submitted by Stuart Strickland, Recording Secretary.