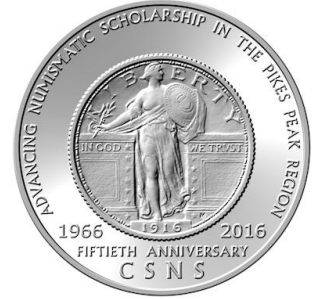




COLORADO SPRINGS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



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AGENDA for Sunday, February 8, 2026, 2 PM

TEMPORARY LOCATION
FOR
MONTHLY MEETINGS
FEBRUARY 8th and MARCH 8, 2026

HILLTOP BAPTIST CHURCH
6915 PALMER PARK BLVD
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80915

Coffee and pre-packaged snacks will be provided. You can bring your own drink and snacks if you prefer.

Introduction of guests and new members

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Old Business

New Business

Exhibit Talks

Auction

Membership and Door Prizes

Raffle - 1 Prize for every \$45 in Ticket sales. \$1 = One Ticket; \$5 = Six Tickets;
\$10 = Twelve Tickets; \$15 = Eighteen Tickets; \$20 = Twenty-Four Tickets

Adjourn

**GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ALL OUR REGULAR
MEETINGS ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH @ 2 PM**

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2026 MEETING OF THE
COLORADO SPRINGS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

The meeting was held at Hilltop Baptist Church and called to order by President Steve D. with 13 members and 1 guest in attendance. The Secretary's report was given which consisted of the Minutes of the January 11th, 2025 meeting contained in the February 8th 2026 Newsletter. The Treasurer report was given and there was unanimous approval given by membership for both of them.

2026 DUES – CSNS is now collecting 2026 membership dues. Dues are \$10 for individuals, \$5 for Yn's (Young Numismatists are those under the age of 18) and \$20 for a Family (all adults and children in the immediate family). Just a reminder.....if you're mailing in your dues, please use the current mailing address which is CSNS, P.O. Box 60404, Colorado Springs, CO 80960.

OLD BUSINESS

President Steve spoke about the "Overton Award" that was given to Bob Cuppy at the Christmas Party. Some of our members were not all that familiar with the award and wanted a bit more information about it. After some discussion about it, members were encouraged to give more talks regarding their numismatic collections.

Barbara spoke about the Christmas Party. There was very good attendance. The "Secret Santa" went well. Everyone commented that the

Christmas Party was very successful. Bob C. added to the comments about the Christmas Party, saying that 59 gifts were available to hand out and only 4 were left to return to President Steve.

NEW BUSINESS

2026 Christmas Party: Although it's approximately 9 months away. It's not too soon to be thinking about the expenses of purchasing the coins for the prizes. Our present budget for CSNS' share of those coin purchases has been \$1,000. Bob C. spoke about those expenses and suggested that our present amount be increased. Everyone knows that the price of silver and gold has increased and possibly, it will continue going up; therefore those coin purchases will also be more expensive. There was discussion among members regarding the amount of that increase. After some discussion, the amount of \$1,500 for the purchase of CSNS' share of gifts was brought forward for a vote and membership voted and approved that amount for our 2026 Christmas gifts. It was also mentioned that CSCC would also have to have a vote for approval for the increase to \$1,500. Also, Bob mentioned that he would not be involved in purchasing the coins for the next Christmas party.

Since President Steve had spoken about the "Overton Award", a member brought up a discussion about the dollar value of those prizes and asked if they could be increased....as follows: 1st Place \$150., 2nd Place \$100, 3rd Place \$50. And (2) Honorable Mention of \$25. each. A motion was made and membership gave their approval for the increase of the money for those prizes.

A member asked about the 501-3C Tax Exempt Status. Our Treasurer explained what this is and how it can be used for our club. Regarding the sales tax, it's usually up to the retailer whether vendor wants to extend to others the use of the 501-3 status.

EXHIBITS

- 1) Bob C. gave his presentation about “Omega Cents”. The last circulating U.S. cents were minted on November 12, 2025 in Philadelphia, ending 230 years of circulating cent production. Ending cent production was due to high manufacturing costs as well as a decline in cent use. It cost more to produce than its’ face value. It is estimated that the U.S. government will save 56 million dollars by discontinuing the production of the cent. Stack Bowers Galleries conducted the “Omega” Lincoln cents auction on December 11th, marking the final chapter in the long history of United States’ circulating cents. Two hundred thirty-two (232) three-coin Omega cent sets were auctioned. These “Omega” cents represent the very last circulating cents struck by the United States Mint. Only, these 232 sets were produced, commemorating the 232 years of cent production. The auction’s top lot was ...Set No.232 the final set produced and it included 3 sets of defaced original dies used to strike the Omega cents. It eventually sold for \$800,000. Other sets sold, in the price range, from \$50,000 - \$200,00. Overall, the very last circulating Lincoln cents sold for over 16.76 million dollars. The question arises...Are these the last of the Lincoln cents? In short..”No”. The production of Lincoln cents will continue in 2026. The 2026 Lincoln cents will help celebrate America’s 250th anniversary with a special design. Production will likely be limited to collector sets. Bob displayed the following items...glass Lincoln cent with the 1909 date, and an attached Omega symbol...1 roll of 2026 Philadelphia minted Lincoln cents and 1 roll of 2026 Denver minted Lincoln cents, a final cent tribute coin featuring a portrait of Lincoln with the dates 1909-2025 as well as the date of the last Ceremonial Final Strike, November 12, 2025. There were also photos of the Lincoln cents and sets.
- 2) Melissa gave an exhibit talk on some ancient and old coins that she has collected. She displayed several Greek coins....one was dated 450-430 BC, another one dated 134 – 133 BC, which she said was rare. Another coin was from Japan. There was another Greek coin, “Argus” with the image of the “wolf”,and she told the story about Spartan’s declared war of which women and children of Argos was killed by Spartan....people were trying to escape the slaughter...even

climbing trees...but everyone died including those in trees. It was the end of Argos and the wolf of Argos.

- 3) Larry gave an exhibit talk about “Yankee Doodle”, a British traditional song for nursery and rhyme, the early version of which predates the “Seven Years’ War” and the “American Revolutionary War”. It is often sung in the U.S. today. The tune of “Yankee Dooley” is thought to be much older than the lyrics, being well known across western Europe. The melody of the song may have originated from an Irish tune. The earliest words “Yankee Doodle” may have come from a “Dutch” harvest song. The term “Doodle” appearing in English in the early 17th century might have come from Germany. The word “Dandies” referred to men who placed particular importance upon physical appearance, refined language and leisure hobbies. The song was a pre-Revolutionary war song originally sung by British military officers to mock the disheveled, disorganized colonial “Yankees” with whom they served in the French & Indian wars. “Yankee Doodle” is the state song of the U.S. state of Connecticut. Larry had on display, Medallion Art of Yankee Doodle 1776 -1976 bi-centennial bronze.
- 4) Steve P. gave his presentation, titled “Our First Coins – History of Incuse Coinage”. He began with the question of “What is an “incuse” coin? He got a lot of questionable looks. He then gave the following information that an “incuse coin” has (1) the design pressed into the surface, creating a recessed or sunken image, (2) It’s the opposite of traditional coins, where the design is raised (relief) above the surface, (3) it’s more durable against wear & (4) it’s harder to counterfeit in ancient days than a bare metal lump. He showed pictures of “Early Incuse Examples” (Lydia c. 650-625 BC),..He explained when and why did they start? He then spoke about metal blobs or bars/ingots to trade or barter for what you want 1000s of years before first coins. From metal blobs and bars, came coins. The coins came from many places (ie) “The boot of Italy and Asia Minor. These early coins were pretty rough looking...some had a 4-part punch to them.....others had a most iconic ancient incuse design to them. He also showed the pictures of Lydia Lion “King Croesus” coins. These particular coins were smaller than a dime but 3x thicker....the term” rich as

Croesus” comes from these coins. Lydian coins revolutionized trade and commerce from bartering to use of standardized currency. Steve showed pictures of incuse coinage from other countries. Lastly, he showed pictures of a 1908 \$2.5 Indian MS62 “Incuse both sides. He also passed coins around for members to view. It was very good that the membership was able to view his presentation on the screen as he was talking about it.

- 5) Ralph W. spoke about the “Philadelphia International Centennial Exposition”. As we all know...the United States of America officially began as a country in 1776. This date is important to all Americans and this is true, perhaps even more so at the turn of the first century of America in 1876. The country just came out of a civil war and needed something special to bring the country together. Congress passed a “National Medals Act” in 1873 which authorized official commemorative medals be produced. A great “International Exposition” was planned for 1876 in honor of 100 years. The exposition was to be in Philadelphia, and between the U.S. government and private contributions...it was to cost over \$11 million dollars before it was done. The “Philadelphia International Centennial Exposition is about one of the least well-known important historical events in U.S. history. A giant “Corliss Engine” which was over 2 stories tall powered an electric generator to power the entire event from May 10th – Nov. 10, 1876. Almost nobody knows anything about this event. At the exposition, there were a few commemorative medals sold. Some of those medals were displayed on the table for viewing.
- 6) Steve D. showed an 1874-S Liberty Seated Quarter with arrows at date, in PCGS MS 64+ with CAC greenbean. This replaces an 1873 in PCGS MS 62 that was part of his exhibit in Oklahoma City. He told the story of the 1873 legislation that ended the silver three cent piece or “trime,” silver dollar and half dime and inaugurated the trade dollar. For the three silver denominations left standing (dime, quarter and half dollar) the weights were adjusted upward to be fairly round metric weights, grams instead of grains. Half dollars weighed 12.5 grams, quarters 6.25 grams, and dimes 2.5 grams from this point forward through 1964.

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EXHIBIT WINNERS

FIRST PLACE:	BOB C.
SECOND PLACE:	RALPH
THIRD PLACE:	STEVE P

AUCTION

NO ITEMS WERE PLACED IN THE AUCTION

NO ITEMS WERE SOLD

JANUARY PRIZE WINNERS

Membership Prize: Barbara

Door Prizes: Tricia, Kirsten, Wayne, Bob, Melissa

Raffle Prize: Steve D.

Meeting Adjourned
Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara T.

COLORADO SPRINGS COIN CLUB MEETINGS:

4th Tuesday of the month 6:30 – 8:30 PM Mountain Time at the Fraternal
Order of Eagles, 1050 S. 21st St, Colorado Springs, Co 80905