

THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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

Minutes from August 4, 2026

Following an auction that began at 7:32 p.m., WPNS President Michael Drabick called the meeting to order at 7:45. Eleven members and one guest present.

Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

- The club bank account as of July 31 stood at \$1,344.80. In addition, \$40 was brought in from the auction in addition to dues from the guest inducted into the club later in the meeting.

Correspondence: None.

Committee Reports: None.

Announcements:

- Upcoming coin shows: Castle Shannon, August 9, September 13, October 11; Johnstown, August 16; Indiana, September 19; PAN, October 22-24;. Larger national shows: Cincinnati, June 4-6; and of course, the ANA here in Pittsburgh, August 25-29.
- Carlos Kearns will be taking over for Pat McBride at PAN.

Old business:

- The ANA has sold over 400 tables for the August show. This will be free to ANA members, open to the public for a fee. Tuesday will be a pre-ANA show primarily for dealers, open to the public on Wednesday, and free admission on Saturday.
- We have enough presentations to get us through to May 2027. But we should begin thinking about presentation subjects for the following year in order that we can get flyers printed in time for the PAN show.

New business:

- We should begin thinking about celebrating our 150th anniversary, coming up in 2028.
- New member induction: Dino Angelici. Motion Strickland, Drabick second. Approved.

Presentation – Stuart Strickland, “Coins of the West Point Mint”.

In brief, the West Point NY facility resides on a four-acre plot on the outskirts of the Military Academy. It is off-limits to the public. The facility dates to 1937 and had primarily been used to protect the nation's storehouse of silver, just as Fort Knox stores its gold. Coinage began with no-mintmark cents in 1974 and quarters in 1977, W-mintmarked commemoratives in 1984. It became an official branch mint in 1978. Since 1990 its primary purpose has been to create bullion and commemorative coins, with only a few coins made for circulation, notably W-mintmarked 25-cent coins in 2019 and 2020. Bullion coins exist in dozens of different designs, in silver, gold, platinum and palladium. You could spend as little as \$3 on the few coins that can be collected from pocket change, up to a theoretical \$5,000,000 for a complete date set of all bullion and commemorative coins.

Adjourned at 9:15.

Minutes submitted by Stuart Strickland, Recording Secretary.