COLORADO SPRINGS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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AGENDA for Sunday, MARCH 8th, 2026, 2 PM

TEMPORARY LOCATION
FOR
MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 8, 2026

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

ATTENTION ! ! !

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ! ! !

SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR ! ! !

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 FEBRUARY 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 19 members and 3 guests in attendance. The Secretary's report was given which consisted of the Minutes of the February 8th, 2026 meeting contained in the March 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

Tom spoke about the budget for purchasing the coins (gifts) for the 2026 Christmas party. At the January meeting it was approved that the budget for (CSNS) share of the purchase would increase from $1,000. to $1,500. Tom stated that he has been purchasing these coins and has stayed under budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Trish gave an update on our 2026 Coin Show. It will be at the Elks' Club on north Nevada Avenue…dates will be June 26th & 27th and set up will be on June 25th (Thursday). There will be 8' tables available at the price of $225. ea. and 6' tables available at $125. (club members). Case prices will be $25 ea. and lights @ $15.ea. There will also be a "kids's table" on the bourse floor. The registration table will handle dealer check-in, early birds and of course customers coming to the show will be charged $1.00 per adult. Parking area was discussed…several members wondered if there would be enough parking for customers and the question came up about the possibility of asking the Baptist Church nearby if we could use part of their parking lot for an overflow from our coin show. Larry F. said that he would check with the church about the extra parking space for us.

Tricia presented a bill for door & member prizes for the months of January and February. That bill totaled $147.30. A motion was made for approval and membership voted and gave their approval to pay this expense.

EXHIBITS

1) Larry gave a presentation about Mary Edwards Walker, born November 26, 1832 and commonly referred to as Doctor (Dr) Mary Walker. She was an American abolitionist, prohibitionist, prisoner of war in the American Civil War and a medical surgeon. She earned her medical degree at Syracuse Medical College in New York…married and started a medical practice. She attempted to join the Union army at the outbreak of the Civil War, but was turned away. She served as a surgeon at a temporary hospital in Washington D.C. before being hired by the Union Forces and assigned to the Army of the Cumberland and later, the Ohio Infantry, becoming the 1st female surgeon in the U.S. Army. She was captured by Confederate forces after crossing enemy lines to treat wounded civilians and arrested as a spy. She was sent as a "prisoner of war" to Richmond, VA until released in a prisoner exchange. After the war, she was approved for the "Medal of Honor". She went on to become a writer, lecturer and supported such issues as health care, temperance, women's rights & dress reform for women. In 1907, she published "Crowning Constitutional Agreement" which she argued that some states as well as federal constitution had already granted women the right to vote. She testified on women's suffrage before committees of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1912 & 1914. After a long illness, she died at home on February 21, 1919 at the age of 86. Her death in 1919 came 544 days before the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guaranteed women the right to vote. Larry had several items on display, honoring Mary Walker…2 quarters, 20-cent stamps and a stamped envelope (photo stamped).

2) Steve P. gave his presentation titled “Toned Coins – What are they and what should I know?” First, toning is just a fancy word for tarnished. Using the projector screen, Steve showed “examples” of toning …pictures of the Lincoln cent (red, red-brown & brown). Steve talked about the susceptibility to toning, when toning starts and that storage of materials, environment conditions strongly influence different kinds of toning. He showed pictures of desirable toned coins, as well as “toned gold” coins. He also spoke and showed pictures of an ancient coin that had toned, referring to it as “Bronze” disease and that it could appear on U.S. copper coins. Members were told about taking care of their coins properly because of “enhanced toning” or “artificial natural toning”. He finished his talk with…If you really like a coin and it’s price and understand what you are buying, buy it! Steve had, on display, several toned coins…including a $10 Indian.

3) Ralph W. spoke about “A Century of Progress International Exposition, also known as the “Chicago World’s Fair”…a world’s fair held in the city of Chicago, Illinois…from 1933 to 1934. The fair, registered under the Bureau International des Expositions (BIE), celebrated the city’s centennial. Designed largely in Art Deco style, the theme of the fair was technological innovation, and its motto was “Science Finds, Industry Applies, Man Conforms”, trumpeting the message that science and American life were wedded. Its’ architectural symbol was the “Sky Ride”, a transporter bridge perpendicular to the shore on which one could ride from one side of the fair to the other.

   One description of the fair noted that the world, “then still mired in the malaise of the Great Depression, could glimpse a happier not-too-distant future, all driven by innovation in science and technology”. Fair visitors saw the latest wonders in rail travel, automobiles, architecture and even cigarette-smoking robots. The exposition “emphasized technology and progress, a utopia or perfect world, founded on democracy and manufacturing.”

The Exposition was formally opened on May 27, 1933 by U.S. Postmaster General, James Farley at a four-hour ceremony at Soldier Field. Steve had, on display, a couple of items from that fair, one of which was a good luck token; however, showing a “swastika” on it…which remains a symbol of good luck and prosperity in Hindu, Buddhist and other communities across Nepal, India, Thailand, China and Japan.

4) Steve D. showed an 1866 (With Rays) Shield Nickel in MS 66 with a CAC sticker. He told the story of how he had looked for shield nickels for his type set at the ms65 level for years but could never find one well struck (the horizontal lines across the top of the shield were never fully there). Finally, he realized he’d need to pursue them in MS66 to get a well struck one. Fairly quickly, he found a “no rays” example from 1872 which was not only fully struck but with bullseye toning on the reverse. The “No Rays” variety turned out to be much tougher to locate, though. It took Steve almost to the end of his typeset building to find one, and it wasn’t quite fully struck even though it was an MS66. It was also completely untoned so not a good visual match for the 1872. So, Steve bought that coin but also had dealers looking for a better one. Well, that better one finally turned up in October. Stars all fully struck (though still some weakness in the rays), and nicely toned to boot! Steve showed all three of these coins but the focus was on the “new” 1866. As it happens, the highest-graded PCGS 1866 shield nickel is an MS66+ (seven in the population count), with about 55 of them in MS66 like Steve’s. So, what people saw were two of 55 shield nickels known in this grade (and that assumes some of those numbers aren’t from re-submissions). Steve planned to take the “old” 1866 to Savannah, giving the dealer who looked years for its replacement, first crack at it.

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EXHIBIT WINNERS

FIRST PLACE:	STEVE P.
SECOND PLACE:	STEVE D.
THIRD PLACE:	LARRY F.

AUCTION

5 ITEMS WERE PLACED IN THE AUCTION

4 ITEMS WERE SOLD

FEBRUARY PRIZE WINNERS

Membership Prize: Kirsten

Door Prizes: Steve P., Ralph, Kirsten, Barbara

Raffle Prize: Ralph B.

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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