

# PCNS Papers Contest



PCNS is accepting entries for its Annual Papers Contest.

- Original research, insights, clarification, and overview or introductory articles are all encouraged.
- Participation is open to all. Membership in PCNS is not a requirement.

## Contest Rules:

1. *Only original previously unpublished* writings on numismatic topics may be submitted.
2. *Format:* papers may be submitted electronically as either a plain text file or an MS Word file. Participants who lack electronic access should contact the society for other arrangements.
3. *Coverpage:* papers should include a separate coverpage containing the title of the paper, authors' name(s), address, phone number, and email address (for contact, not for publication).
4. *Illustrations\** — including all photos, charts, tables, drawings, etc. — should accompany the text, complete with any captions or descriptions which are needed for their interpretation and understanding by readers. Notes within the text should indicate where illustrations are to be placed (*e.g.* figure 3 here). Information on the original size of numismatic items should be included to aid in the publication of illustrations.
5. *Quotes* must be properly credited. Material quoted from any published work or authority should be cited in *endnotes* or *footnotes* which should appear *at the end of the paper*. If appropriate, include a bibliography or reference list of related books *after any endnotes*.
6. *Length of papers* is not specific, but generally papers should be at least two double-spaced pages of type (not counting title page, illustrations, endnotes, and bibliography). Longer papers are acceptable, but writers who are contemplating papers which may exceed 12 double-spaced pages of text are cautioned that space limitations could affect our ability to publish it.
7. *Deadline* for the submission of papers for the annual papers contest is the April meeting date of each year.
8. *Judging* will be done by a panel of at least three judges selected by the Papers Chairperson. Judges will be directed to consider the following in making their recommendations: (a) contribution to numismatics, (b) clarity, and (c) interest.
9. *Awards* will be presented at the annual PCNS banquet. Participants may submit more than one paper, but only a single award can be presented to a participant each year. The first prize recipient will receive an engraved silver PCNS medal. The author of the second place paper will receive an engraved bronze PCNS medal. All participants will be recognized in print, and all papers which are selected for publication will be distributed to the members of PCNS as part of their membership benefits.
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