

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee  
Public Meeting  
Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 10:00 AM  
United State Mint Headquarters  
801 9<sup>th</sup> Street NW, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room  
Washington, D.C.

In attendance:

Michael Bugeja  
Robert Hoge  
Erik Jansen  
Gary Marks (Chair)  
Michael Moran (via teleconference)  
Michael Olson  
Michael Ross  
Donald Scarinci  
Jeanne Stevens-Sollman  
Thomas Uram  
Heidi Wastweet

1. Chairperson Marks called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.
2. The letters and minutes of the November 22, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. April Stafford of the United States Mint presented the candidate reverse designs for the 2015 America the Beautiful Quarters Program. The subjects for these designs included Homestead National Monument of America in Nebraska, Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana, Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina, Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge in Delaware, and Saratoga National Historical Park in New York. Representatives of these national places provided comments on their respective locations. They included Mark Engler, Superintendent of the Homestead National Monument of America; Jim Caldwell, Public Affairs Staff Officer for Kisatchie National Forest; Peter Givens, Interpretive Specialist with Blue Ridge Parkway; Oscar Reed, Jr., for Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge; and Eric Schnitzer, Historian for Saratoga National Historic Park.
4. After each member of the Committee had commented on the candidate designs, members rated the designs by assigning 0, 1, 2, or 3 points to each, with higher points reflecting more favorable evaluations. With eleven (11) members voting, the maximum possible point total was thirty-three (33). By Committee rule, a majority of the maximum possible point total (i.e. 17) was required to garner the Committee's recommendation. The committee's scores for the reverse designs for the 2015 America the Beautiful Quarters Program were:

Homestead National Monument of America Designs:

HP-01: 1  
HP-02: 19 (Recommended design)  
HP-03: 12  
HP-04: 2  
HP-05: 0  
HP-06: 0  
HP-07: 3  
HP-08: 4  
HP-09: 0  
HP-10: 0  
HP-11: 0  
HP-12: 0

Kisatchie National Forest Designs:

KNF-01: 11  
KNF-02: 4  
KNF-03: 8  
KNF-04: 14  
KNF-05: 3  
KNF-06: 3  
KNF-07: 21 (Recommended design)  
KNF-08: 0

Blue Ridge Parkway Designs:

BRP-01: 8  
BRP-02: 0  
BRP-05: 27 (Recommended design)  
BRP-06: 0  
BRP-07: 2  
BRP-08: 2

Note: Designs BRP-03 and BRP-04 were withdrawn by the U.S. Mint prior to the Committees evaluation.

Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge Designs:

BH-01: 20 (Recommended design)  
BH-02: 3  
BH-03: 0  
BH-04: 7  
BH-05: 19  
BH-06: 0  
BH-07: 0  
BH-08: 13

Saratoga National Historical Park Designs:

SNHP-01:	9
SNHP-02:	2
SNHP-03:	14 *
SNHP-04:	1
SNHP-05:	1
SNHP-06:	0
SNHP-07:	7
SNHP-08:	8
SNHP-09:	11
SNHP-10:	0

\*Although Design SNHP-03 received the highest number of points its total was insufficient by Committee rule to be selected as a recommended design through the scoring process. Note: By motion, the design was confirmed by the Committee as the recommended design later in the meeting.

5. April Stafford of the United States Mint reported on a proposal for a 2014 24K Gold Kennedy Half Dollar special product. The proposal was brought forward as a commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kennedy Half Dollar.
6. Members discussed whether the proposed half dollar should bear a single date of 2014 or a dual date of 1964-2014, whether it should contain a full ounce of gold or be offered as a fractional, whether it should be a half dollar or denominated differently, whether the mint mark should be on the obverse or reverse of the coin, and whether the edge should be reeded, smooth or contain an edge inscription. Members also commented that they hoped the coin could be offered in a way wherein it could be affordable to a broad cross section of individuals. A consensus was lacking on these matters, however, insights on the various subjects were offered. The Committee, as a whole, agreed that the proposed half dollar should be produced.
7. After the scores for the reverse designs for the 2015 America the Beautiful Quarters Program were completed and announced, a motion was made by Mr. Ross, and seconded by Ms. Stevens-Sollman, to recommend the Mint remove the 30 stars shown on the recommended Homestead National Monument of America design (HP-02) and that the words "FREE LAND" be added to the same, with placement of the words left to the artist's discretion. The motion was approved on a vote of eight (8) ayes and two (2) abstentions. (Mr. Bugeja had departed from the meeting.)
8. Mr. Olson made a motion that was seconded by Chairperson Marks that the recommended Kisatchie National Forest design (KNF-07) be simplified by trimming away the trees shown in the background so as to increase the contrast of the subject woodpecker against the negative space. The motion was approved on a vote of nine (9) ayes and one (1) abstention.

9. Regarding the Committee's recommended design for Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge (BH-01), a motion was made by Mr. Scarinci, and seconded by Mr. Olson, to override the scoring result and recommend design BH-05 instead with modifications to remove the horizon line shown in the background. The motion failed on a vote five (5) ayes and five (5) nays. Subsequently, Mr. Scarinci moved and Mr. Uram seconded to recommend that the fish shown in the beak of the Great Blue Heron shown on the Committee's recommended design for Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge (BH-01) be eliminated. The motion failed on a vote of three (3) ayes, six (6) nays, and one (1) abstention. A motion was made by Mr. Scarinci, and seconded by Chairperson Marks, to affirm the Committee's recommendation for Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge (BH-01) with a design recommendation to remove the horizon line shown in the background while retaining the grassy land shown at the feet of the Great Blue Heron. The motion was approved on a vote of six (6) ayes and four (4) nays. Ms. Stevens-Sollman moved, and Mr. Olson seconded, to reconsider the previous motion. The motion failed on a vote of four (4) ayes and six (nays). The recommendation of design BH-01 was maintained.
10. Mr. Ross made a motion, that was seconded by Ms. Stevens-Sollman, that Saratoga National Historical Park design SNHP-03 be recommended by the Committee with a design recommendation that the word "British" be added to the word "Surrender" already shown on the design. The motion was unanimously approved.
11. A motion was made by Mr. Hoge, and seconded by Mr. Scarinci, to approve the Committee's Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Report. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.
12. On the matter of a recommendation for the Committee's Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report, Committee members agreed that the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing was an appropriate subject for a 2019 commemorative coin program. A motion was made by Mr. Olson, and seconded by Chairperson Marks, to approve the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing as a commemorative coin program recommendation for 2019 in the Committee's Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report. The motion was unanimously approved.
13. There being no further business, Chairperson Marks adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.