

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee
Public Meeting
Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 9:30 AM
United State Mint Headquarters
801 9th Street NW, 2nd Floor Conference Room A
Washington, D.C.

In attendance:

Michael Bugeja (via telephone)
Robert Hoge
Erik Jansen
Mary Lannin
Gary Marks (Chair)
Michael Moran
Jeanne Stevens-Sollman
Thomas Uram
Herman Viola
Heidi Wastweet

1. Chairperson Marks called the meeting to order at 9:34 A.M.
2. The minutes and letters of the October 14, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. April Stafford of the United States Mint requested discussion on concepts and themes for the 65th Infantry Regiment “Borinqueneers” Congressional Gold Medal. Contributing to the discussion were Mr. Sam Rodriguez, liaison for the 65th Infantry Regiment Congressional Gold Medal organization; Mr. Javier Morales, representing the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal organization; Colonel Dennis Freytes, United States Army retired and former Professor of Military Science at the University of Puerto Rico; and Frank Medina, National Chair for the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal Alliance.
4. Committee members discussed design concepts for the 65th Infantry Regiment “Borinqueneers” Congressional Gold Medal. Design concepts included bayonets shown in the context of uphill battle, flags of the United States and Puerto Rico, infantry rifles crossed over a shield, recognition of the transition of the Borinqueneers to an unsegregated unit, incorporation of Spanish text, the diamond battle formation, and the Maltese Cross insignia. Committee members urged the artists to focus on elements that made the Borinqueneers unique from other military groups and to focus on visuals and allow art speak for the medal rather than the use of excessive text.
5. April Stafford of the United States Mint presented the candidate designs for the 2015 Liberty-themed 24K Gold Coin and Silver Medal Program.

6. Chairperson Marks commented that at the Committee's September 24, 2014 meeting a resolution was adopted calling for an annual Arts Medal Program that included a series of annually dated Liberty medals. He added that the idea of bringing new and fresh Liberty-themed designs forward on United States coins and medals is a long-held goal for the Committee. In that context, the 2015 Liberty Gold Coin and Silver Medal Program represents an important step forward toward realization of the goal. Chairperson Marks stated that the Committee regards the program as a benchmark program for the United States Mint. He noted that the Committee expects the coin and medal to be in high demand by Mint customers and commented that the program will provide a platform going forward for exploring new and exciting designs that illustrate some of the core values of our nation; Lady Liberty being the chief iconic vehicle for American coins and medals. Chairperson Marks noted the Mint's plan to make the 2015 program a one-year program although the Committee has called for such a program to be on-going in an annual sense. He explained that while the program has been brought forward by the Mint as a high relief program, particularly in regard to the silver medal, the Committee has been steadfast in its recommendation and support of a silver Liberty medal that utilizes the 40.6 mm \$1 American Silver Eagle planchet. He commented that the large size of the planchet is large enough to give the art an attractive "eye blast". He also noted that the 40.6 mm planchet will allow significant relief to further beautify the medal. Chairperson Marks detailed the success of the \$1 American Silver Eagle coin program and suggested that its success provides powerful support for use of the same 40.6 mm planchet for the 2015 Liberty Silver Medal. He expressed the position of the Committee that using a 36 mm planchet as proposed by the Mint will be detrimental to the program.

7. In regard to the 2015 Liberty Gold Coin and Silver Medal Program the following motions were acted upon by the Committee:
 - MOTION by Chairperson Marks, and SECONDED by Mr. Jansen, to recommend use of the 40.6 mm standard diameter planchet for the 2015 Liberty Silver Medal in order to balance maximization of the palette for eye appeal with the requirement for a one (1) ounce silver weight. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.
 - MOTION by Chairperson Marks, and SECONDED by Mr. Moran, to recommend that the relief measurement of the silver medal be maximized to the fullest possible extent and in excess of the relief established for the obverse of the \$1 American Silver Eagle. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.
 - MOTION by Chairperson Marks, and SECONDED by Mr. Moran, to recommend the 2015 Liberty Gold Coin utilize the denomination "One Union" historically envisioned to represent \$100 on United States coinage. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

- MOTION by Chairperson Marks, and SECONDED by Dr. Viola, to recommend that the United States Mint’s two (2) numismatic production facilities (i.e. San Francisco and West Point) be utilized to assure solid supply and interest for the collecting community. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.
 - MOTION by Chairperson Marks, and SECONDED by Ms. Stevens-Sollman, to recommend the edge of the silver proof medal be reeded to give the piece its best presentation. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.
 - MOTION by Mr. Moran, and SECONDED by Mr. Uram, to recommend the Liberty-themed silver medal be an ongoing annual series in order to satisfy the anticipated strong reception in the collector community and to allow United States Mint artists to fully develop the multi-cultural aspects of the new, modern Liberty. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.
8. 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 ten (10) members voting, the maximum possible point total was thirty (30). By Committee rule, a majority of the maximum possible point total (i.e. 16) was required to garner the Committee’s recommendation. The committee’s scores for the designs of the 2015 Liberty-themed 24K Gold Coin and Silver Medal Program are as follows:

Obverse Designs:

HR-O-01:	2
HR-O-02:	5
HR-O-03:	6
HR-O-04:	0
HR-O-05:	0
HR-O-06:	0
HR-O-07:	6
HR-O-08:	0
HR-O-09:	0
HR-O-10:	0
HR-O-11:	30 (Recommended design)
HR-O-12:	1
HR-O-13:	0
HR-O-14:	0
HR-O-15:	0
HR-O-16:	0
HR-O-17:	0
HR-O-18:	0
HR-O-19:	0
HR-O-20:	0
HR-O-21:	2
HR-O-22:	0

Reverse Designs:

HR-R-01:	30 (Recommended design)
HR-R-02:	0
HR-R-03:	8
HR-R-04:	0
HR-R-05:	0
HR-R-06:	0
HR-R-07:	0
HR-R-08:	0
HR-R-09:	1
HR-R-10:	1
HR-R-11:	0
HR-R-12:	1
HR-R-13:	0
HR-R-14:	3
HR-R-15:	0
HR-R-16:	0

9. In regard to the 2015 Liberty Gold Coin and Silver Medal Program the following motions were acted upon by the Committee:
 - MOTION by Mr. Uram, and SECONDED by Ms. Lannin, to recommend that, in reference to the 2015 Gold Coin and the Committee's recommended obverse design, HR-O-11, the font for the date "2015" be reduced and the inscription, "IN GOD WE TRUST" be placed horizontally on the left side of the coin in two lines below the date. The inscriptions for the 2015 Silver Medal remain as presented to the Committee. The motion was APPROVED with seven (7) ayes and three (3) nays.
 - MOTION by Mr. Moran, and SECONDED by Chairperson Marks, to recommend, in reference the Committee's recommended reverse design, HR-R-01, that the length of the olive branch be reduced and that the eagle on the gold coin be shown at the same rising angle as presented for the silver medal. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.
10. April Stafford of the United States Mint presented the candidate designs for the Jack Nicklaus Congressional Gold Medal.
11. 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 ten (10) members voting, the maximum possible point total was thirty (30). By Committee rule, a majority of the maximum possible point total (i.e. 16) was required to garner the Committee's recommendation. The committee's scores for the designs for the Jack Nicklaus Congressional Gold Medal are as follows:

Obverse Designs:

JN-CGM-O-01: 2
JN-CGM-O-02: 0
JN-CGM-O-03: 2
JN-CGM-O-04: 30 (Recommended design)
JN-CGM-O-05: 0

Reverse Designs:

JN-CGM-R-01: 2
JN-CGM-R-02: 29 (Recommended design)
JN-CGM-R-03: 5
JN-CGM-R-04: 4

12. April Stafford of the United States Mint requested discussion on the concepts and themes for the 2017 American Eagle Platinum Proof Coin. The theme of the coin would be the 20th anniversary of the platinum program.
13. Ms. Wastweet and Chairperson Marks discussed new designs for the 2017 platinum coin, but expressed concerns that such designs be modern and fresh. Dr. Bugeja discussed the use of a privy mark to denote the 20th anniversary of the platinum program.
14. April Stafford of the United States Mint requested discussion on the concepts and themes for the 2018 through 2020 American Eagle Platinum Proof Coins.
15. After members had commented on potential concepts and themes the following motions were acted upon:
 - MOTION by Chairperson Marks, and SECONDED by Dr. Bugeja, to recommend a five-year program for the American Eagle Platinum Proof Coin to honor the five freedoms provided in the First Amendment to the Constitution; specifically, the freedoms of speech, the press, religion, assembly and petition. The motion was APPROVED with eight (8) ayes and two (2) abstentions.
 - MOTION by Ms. Stevens-Sollman, and SECONDED by Ms. Wastweet, to recommend a multi-year program for the American Eagle Platinum Proof Coin to explore and honor the arts. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.
 - MOTION by Dr. Bugeja, and SECONDED by Ms. Wastweet, to recommend a four-year program for the American Eagle Platinum Proof Coin to honor the four freedoms articulated by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt on December 8, 1941; specifically, the freedoms of worship, speech, from want, and from fear. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.
 - MOTION by Ms. Lannin, and SECONDED by Mr. Jansen, to recommend a multi-year program for the American Eagle Platinum Proof Coin

enumerating a series of American innovations and inventions. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

16. Chairperson Marks reviewed the Committee's final draft of the FY2014 Annual Report. Recommendations highlighted in the draft document included:

- The American Liberty Circulating Commemorative Coinage Program.
- A 2017 commemorative program honoring the 150th anniversary of the acquisition of the Alaska Territory.
- A 2018 commemorative program honoring the 100th anniversary of the United States Airmail Service.
- A 2019 commemorative program honoring the National Fallen Firefighters Monument in Emmitsburg, Maryland.
- A 2019 commemorative program honoring the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing.
- The redesign of the \$1 American Silver Eagle in 2016.
- The creation of an Arts Medals Program inclusive of an annual American Liberty Silver Medal series and an annual Free Style Arts Medals series.
- A 2015 Liberty-themed 24-carat Gold Coin and Silver Medal Program.

17. After members had commented on the draft FY2014 Annual Report the following motion was acted upon:

- MOTION by Mr. Jansen, and SECONDED by Ms. Stevens-Sollman, to approve the FY2014 Annual Report with adjustments and corrections identified in the meeting transcript. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

18. There being no further business, Chairperson Marks adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

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Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 9:30 AM
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Mary Lannin
Gary Marks (Chair)
Michael Moran
Jeanne Stevens-Sollman
Thomas Uram
Herman Viola
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1. Chairperson Marks called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.
2. April Stafford of the United States Mint requested discussion on concepts and themes for the 2016 National Park Service 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Program, inclusive of a \$5 Gold Coin, Silver Dollar and Clad Half-Dollar. Contributing to the discussion were Jason Rano, Director of the National Park Service, and Donald Ledbetter, Partnership Coordinator for the National Park Service.
3. Committee members discussed design concepts for the 2016 National Park Service 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Program. Members stressed the importance that the designs remain simple and clean. Attempts to be all inclusive with multiple images or story board depictions should be avoided. The use of long contributions of text should also be avoided. The coins should be focused on art and not text. Members discussed individuals who were instrumental in the creation of the park service, inclusive of Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir, and Stephen Mather. Other individuals discussed were Ansel Adams and David Henry Thoreau. Ms. Wastweet suggested stylistically joining similar landmarks, such as bridges and natural arches, or the Statue of Liberty with Old Faithful to show the connection and relationship between landmarks, resource management and the natural world. Other design concepts included Native Americans, battlefields, flora, fauna, artifacts, natural history specimens, and concepts from the Organic Act of 1916 such as the preservation of nature, historic objects and wildlife.

4. April Stafford of the United States Mint requested discussion on concepts and themes for 2016 Special Products honoring the 100th anniversary of the issuance of the Winged Liberty (Mercury) Dime, Standing Liberty Quarter, and Walking Liberty Half Dollar. The coins would be struck on gold planchets as a special one-year numismatic product.
5. Committee members expressed support for the program. Members recommended that the coins be produced on planchets sized to match the original diameters of the 1916 coins and that the original 1916 designs be used (inclusive of the bare-breasted Standing Liberty). Members commented that assay inscriptions should not be allowed to clutter the designs. Use of privy marks to support assay information was suggested. Chairperson Marks proposed that the coins also be produced as platinum coins. The silver color of platinum would provide a means to reproduce the designs in their familiar metallurgic coloring.
6. There being no further business, Chairperson Marks adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.