

## Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC)

### Annual Report

### Fiscal Year 2007

October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007

#### **A. Background**

Public Law 108-15, enacted on April 23, 2003, established the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) to advise the Secretary of the Treasury on theme and design proposals relating to circulating coinage, commemorative coinage, bullion coinage, Congressional Gold Medals and national medals. This report presents the CCAC's recommendations for commemorative coinage in each of the next five calendar years, and summarizes the CCAC's activities during fiscal year 2007.

#### **B. CCAC Recommendations**

##### **1. General Recommendations**

American coins are not only objects of commerce, but also enduring reminders of our country's history, achievements, and values. The CCAC encourages the highest standards of artistic excellence for America's coins, and appreciates and supports United States Mint Director Edmund C. Moy's call for a "Neo-Renaissance" in American coin design.

##### **2. Circulating Commemoratives**

The past decade has seen a number of successful changes in circulating coin designs. The ongoing 50 State Quarters<sup>®</sup> Program commemorates each state in the order of admission to the Union; the Westward Journey Nickel Series<sup>™</sup> celebrated the accomplishments of the Lewis and Clark expedition; and the ongoing Presidential \$1 Coin Program honors America's Presidents in the order of their service. Innovation in coin design will continue in 2009, when the bicentennial of President Lincoln's birth will be celebrated with the issue of multiple one-cent coin designs commemorating different aspects of his life, and in 2010, with the introduction of a new one-cent coin design representing Lincoln's role in preserving the Union.

The CCAC would be pleased to serve as a resource in the development of additional proposals for circulating commemoratives, including, possibly a five-year circulating "Liberty" commemorative series beginning in 2010. Each year, one denomination could be issued with an image representing Liberty, alongside the regular design for that denomination. The series could begin with a Liberty half-dollar issued alongside the Kennedy half-dollar during the year 2010, followed by a Liberty quarter issued alongside the Washington quarter in 2011, a Liberty dime issued alongside the Roosevelt dime in 2012, a Liberty 5-cent coin (nickel) issued alongside the Jefferson nickel in 2013, and a Liberty cent issued alongside the Lincoln cent in 2014. With these five new coins, each issued for a single year, America's coinage would present a series of new, artistic images representing one of America's core values.

### 3. Numismatic Commemoratives

The United States Congress has a long tradition of authorizing numismatic commemoratives, minted and issued by the United States Mint for sale to the general public. The Commemorative Coin Reform Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-208) provides that the Secretary may mint and issue no more than two commemorative coin programs in any calendar year. The CCAC recommends that each year's two programs should be selected from the following alternatives:

#### **2008:**

*Program Already Enacted:*

**American Bald Eagle Recovery and National Emblem** [not more than 750,000 copper-nickel clad half-dollars, not more than 500,000 silver dollars, and not more than 100,000 \$5 gold coins, authorized by Public Law 108-486].

#### **2009:**

*Programs Already Enacted:*

**Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial** [not more than 500,000 silver dollars, authorized by Public Law 109-285].

**Louis Braille Bicentennial** [not more than 400,000 silver dollars, authorized by Public Law 109-247].

#### **2010:**

*Programs Already Enacted:*

None

*Programs Recommended by the CCAC:*

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pony Express/50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Echo communications satellite.** This combined commemorative would celebrate the evolution of American communication technology, from hand-carried messages to instant global information. Recommended mintage: 500,000 coins, with consideration given to a bimetallic bronze/silver or bimetallic gold/silver composition.

**American Veterans Disabled for Life.** The Armed Forces of the United States have served bravely in conflicts around the world, and this program would honor the sacrifices of America's living disabled veterans. Recommended mintage: 500,000 silver dollars.

#### **2011:**

*Programs Already Enacted:*

None

*Programs Recommended by the CCAC:*

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Peace Corps.** Since 1961, the Peace Corps and its volunteers have helped people in underdeveloped countries around the world to promote peace and friendship. Recommended mintage: not more than 500,000 silver dollars.

**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Birth of Harriet Beecher Stowe.** The publication of Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* in 1852 was a landmark event in the struggle against slavery in the United States. Recommended mintage: not more than 500,000 silver dollars.

## **2012**

*Programs already enacted:* None

*Programs recommended by the CCAC:*

**National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.** Located on the grounds of the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial honors American firefighters who have died in the line of duty. Recommended mintage: 500,000 silver dollars.

**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle between U.S.S. Constitution and H.M.S. Guerriere.** First launched in 1797 as one of the original vessels of the United States Navy, the U.S.S. Constitution was given the nickname "Old Ironsides" in 1812 after demonstrating impressive durability in a battle with H.M.S. Guerriere. Still afloat today, the ship is a popular tourist attraction. Recommended mintage: not more than 500,000 silver dollars.

## **C. CCAC Activities During Fiscal Year 2007**

Images of the designs recommended by the CCAC, as well as the designs chosen to be issued, can be found at the end of this report.

### **1. 50 State Quarters Program**

The United States Mint's 50 State Quarters<sup>®</sup> Program honors each state in the Union with a commemorative design for the reverse of the circulating quarter-dollar. Since the Program's origin in 1999, five quarters have been issued each year in the order of the states' admission to the Union. During Fiscal Year 2007 the CCAC evaluated proposed designs for the 2008 quarters honoring Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico, Alaska, and Hawaii.

### **2. Presidential \$1 Coins**

Since 2007, four circulating dollar coins have been issued each year as part of the Presidential \$1 Coin Program. These coins honor America's deceased Presidents in the order of their service. During Fiscal Year 2007, the CCAC evaluated proposed designs for the 2008 issues of the Presidential \$1 Coin Program, honoring James Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, and Martin Van Buren.

### **3. Lincoln Cents**

During the year 2009, the United States Mint will issue four one-cent coins with reverses representing different aspects of the life of Abraham Lincoln. The obverse design will continue to bear the current likeness of Lincoln by Victor David Brenner. The CCAC recommended designs for the coins honoring Lincoln's birth in Kentucky, Lincoln's formative years in Indiana, and Lincoln's professional life in Illinois. However, the CCAC did not recommend any of the designs portraying Lincoln's Presidency in Washington, DC.

#### **4. American Bald Eagle Commemoratives**

The CCAC considered designs for a single commemorative program: the gold \$5 piece, silver dollar, and clad-half dollar commemorating the American Bald Eagle.

#### **5. First Spouse Bullion Coin Designs:**

In conjunction with the Presidential \$1 Coin Program, the United States Mint will mint and issue one-half ounce 24-karat gold bullion \$10 coins featuring America's First Spouses. Each coin will feature a portrait of the First Spouse on the obverse, with a reverse image emblematic of the First Spouse's life and work. For Presidents who did not have a spouse while in office, the obverse will feature an image emblematic of the concept of Liberty from a coin design issued during that President's term in office, and a reverse design symbolizing the themes of that President. During Fiscal Year 2007, the CCAC reviewed proposed designs for the 2008 First Spouse issues, honoring Elizabeth Monroe, Louisa Adams, Andrew Jackson's Liberty, and Martin Van Buren's Liberty.

#### **6. Medal Designs:**

The CCAC reviewed proposed designs for Congressional Gold Medals honoring Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama of Tibet; Dr. Norman Borlaug; and Byron Nelson. The CCAC was enthusiastic about these designs, considering them to be outstanding examples of numismatic art.

### **D. CCAC Public Meetings held during Fiscal Year 2007**

The CCAC held nine public meetings during Fiscal Year 2007:

November 14, 2006, at United States Mint Headquarters in Washington, DC

January 23, 2007, at United States Mint Headquarters in Washington, DC

March 20, 2007, at United States Mint Headquarters in Washington, DC

May 15, 2007, in Philadelphia, PA

August 10, 2007, in Milwaukee, WI, in conjunction with the Annual Convention of the American Numismatic Association

September 25, 2007, at United States Mint Headquarters in Washington, DC

### **E. Membership of the CCAC**

The CCAC consists of 11 members appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury. Four members are appointed based on their special qualifications; three members are appointed to represent the general public; and four members are appointed after recommendation by the leadership of the United States Congress. The members of the CCAC as of September 30, 2007 were:

**John K. Alexander (appointed based on special qualifications in American History)**

Dr. Alexander is a professionally trained historian who has served as a university professor for more than three decades. Prior to being appointed to the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee, he worked as a Professor of History at the University of Cincinnati. His positions there have included History Department Director of Undergraduate Studies, Associate Professor of History, and Assistant Professor of History.

Among his accomplishments, Dr. Alexander has authored three books, *Render Them Submissive: Response to Poverty in Philadelphia, 1760-1800*; *The Selling of the Constitutional Convention of 1787: A History of News Coverage*; and *Samuel Adams: America's Revolutionary Politician*. Dr. Alexander's other accomplishments include writing several other publications and serving as one of the Associate Editors for the American National Biography project.

Dr. Alexander's honors and awards include the A.B. (Dolly) Cohen Award for Excellence in University Teaching, University of Cincinnati, 1975; election to Omicron Delta Kappa, 1975; selection as the first George Washington Distinguished Scholar of the Tri-State Association of The Society of the Cincinnati, 1999; Outstanding Teacher Award, Ohio Academy of History, 2002; *Who's Who in America* (57th edition, 2003); and Distinguished Teaching Professor Award, University of Cincinnati, 2002-2003.

Dr. Alexander received a B.S. from Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon University), an M.A. in history from the University of Chicago, and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago.

**Michael Brown (appointed after recommendation by then-Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid)**

Mr. Brown is Vice President of Public Affairs for Barrick Gold Corporation. He served as Special Assistant to former United States Mint Director Donna Pope from 1981 to 1989, and prior to that served as Vice President of the Gold and Silver Institute in Washington, D.C. Mr. Brown holds a B.S. degree from Ohio State University and an MBA from George Washington University.

**Bill Fivaz (appointed based on special qualifications in numismatics)**

Mr. Fivaz has been a numismatist for more than 50 years. He has served on the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) Board of Governors, received that organization's highest honor, the Farran Zebe Award, as well as the ANA Medal of Merit, the ANA

Numismatist of the Year and was elected into the ANA Hall of Fame. He has taught at the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs for more than 20 years as well as at various regional, state and local conventions. Mr. Fivaz is retired after having served for more than 36 years in sales with the Nestle Company.

**Arthur Houghton (appointed based on special qualifications in numismatic curation)**

Mr. Houghton's experience includes tenure as Associate Curator and acting Curator-in-Charge at the J. Paul Getty Museum from 1982 to 1986, where he gained national recognition for his role in building the museum's extensive collection of antiquities, including its early collection of ancient coins. Mr. Houghton has authored or co-authored four books and more than 50 articles on ancient coins, history and economics.

Mr. Houghton served as president of the American Numismatic Society (ANS) from 1995 to 1999. He was also president of the consulting firm Arthur Houghton Associates, Inc., from 1995 to 2000. Currently, Mr. Houghton serves on the boards of the Corning Museum of Glass, American Near East Refugee Aid and the ANS.

Mr. Houghton holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard College. He also holds Master of Arts degrees from the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, and Harvard University.

**Dr. Rita Laws (appointed to represent the interests of the general public)**

Dr. Laws, a former schoolteacher, is a freelance numismatic writer and researcher of Indian Peace Medals. A member of the Oklahoma Choctaw tribe and the mother of 12 children, she is also a special needs adoption advocate and volunteers as her state's representative for the North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC). She has just completed a book about collecting lucky coins, medals, currency and pocket pieces.

**Gary Marks (appointed to represent the interests of the general public)**

Currently the City Manager of Whitefish, Montana, Mr. Marks has worked in city government for nearly 20 years, and also served as a Commissioner of the Montana Quarter Design Selection Committee. A dedicated numismatist for 33 years, he also served as Executive Director of the Whitefish Centennial Medallion Commission. An expert collector of Washington Quarters, Barber half-dollars and Walking Liberty half-dollars, he holds a B.A. in Human Resource Management from George Fox College in Newberg, Oregon.

**Rev. Dr. Richard Meier (appointed after recommendation by then-Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert)**

The Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier was introduced to the numismatic hobby as a child by his grandfather, who gifted him with a shiny 1899 Morgan silver dollar. Over the years he has pieced together an impressive collection of type coins, United States Mint products, and coins from around the world.

Rev. Meier has spent much of his life in the "Land of Lincoln," Illinois, but he has also served the Church in many parts of the country, as well as internationally, during his 36-year career: San Jose, CA; St. Paul, MN; Bariloche, Argentina, as a missionary; Hialeah, FL; and, currently Rockford, IL, where he is a Pastor of Alpine Lutheran Church. During his career he has been called upon to volunteer on a variety of community-related boards and committees in leadership positions. He earned his B.A. from Augustana College, the Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, and the Doctor of Ministry from Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Fluent in Spanish, he especially enjoys multicultural gatherings where bridges are built between people of different backgrounds.

Dr. Meier and his wife have four grown children (including triplets) and one grandchild.

**Dr. Mitchell Sanders (CCAC chair; appointed to represent the interests of the general public)**

Dr. Sanders graduated from Duke University in 1991 and received a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Rochester in 1997. He is author or co-author of various academic articles, and co-author of the monograph *Understanding Multivariate Research*. He has been on the faculty at Florida State University and the University of Notre Dame, and currently works as a Research Scientist in Rochester, New York.

An avid coin collector, Dr. Sanders has published several articles examining the numismatic connection between symbolism and society, and he writes a monthly column for beginning collectors in the ANA's magazine, *Numismatist*.

**Donald Scarinci (appointed after recommendation by then-Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi)**

Mr. Scarinci has written articles and conducted presentations on the subject of art medals at the New York Numismatic Club, the ANA and the American Medallist Society's (AMS) recent exhibit of Contemporary Art medals at the Forest Lawn Museum in January 2005. He has taught classes to summer students at the American Numismatic Society (ANS) about the history of the art medal for the last two summers.

Donald Scarinci currently serves as a member of the Saltus Award Committee of the ANS. In addition to being a member of the AMS, Scarinci is also a member of the Finnish Art Medal Society, the Dutch Art Medal Society and the British Art Medal Society. Mr. Scarinci's numismatic interests include Colonial U.S. coins and commemorative U.S. coins. He is one of five founding officers of the Colonial Coin Collectors Club (C-4), founded in 1992.

Mr. Scarinci is the Founding Partner of Scarinci & Hollenbeck, LLC in Lyndhurst, New Jersey. He has recently published a book, "David Brearley and the making of the United States Constitution."

**Sherl Joseph Winter (appointed based on special qualifications in sculpture or medallic arts)**

Mr. Winter is a professional sculptor-engraver who has worked with many private Mints in the design and execution of more than 300 medals. He is the owner of the Winter Art Studio in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Winter previously worked for sixteen years as a sculptor-engraver at the United States Mint at Philadelphia. He was appointed Acting Chief-Engraver upon the retirement of Frank Gasparro.

While working at the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Mr. Winter's accomplishments included designing the following: medal of the U.S. Department of Treasury John Connally (reverse); 1972 Assay Commission (obverse); 1973 Assay Commission (obverse); Expo'74 (obverse); 1980 Olympic Boycott; General Charles Yeager (obverse); U.S. Marine Corps Bicentennial; 1972 American Revolution Bicentennial (obverse); 1973 American Revolution Bicentennial (reverse); General Eaker (reverse); New Orleans Mint (obverse); Bureau of Engraving and Printing, U.S. Treasury Building Nation Historic Landmark (obverse); U.S.S. Constellation (obverse); Lady Bird Johnson (obverse); and Willa Cather gold medallion for the American Arts Program. He also modeled the reverse of the 1986 Eagle Gold Bullion coin. He has also received commemorative credits for the 1986 Statue of Liberty half-dollar (reverse) and the 1988 Olympic Silver Dollar (reverse).

Mr. Winter's honors and awards include the Honorary Superior Performance Award; the H.U.D. Honor Award – Fountain Sculpture in Salem, Massachusetts, 1980; the Pauline Law Award from the Allied Artists of America in New York City, 1967; the H.U.D. Merit Award – Outdoor Sculpture in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1966; the Stimson Award from the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1959; and the Stewardson Award, also from the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1958.

Mr. Winter's education includes a B.F.A. and M.F.A. from the University of Pennsylvania. In addition, he has received training from an array of art institutes, such as the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Balboa Park Art Center in San Diego, California; and Dayton Art Institute in Dayton, Ohio.