Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee
Public Meeting
Tuesday, March 1, 2011, 10:00 AM
United State Mint Headquarters
801 9th Street NW, 8th Floor
Washington, D.C.

In attendance:

Doreen Bolger
Michael Brown
Arthur Houghton
Rick Meier
Gary Marks (Chair)
Michael Olson
Mike Ross
Heidi Wastweet

1. Chairperson Marks called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.

2. Acting Mint Director Dick Peterson presented “Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee Public Service Award” to Dr. Mitchell Sanders for his years of service as a member of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee.

3. The minutes of the January 19, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

4. Kaarina Budow of the United States Mint presented the candidate designs for the 2011 National September 11 Memorial and Museum Commemorative Medals.

5. After each member had commented on the candidate designs, Committee members rated proposed designs by assigning 0, 1, 2, or 3 points to each, with higher points reflecting more favorable evaluations. With eight members voting, the maximum possible point total was 24. The committee’s scores for the obverse of the 2011 National September 11 Memorial and Museum Commemorative Medals were:

   - NSM-O-01: 16
   - NSM-O-02: 0
   - NSM-O-03: 0
   - NSM-O-04: 0
   - NSM-O-05: 3
   - NSM-O-06: 0
   - NSM-O-07: 1
   - NSM-O-08: 5
   - NSM-O-09: 9
   - NSM-O-10: 18 (Recommended design)
The committee's scores for the reverse of the 2011 National September 11 Memorial and Museum Commemorative Medals were:

NSM-R-01: 0
NSM-R-02: 1
NSM-R-03: 9
NSM-R-04: 1
NSM-R-05: 5
NSM-R-06: 4
NSM-R-07: 0
NSM-R-08: 13
NSM-R-09: 0
NSM-R-10: 0
NSM-R-11: 0
NSM-R-12: 0
NSM-R-13: 5
NSM-R-14: 2
NSM-R-15: 16 (Recommended design due to subsequent motion)
NSM-R-16: 18

Following the scoring process for reverse designs, a motion by Ms. Wastweet, and seconded by Mr. Ross to pair obverse designs NSM-O-1 and NSM-O-10 as the obverse and reverse designs, respectively, for the medal failed on vote of 3 ayes and 5 nays. The Committee focused further discussion on the two reverse designs receiving the highest point totals; NSM-R-15 and NSM-R-16. Both designs showed an American Eagle, symbolizing the strength of the survivors and of all Americans, and a background which illustrates an artistic rendering of falling water, reminiscent of the waterfalls at the September 11th Memorial. NSM-15 bears the inscriptions “HONOR” and “HOPE”, while NSM-16 is inscribed with a translation of Virgil’s Aenid, which reads, “NO DAY SHALL ERASE YOU FROM THE MEMORY OF TIME.” After discussion on the two designs, the Committee defeated a motion by Mr. Marks, and seconded by Mr. Meier, to recommend design NSM-R-16 for the reverse design. The vote was 3 ayes and 5 nays. Subsequently, the Committee voted 6-1, with 1 member abstaining, to approve a motion by Mr. Marks, and seconded by Mr. Olsen, to recommend design NSM-R-15 as the reverse design.

6. The Committee discussed narratives for Frances Cleveland, Caroline Scott Harrison and suffragist Alice Paul, who is designated in the Presidential $1 Coin Act of 2005 (Act) (Public Law 109-145) to be honored on the obverse of President Chester A. Arthur's corresponding First Spouse Gold Coin. (Pursuant to the Act, the reverse design is to be emblematic of the suffrage movement.) Members commented on the traditional domestic roles played by first spouses in the late 19th century and expressed an interest in seeking design themes inclusive of civic and other themes where such themes may be possible. At the conclusion
of the discussion, the Committee requested that U.S. Mint staff advise on the final thematic content of the narratives.

7. The Committee discussed recommendations for the 2009 Annual Report. A motion by Mr. Marks, and seconded by Mr. Meier, that recommendations for a new design for the $1 Silver Eagle coin and the beginning of an arts medal program be conditioned to begin in 2013 was approved on a unanimous vote. Mr. Marks asked the Committee to consider potential themes relevant to the 2010 Annual Report and specifically for the year 2016 as it applies to commemorative programs and to be prepared to discuss such themes at the Committee’s next meeting.

8. There being no further business, Chairperson Marks adjourned the meeting at 12:52 P.M.