Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee
Public Meeting
Wednesday, May 25, 2011, 9:00 AM
United State Mint Headquarters
801 9th Street NW, Conference Room A
Washington, D.C.

In attendance:

Michael Brown (via telephone)
Arthur Houghton (via telephone)
Erik Jansen
Rick Meier
Gary Marks (Chair)
Michael Olson
Mike Ross
Donald Scarinci
Heidi Wastweet

1. Chairperson Marks called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

2. The letter and minutes of the March 1, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Acting Mint Director Dick Peterson presented “The United States Mint Certificate of Distinguished Public Service” to Reverend Dr. Richard Meier for his years of service as a member of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee.

4. New member Erik Jansen was introduced and welcomed to the Committee.

5. Kaarina Budow of the United States Mint presented the candidate designs for the 2012 National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center Commemorative Coin Program.

6. 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 nine (9) members voting, the maximum possible point total was 27. The committee’s scores for the obverse of the 2012 National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center Commemorative Coin were:

   INF-O-01:  1
   INF-O-02:  0
   INF-O-03:  10
   INF-O-04:  13
   INF-O-05:  14 (Recommended design)
   INF-O-06:  6
The committee’s scores for the reverse of the 2012 National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center Commemorative Coin were:

INF-R-01: 24 (Recommended design)
INF-R-02: 0
INF-R-03: 0
INF-R-04: 10
INF-R-05: 1
INF-R-06: 0
INF-R-07: 7

Following the scoring process for reverse designs, a motion by Ms. Wastweet, and seconded by Mr. Scarinci, to recommend the removal of the soldier appearing closest to the right edge of the coin was approved on a vote of six (6) ayes and two (2) nays. The Committee felt removal of the reference soldier would create a cleaner and more pleasing design.

7. Kaarina Budow of the United States Mint presented the candidate designs for the Congressional Gold Medal collectively honoring the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service.

8. 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 (8) members voting (Mr. Houghton had left the meeting due to illness), the maximum possible point total was 24. The committee’s scores for the obverse of the Congressional Gold Medal collectively honoring the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service were:

NIS-O-01: 6
NIS-O-02: 0
NIS-O-03: 24 (Recommended design)

The committee’s scores for the reverse of the Congressional Gold Medal collectively honoring the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service were:

NIS-R-01: 1
NIS-R-02: 6
9. Kaarina Budow of the United States Mint presented a narrative theme entitled “Sovereignty and Treaties – the Delaware Treaty (1778)”. The narrative described the legal structure the Delaware Treaty established as precedent for relations between tribes and the United States government. Members questioned the appropriateness of such a theme given the broader historical context of violations by the United States government of treaties with Nation American tribes. Members expressed a desire that an alternative theme be developed.

10. A motion by Mr. Olson, and seconded by Mr. Scarinci, to recommend adding the words “Act of Congress 2010” to the obverse or reverse of the Congressional Gold Medal collectively honoring the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service was approved on a vote of six (6) ayes and two (2) nays. A subsequent motion by Mr. Olson, and seconded by Mr. Ross, to recommend further review of the placement of stars on the American Flag appearing on the Committee’s recommended obverse design for the Congressional Gold Medal collectively honoring the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service, NIS-O-03, was defeated on a vote of three (3) ayes and five (5) nays.

11. A motion by Mr. Ross, and seconded by Mr. Meier, to restore to the proposed narrative for the 2013 Native American $1 Coin a quote from Chief Justice John Marshall, from the case of Cherokee Nation versus Georgia, was unanimously approved by the Committee. The quote is: “A people once numerous, powerful and truly independent, found by our ancestors in the quiet and uncontrolled possession of an ample domain, gradually sinking beneath our superior policy, our arts, and our arms, have yielded their lands by successive treaties, each of which contains a solemn guarantee of the residue, until they retain no more of their formerly extensive territory than is deemed necessary to their comfortable subsistence.”

12. There being no further business, Chairperson Marks adjourned the meeting at 12:20 P.M.