



CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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United States Mint
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Minutes of CCAC Public Meeting
Wednesday, October 25, 2022
(8:59 am – 9:31 am)

I. Attendance

a. Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) Members in Attendance:

- Dr. Lawrence Brown (Chair)
- Darla Jackson
- Kellen Hoard
- Dr. Peter van Alfen
- Arthur Bernstein
- Dr. Harcourt Fuller (remote)
- Dr. Christopher Capozzola
- Donald Scarinci
- John Saunders
- Michael Moran
- Dennis Tucker

b. Mint Officers and Staff in Attendance:

- April Stafford, Chief, Office of Design Management
- Megan Sullivan, Senior Design Specialist, Office of Design Management
- Pam Borer, Design Manager, Office of Design Management (remote)
- Russell Evens, Design Manager, Office of Design Management
- Roger Vasquez, Senior Design Specialist, Office of Design Management (remote)
- Sukrita Baijal, Design Manager, Office of Design Management
- Boneza Hanchock, Design Manager, Office of Design Management (remote)
- Michael Costello, Manager, Design and Engraving
- Jennifer Warren, Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs and Liaison to the CCAC (remote)
- Greg Weinman, Senior Legal Counsel and Counsel to the CCAC
- Brendan Tate, Senior Government Affairs Specialist, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs
- Mike White, Office of Corporate Communication (remote)

c. Members of the Media in Attendance (remote):

- Mike Unser, Founder and Editor of Coin News Media Group, LLC
- Paul Gilkes, Coin World Senior Editor, AMOS Media

II. Minutes

1. Chairperson Brown called the meeting back to order at approximately 8:58 am. Chairperson Brown conducted roll call and determined that the quorum has been met. Attendance of media, Mint staff and officers, and liaisons were recognized.
2. Chairperson Brown then recognized Michael Moran, who made the following statement: “We, the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee, are opposed to the mint’s proposed design for the 2024-2025 American Liberty silver medal and high relief gold coin. We respect the effort that went into its excellent rendition but believe it is the wrong design for this particular program. We are not opposed to the submitted design itself. We have advocated over many years that the mint considers resurrecting certain discontinued, and pattern designs that feature 18th and 19th century images of Liberty. Many of these would be ideal for a distinct silver medal program.

These classic designs, however, are not ideal for the American Liberty program. These gold coins and accompanying silver medals were conceived within the CCAC and implemented as a program in 2015. The purpose of this program was to allow the mint’s artists to develop new images of American Liberty for the 21st Century. The program has successfully initiated this effort. However, more needs to be done to fully implement the goal of new modern American concepts of Liberty.

The Mint’s own catalog text describes the program: “” The American Liberty Gold Coin Program celebrates modern interpretations of the concept of American Liberty, exploring the theme beyond the classical tradition of portraits of allegorical ‘Liberty.’ The 1794-dollar design fails to further this stated purpose. With this being the sense of the Committee, I wish to make the following two motions, to be taken one at a time. I move that the 1794 Flowing Hair dollar rendition be removed from today’s agenda, and not be considered for the American Liberty gold coin and silver medal program.”

3. This motion was seconded by Donald Scarinci and approved unanimously by the CCAC.
4. Michael Moran then made the motion: “I move that we strongly recommend that the United States Mint implement a new Classic Liberty silver medal series using images from its portfolio of discontinued designs and pattern pieces of the 18th and 19th Centuries.” Upon seeking clarification by April Stafford, Chief, Office of Design Management, Micheal Moran repeated his motion.
5. This motion was seconded by Donald Scarinci and approved unanimously by the CCAC.
6. Chairperson Brown then proceeded to the next item of the agenda, which was the 2023 CCAC Fiscal Year Annual Report. Chairperson Brown shared that the annual year is from October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023. Second, pursuant to Section 5135 of title 31, United States Code, the CCAC is to submit an annual report to the Secretary of the Treasury, the House Committee on Financial Services and the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs. By statute, this report is due on September 30th each year but consistent with the statute and pest practices, it was communicated to the Secretary and Congress earlier this year that additional time was needed to complete the report and for approval to occur. The new expected delivery date of the report is to be no later than December 18, 2023. This report encompasses the work of the CCAC over the last fiscal year.

7. On a motion by Arthur Bernstein, seconded by Peter van Alfen, the CCAC voted unanimously to approve the Annual Report and to authorize the United States Mint to transmit to the Secretary and Congress with the edits that have been submitted either now or prior to the meeting and to give the Mint authority in coordination with the CCAC Chair to make any other technical corrections that are necessary.
8. Chairperson Brown then noted that this year, the Mint has also worked to provide a smaller document that can be printed in larger amounts and can be used to distribute to the public. The document will have standard information about the CCAC as well as including a summary of the current fiscal year. This will be another tool for the CCAC's public outreach efforts.
9. Chairperson Brown then explained that congruent with the CCAC's to continue to serve as an informed, experienced and impartial resource to the Treasury Secretary, representing the interests of the public and the numismatic community, the CCAC has established the Future Numismatic Themes Working Sub-Committee to assist the CCAC in reviewing the recommendations from the public and the numismatic community and to determine which are to be forwarded to the Secretary and Congress. Arthur Bernstein is the Chair of the Future Numismatic Themes Working Sub-Committee.
10. Subcommittee Chair Arthur Bernstein shared that Darla Jackson, Kellen Hoard, John Saunders, Michael Moran, and Lawrence Brown served as members of the Subcommittee and made a motion, seconded by Michael Moran be accepted.
11. Subcommittee Chair Arthur Bernstein shared the comprehensive review, including ideas that were received from the public and referenced in the CCAC Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report approved today.
12. Following discussion, a motion by Arthur Bernstein, seconded by Michel Moran, the Committee approved unanimously the following recommendations:

Commemorative Coin Program Recommendations:

Route 66 Established 1926- to recognize the hundredth anniversary of the establishment of Route 66 and the contribution of this highway to the cultural fabric of the United States

FIFA World Cup- to recognize the first time, hosted by three nations—the United States, Mexico, and Canada—and, in a break from tradition, it will feature a massive forty-eight teams.

Roberto Clemente – to foster an enduring connection between sports and philanthropy, honoring his legacy as a beacon of excellence on and off the field and excite youth across the United States.

WWII Pacific Front Philippines/Philippine-American Scouts/80th Anniversary of Philippine Independence – to recognize the goodwill and friendship with US and the Philippines

Loretta Lynn – to recognize an American country music singer, songwriter, actor, and author. In a career spanning six decades, releasing multiple gold albums. Supported by a petition with close to 23,000 names.

Grace Hopper – to recognize an American computer scientist, Mathematician and United States Navy rear admiral, to appreciate her contribution to computer science and, to recognize her place in American history.

Working Canines – to recognize strong public interest and their important roles in search and rescue operations, military defense, and aid those with disabilities. This was previously recommended.

2028 Olympics – to continue this symbol of national pride as well as raise funds for the support of the athletes participating in the competitions. This was also previously recommended.

Wildlife–Endangered Animals - to recognize conservation/wildlife impacted seriously by climate change and other environmental factors. Previously recommended due to high interest among adults and youth.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg – to recognize her twenty-seven-year tenure on the Supreme Court and her major contributions. While seventeen men, including Chief Justice John Marshall, have been honored on modern commemorative coins, only two women have been honored since 1982.

Musical Pioneers - to recognize the strength and their inspiring stories of African American opera singers in three different vocal categories: Soprano, Jessye Mae Norman, Contralto, Marian Anderson, and Bass-Baritone, William Warfield.

Submariners - to preserve the memory of these remarkable men and women, operating in isolation and silence often for months, confronting cramped quarters, technical challenges, and the ever-present threat of danger with sacrifices. Their achievements can serve as a source of inspiration for years to come.

Juneteenth - to recognize the June 19, 1865, anniversary of the enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation. This would substantiate further the significance of this event.

Bass Reeves - a tribute to the first African American, born into slavery, appointed US Marshal Service, and whose legacy encapsulates the values of justice, determination, and diversity that the nation upholds, sending a powerful message about the importance of equality and the tireless pursuit of justice.

Gold Coin Recommendation

Incuse Indian Head – While congressional legislation is not required, this represents the Committee’s support to encourage the US Mint to celebrate the hundredth anniversary in 2029 of the gold coin. This theme and design stood the test of time and is recognized for the forward thinking it represented in 1908.

Medal Recommendations

Draft Designs of Liberty – to reintroduce the designs of Liberty from circulating and pattern coins in the form of a silver medal program to provide access to these beautiful designs that are unique to the heritage of both the mint and our nation.

STEAM (Science, Tech, Engineering, Arts, Math) - Proposed previously and once again, recognizing our era where technology, art, and science are increasingly intertwined, honoring STEAM on medals is not just a nod to their present importance, but an investment in the ongoing advancement of society, where creativity and critical thinking intersect with progress and innovation.

13. On a motion by Arthur Bernstein, seconded by Donald Scarinci, the approved unanimously their support for the following two items with appropriate legislation:

Mint Set with Full Copper Cent or W Mintmark – to increase interest in Lincoln cents and Mint sets, add a copper Lincoln cent (instead of copper plated zinc) cent on a regular basis each year and consider a reverse of the cent to commemorate various events as part of the 2026 America Semiquincentennial celebration.

\$5 and/or \$10 Higher Value Circulating Coins – to authorize the minting of \$5 and \$10 coins available for spending to renew the renew the relevancy and role of coinage in American society as a cost-effective medium of exchange.

14. As all agenda items were concluded for this two-day meeting, Chair Brown thanked the CCAC Members and the Mint staff for their superb contributions and attendance during this two-day meeting. He also thanked members of the public and the numismatic community who have sent questions and recommendations to the CCAC at the email address of Info@CCAC.gov.
15. Chairperson Brown announced the next public meeting of the CCAC will be on November 28, 2023, and a Federal Register Notice will be announced the meeting in the coming weeks.
16. On a motion by Michael Moran, seconded by Arthur Bernstein, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 am.