

# Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

801 Ninth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20220



United States Mint  
801 9<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington, DC 20220  
Minutes of CCAC Public Meeting  
January 21, 2020  
(12:00-2:00)

## I. Attendance

### a. CCAC Members in Attendance:

- Thomas Uram (Chairperson)
- Lawrence Brown
- Sam Gill
- Robert Hoge
- Dean Kotlowski
- Mary Lannin
- Michael Moran
- Robin Salmon
- Jeanne Stevens-Sollman (by phone)
- Dennis Tucker

### b. CCAC Members Absent:

- Donald Scarinci

### c. Mint Staff in Attendance:

- Pam Borer
- Vanessa Franck
- Boneza Hancock
- Ron Harrigal
- Joe Menna
- April Stafford
- Megan Sullivan
- Roger Vasquez
- Jennifer Warren
- Greg Weinman

### d. Members of the Media in Attendance (by phone):

- Barbara Gregory, *The Numismatist*
- Mike Unser, *CoinNews.net*
- Maggie Judkins, *Numismatic News*

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## II. Minutes

1. The public meeting was called to order by Chairperson Thomas Uram at 12:00 noon. Roll was called; Mint staff attendance was recognized; and media attendance was recognized.
2. Chairperson Uram invited a motion to approve the minutes and letters from the Committee's October 15, 2019, meeting. The motion, made by Robert Hoge and seconded by Robin Salmon, was carried unanimously.
3. Chairperson Uram introduced and welcomed the newest member of the committee, Dr. Lawrence Brown, appointed to represent the interests of the general public. Mint Director David J. Ryder administered the oath of office to Dr. Brown, who then made a few remarks. His wife, Faith, was also recognized by Director Ryder.
4. April Stafford, Chief of the Mint's Office of Design Management, presented the candidate designs for the 75th Anniversary of the End of World War II 24-karat gold coin and silver and bronze medals. The portfolio consisted of 10 obverse and 14 reverse candidate designs.
  - a. Ms. Stafford noted the designs recommended by the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts: Obverse 01 (a close view of an eagle in flight grasping an olive branch) and Reverse 11 (a "V" for victory with palm and olive branches and the American flag).
  - b. After robust discussion and review, the Committee ranked Obverse 08 (an American dove in flight before the rising sun) and Reverse 04 (the sun element from the 1945 World War II Victory medal, and olive branches, with the legend LIBERATION) as its recommendations to the Secretary of the Treasury. Obverse 08 received 16 of a possible 30 points. Reverse 04 received 21 of a possible 30 points.
  - c. Dennis Tucker moved to have the Mint modify, at its discretion, the language and position of the inscriptions on the obverse to make it clear that this coin-and-medal program celebrates the end of World War II, rather than commemorating the war itself. Dean Kotlowski proposed a friendly amendment to this motion, to specifically recommend the wording "End of World War II." Tucker accepted this friendly amendment, and the motion was carried.
  - d. Robert Hoge opined that it was redundant to have the word "Liberty" on one side and the word "Liberation" on the other: "Not that they're opposed to each other, but this makes it seemingly a bit more wordy than it might need to be." Mary Lannin and Dennis Tucker defended the specific use of the word "Liberation"; and Thomas Uram and Michael Moran pointed out that the word "Liberty" is mandated for the coin design.
  - e. The Committee thanked Treasury Secretary Stephen Mnuchin, Mint Director David Ryder, and the leadership and staff of the Mint for using the Secretary's congressional authority to create the 75th Anniversary of the End of World War II coin-and-medal program.

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8. The Committee reviewed three program proposals submitted by the general public: one involving presidential pets; one involving butterflies (and, more generally, insects); and one involving themes reflective of different aspects of American personal life.

- a. Dean Kotlowski started the discussion regarding the presidential pets and provided a brief summary of the history of presidents and their pets.
- b. Concerns were expressed that there might not be a market for the coin as well as some controversies around certain presidential pets.
- c. Mary Lannin moved the conversation to the butterfly series and thought that was an interesting concept since colorization could even be used to express diversity in our nation. Also, the concept could be tied to flowers.
- d. Dennis Tucker discussed that in a recent ANA show an audience of young collectors was “very excited” about the idea of dogs on coins, and he felt a shorter series (not comprehensive) of selected presidential pets might be a possibility. Robin Salmon proposed, why not do simply a series of dogs, which Jeanne Stevens-Sollman agreed with, focusing either on pets or on a short program with presidential animals.

9. Chairperson Uram invited a motion to adjourn—made by Mary Lannin and seconded by Dean Kotlowski—and the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.