

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT
Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

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United States Mint
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Minutes of CCAC Telephonic Meeting
March 10, 2020 (DAY 1)
(1:02 pm–2:48 pm)

I. Attendance

a. CCAC Members in Attendance (Telephonic)

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

b. Mint Staff in Attendance:

- Jennifer Warren
- April Stafford
- Greg Weinman
- Betty Birdsong
- Megan Sullivan (telephonic)
- Roger Vasquez
- Boneza Hancock
- Ron Harrigal (telephonic)
- Joe Menna (telephonic)

c. Members of the Media in Attendance (by phone)

- Brandon Hall, *Coin Update* and *Mint News Blog*
- Maggie Judkins, *Numismatic News*

II. Minutes

1. The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Uram at 1:02 pm. Roll was called; Mint staff in attendance (in person and telephonic) were recognized; and media attendance (telephonic) was recognized.
2. Chairman Uram invited a motion to approve the minutes and letters from the Committee's January 21, 2020, meeting. The motion, made by Mary Lannin and seconded by Michael Moran, was carried unanimously.
3. April Stafford, Chief of the Mint's Office of Design Management, presented the candidate designs for the Barbara Bush First Spouse gold coin and bronze medal. The portfolio consists of 11 obverse and 12 reverse designs.
4. April Stafford explained that Public Law 116-112 authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue gold coins honoring First Spouse Barbara Bush. These coins are to be designed in the same manner as the previously issued First Spouse Coin Program that ended in 2016 and thus will be designed with the name and likeness of a person who is a spouse of a President during this service, an inscription of the years of the spouse's period of service, a number indicating order of the presidency, and additional obverse inscriptions to include "LIBERTY," "IN GOD WE TRUST," and the year of minting. The reverse of each coin must bear images emblematic of the life and work of the First Spouse with inscriptions of "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," "E PLURIBUS UNUM," "TEN DOLLARS," "1/2 OZ.," and ".9999 FINE GOLD." The same obverse will be used for both the gold coins and the bronze medals, but without coinage inscriptions (which would be inappropriate for non-legal-tender medals).
5. The Mint worked with the George and Barbara Bush Foundation and the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy in the development and review of the design portfolios. The CFA had previously reviewed the portfolio at its February 20, 2020, meeting. The Bush family provided their design preferences. Preferences were designated as following:
 - a. Obverse preference of the family and CFA was BB-O-01.
 - b. Reverse preference of the CFA was BB-R-03 and reverse preference of the family was BB-R-06.
 - c. Among the CCAC, there was a robust discussion of selecting the family's preferences rather than debating the total design portfolio.
 - i. Mike Moran made the motion to select the designs preferred by the family and Sam Gill seconded. There was some conversation on the reverse designs and therefore the motion was broken up to consider reverse and obverse designs separately.

- ii. The obverse unanimously passed by a recorded voice vote for BB-O-01.
 - iii. The motion to select BB-R-06 failed by 6 “no” votes and 5 “yes” votes, and was followed by members discussing their thoughts of the designs.
 1. Specific focus was placed on design BB-R-07, with the use of the family hands moving pages of a book; and BB-R-5, of a child reading while ascending stairs.
 2. There was discussion of the designs over whether they truly depict family-based literacy, as opposed to general reading and literacy.
 3. There was a question of BB-R-06 and whether the art, specifically the small lettering on the books, could be sculpted. Joe Menna, the Mint’s Chief Engraver, pointed out that the art in the design was fine and that the Mint had done similar works before.
 4. BB-R-06 passed with 16 votes. Additional designs with high votes included BB-R-01 and BB-R-07 with 11 votes. BB-R-06 depicts an open road and a limitless vista with the sun in the distance. BB-R-01 presents books in staircase formation, representing the steps to learning, freedom, and independence. BB-R-07 depicts the moment a child is introduced to the world of books by an adult, and family members are moving the pages together.
6. The CCAC then had an open discussion on the nation’s ongoing commemorative coin program. Jennifer Warren, CCAC liaison and the Mint’s Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, provided an update on upcoming commemorative coin programs and the pending bills in Congress being considered for 2022. Members brought up points and thoughts on these and other possible coin themes for 2022.
- a. Mike Moran expressed a concern that many of the programs are written to have a common obverse across the three-coin sets, which limits the ability to tell a full story.
 - b. Jeanne Stevens-Sollman discussed that animal themes are popular, as well as Charles Schulz, whose centennial birthday is in 2022.
 - c. Dennis Tucker raised issues with some of the language in pending commemorative coin legislation. He specifically discussed the language in the Harriet Tubman Commemorative Coin Act as one that limits the design to only her role as abolitionist.
 - d. Mary Lannin made a motion to suggest to Congress a Charles Schulz commemorative coin series (gold, silver, and clad) in celebration of all the love and worth he has brought to America with Snoopy and his pals. Tom

Uram seconded the motion. The Committee agreed to this suggestion, and passed the motion by a voice vote of 10 to 1.

- e. Jeanne Stevens-Sollman made a motion to express support for the Conan Commemorative Coin Act. The motion was seconded by Sam Gill. The Committee agreed by voice vote to support the legislation.
- f. Lawrence Brown suggested that the two baseball commemorative bills should be combined and bills like Harriet Tubman and Negro Leagues Centennial baseball coins should be released around Black History Month.

- 7. At 2:48 pm, the Chairman recessed the meeting until 9 am, March 11, 2020.
- 8. The following attachment is the result of the Committee vote for the reverse Barbara Bush.

Attachment

CCAC Vote on Reverse Designs for First Spouse Barbara Bush

Design #1: 11

Design #2: 0

Design #3: 2

Design #4: 0

Design #5: 3

Design #6: 16

Design #7: 11

Design #8: 1

Design #9: 1

Design #10: 8

Design #11: 1

Design #12: 1