

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

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Public Meeting
August 1, 2008
Baltimore Convention Center
1 Pratt Street, Baltimore MD, Room 316

In attendance:
John Alexander
Roger Burdette
Arthur Houghton
Rita Laws
Gary Marks
Rick Meier
Mitch Sanders (chair)
Donald Scarinci
Joe Winter

1. The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.
2. The chair welcomed the audience to the meeting, which was held in conjunction with the annual convention of the American Numismatic Association.
3. The chair introduced the members of the committee, and welcomed Roger Burdette to his first CCAC meeting. Mr Burdette was appointed to the CCAC based on his special qualifications in numismatics.
4. Kaarina Budow of the United States Mint presented proposed designs for the 2009 issue of American Eagle Platinum coins. The designs considered are for the pieces issued for collectors, in proof and uncirculated formats.
5. Beginning in 2009, the United States Mint will issue platinum coins as part of a six-year series highlighting the core concepts of American democracy, expressed in the preamble to the United States Constitution. The 2009 issue will feature the theme "to form a more perfect union," with designs based on a narrative prepared by John Roberts, Chief Justice of the United States.
6. Mr Alexander, the CCAC member appointed based on special expertise in American History, argued that because the phrase "a more perfect union" referred to the creation of a unified and vigorous national government, only three designs were appropriate: the fasces and interlocking circles of design 4, Liberty supporting a bridge on design 6, and the arch and rising sun of design 8.
7. The remainder of the discussion centered on design 7, which many members considered to be creative and modern in showing the diversity of America. There were also several favorable comments about the classical artistry of designs 5 and 6.
8. Each member evaluated each design by assigning 0, 1, 2, or 3 points, with higher numbers representing more favorable opinions. The design receiving the highest point total is the committee's recommendation. With nine members present and voting, the maximum possible point total is 27.
9. The committee's recommendation is design 7, which received 16 points. Complete point totals were:
 - Design 1 – 0 points
 - Design 2 – 3 points
 - Design 3 – 0 points

- Design 4 – 8 points
 - Design 5 – 10 points
 - Design 6 – 4 points
 - Design 7 – 16 points
 - Design 8 – 5 points
10. Ms Budow then presented proposed designs for a privy mark, to appear on the reverse of platinum collector coins. The proposed privy mark will depict an eagle, in order to satisfy the legal requirement that an eagle should appear on the coin's reverse, and for consistency with the brand identity of the American eagle series.
 11. Ms Budow indicated that the size and placement of the privy mark were not yet established, but would be determined as part of the manufacturing process.
 12. The CCAC recommends privy mark C, which received eight votes. Mark A received one vote.
 13. The chair then announced that the CCAC Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2007 had been released, and that Gary Marks and Rick Meier had been appointed to a committee tasked with preparing the CCAC's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2008.
 14. The chair and Mint Director Edmund Moy then recognized former member Bill Fivaz, and departing member Rita Laws, for their contributions to the CCAC since their arrival in 2004.
 15. There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 10:25 P.M.