

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

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Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee
Public Meeting
Tuesday, February 23 2010, 9:00 AM
United States Mint Headquarters
801 9th Street, NW, 8th floor
Washington, DC 20001

In attendance:

John Alexander
Roger Burdette
Arthur Houghton
Rick Meier
Michael Olson
Mitch Sanders (member liaison)
Joe Winter

1. The Member Liaison called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.
2. The Committee began by discussing proposed recommendations for its upcoming Annual Report.
3. Kaarina Budow presented for review and comment proposed themes for the 2011 issues of the First Spouse Gold Coin and Medal Program, honoring Eliza McCardle Johnson, Julia Dent Grant, Lucy Ware Webb Hayes, and Lucretia Rudolph Garfield.
4. Under this program, the United States Mint will mint and issue gold coins and bronze duplicates with obverse designs portraying First Spouses, and reverse designs emblematic of the individual's life and work.
5. Mr. Sanders shared with the Committee comments from Ms. Bolger, who expressed concern that the First Spouse series should identify a significant contribution by each spouse. Ms. Bolger noted that narratives often focus on entertaining at the White House, and expressed a hope that future issues would portray something unique and serious about each person portrayed.
6. In general, Committee members were most favorably inclined toward narratives with greater historical importance. These included:
 - a. Eliza McCardle Johnson's early relationship with, and teachings to, Andrew Johnson.
 - b. Julia Dent Grant with her husband at a military outpost during the Civil War.
 - c. Lucy Ware Webb Hayes and the custom of the White House Easter Egg Hunt.
 - d. Lucretia Rudolph Garfield and her husband's "front porch" campaign.

7. There being no further business, the Member Liaison adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.