

# Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

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Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee  
Public Meeting  
Tuesday, October 14, 2009, 9 AM  
United States Mint Headquarters  
801 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20001

In attendance:

John Alexander (by phone)  
Roger Burdette  
Arthur Houghton  
Gary Marks  
Rick Meier (by phone)  
Mitch Sanders (Member Liaison)  
Donald Scarinci  
Joe Winter (by phone)

1. The member liaison called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.
2. Kaarina Budow of the United States Mint presented proposed designs for a Congressional Gold Medal (and bronze duplicates) honoring Constantino Brumidi, whose paintings and frescoes have decorated the United States Capitol since the 1850s.
3. For the obverse of the Constantino Brumidi medal the committee preferred design 2. Members appreciated the artistry of the ornate border, and considered the portrait to be a livelier image than the alternatives. Design 2 received 18 points out of a maximum possible total of 24.
4. After comments by historian John Alexander, members were strongly opposed to reverse designs 1 and 3, due to a concern that there was not sufficient historical documentation supporting the quotation attributed to Brumidi. Most members also felt that it was appropriate to show Brumidi's art, rather than his words, on his medal.
5. For the Brumidi medal's reverse, the committee strongly preferred design 2, which features the iconic image of Brumidi's "Apotheosis of Washington" surrounding the inscription "Artist of the Capitol." This design received 18 of a possible 24 points. Design four received nine points, with no points for designs 1 or 3.
6. Ms Budow then presented proposed designs for the Congressional Gold Medal (and bronze duplicates) honoring the Women's Air Force Service Pilots (W.A.S.P.S.) in recognition of their pioneering military service and exemplary record during World War Two.

7. For the medal's obverse the committee overwhelmingly preferred design 1, featuring a female pilot exiting an airplane after a flight, which received 21 of a possible 24 points. The committee unanimously preferred reverse design 1, which portrays three aircraft flown by W.A.S.P.S.
8. Members praised the sense of action in the composition of these designs, and found them to be clear and effective representations of the group's contributions to military aviation.
9. Mr. Sanders noted that John Alexander (CCAC member appointed based on special expertise in American History) and Joe Winter (CCAC member appointed based on special expertise in medallion art or sculpture) were serving during a six-month "holdover" period due to the recent expiration of their four-year terms, and thanked them for their expertise, authority, and dedication during their service on the CCAC.
10. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.