# Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee Public Meeting Tuesday, November 27, 2012, 9:30 AM United State Mint Headquarters 801 9<sup>th</sup> Street NW, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room Washington, D.C.

### In attendance:

Robert Hoge
Erik Jansen
Gary Marks (Chair)
Michael Moran
Michael Olson
Michael Ross
Jeanne Stevens-Sollman
Thomas Uram
Heidi Wastweet

- 1. Chairperson Marks called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M.
- 2. The letter and minutes of the September 21, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.
- 3. Ron Harrigal of the United States Mint presented the candidate reverse designs for the 2014 America the Beautiful Quarters Program. The subjects for these designs included Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee, Shenandoah National Park in Virginia, Arches National Park in Utah, Great Sand Dunes National Park in Colorado and Everglades National Park in Florida.
- 4. After each member of the Committee had commented on the candidate designs, members rated the designs by assigning 0, 1, 2, or 3 points to each, with higher points reflecting more favorable evaluations. With ten (10) members voting, the maximum possible point total was thirty (30). By Committee rule, a majority of the maximum possible point total (i.e. 16) was required to garner the Committee's recommendation. The committee's scores for the reverse designs for the 2014 America the Beautiful Quarters Program were:

Great Smoky Mountains National Park Designs:

TN-01: 13\* TN-02: 0 TN-03: 11 TN-04: 0

\*Although Design TN-01 received the highest number of points its total was insufficient by Committee rule to be selected as a recommended design.

# Shenandoah National Park Designs:

VA-01: 0 VA-02: 0 VA-03: 3 VA-04: 12

VA-05: 17 (Recommended design)

## Arches National Park Designs:

UT-01: 6

UT-02: 28 (Recommended design)

UT-03: 1 UT-04: 0 UT-05: 1 UT-06: 1 UT-07: 4

# Great Sand Dunes National Park Designs:

CO-01: 3 CO-02: 4 CO-03: 9\* CO-04: 0 CO-05: 0 CO-06: 2 CO-07: 2

\*Although Design CO-03 received the highest number of points its total was insufficient by Committee rule to be selected as a recommended design.

### **Everglades National Park Designs:**

FL-01: 0 FL-02: 3 FL-03: 1

FL-04: 20 (Recommended design)

FL-05: 5 FL-06: 1

5. After the scores for the reverse designs for the 2014 America the Beautiful Quarters Program were completed, a motion was made by Mr. Hoge, and seconded by Mr. Olson, to recommend the Mint provide new designs for the reverse of the Great Smoky Mountains quarter dollar with a request that artists strive for more balance between images and negative space and less fine detail as suitable for a quarter dollar sized coin. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Olson made a motion, and seconded by Mr. Bugeja, to request the Mint modify the Committee's recommended design for the Shenandoah National Park (VA-05) to (a) remove the hazy mountains in the background to give the foreground rocks better contrast, (b) eliminate the tree and foliage near the hiker

image, and (c) to verify the correct proportions of the hiker in relation to the balance of the design. The motion was approved with nine (9) ayes and one (1) abstention.

Another motion was made by Mr. Bugeja, and seconded by Mr. Moran, to recommend the Mint provide new designs for the reverse of the Great Sand Dunes quarter dollar with a request that artists strive for more balance between images and negative space and less fine detail as suitable for a quarter dollar sized coin. The motion was approved with seven (7) ayes, one (1) nay and two (2) abstentions.

Mr. Olson made a motion, and seconded by Mr. Uram, to request the Mint modify the Committee's recommended design for the Everglades National Park (FL-04) to (a) remove the clouds in the background to simplify the composition, (b) eliminate the uppermost line of foliage appearing on the horizon of the design so as to improve the contrast around the birds. The motion was approved with six (6) ayes, one (1) nay and three (3) abstentions.

- 6. Ron Harrigal of the United States Mint presented the candidate reverse designs for the 2013 American Eagle Platinum Program. The theme for the 2013 coin is "To Promote the General Welfare" and is the fifth in a six year series of themes commemorating the core concepts of the nation's republic highlighted in the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution.
- 7. Through an initial assessment process, the consensus of the Committee was to eliminate Designs AEP-R-6, AEP-R-8 and AEP-R-9. After each member of the Committee had commented on the remaining candidate designs, members rated the designs by assigning 0, 1, 2, or 3 points to each, with higher points reflecting more favorable evaluations. With ten (10) members voting, the maximum possible point total was thirty (30). By Committee rule, a majority of the maximum possible point total (i.e. 16) was required to garner the Committee's recommendation. The committee's scores for the reverse designs for the 2013 American Eagle Platinum Program were:

### Designs:

AEP-R-01: 4 AEP-R-02: 5

AEP-R-03: 28 (Recommended design)

AEP-R-04: 0 AEP-R-05: 2 AEP-R-06: 1 AEP-R-07: 4 AEP-R-08: 0 AEP-R-09: 0

- 8. Ron Harrigal of the United States Mint presented the candidate obverse and reverse designs for the Code Talkers Congressional Gold Medal for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.
- 9. After discussion regarding the candidate designs for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe medal, a motion was made by Mr. Olson, and seconded by Mr. Bugeja, to recommend Reverse-01 as presented. The motion was approved on a vote of eight (8) ayes and two (2) abstentions. Committee members rated proposed obverse designs for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe by assigning 0, 1, 2, or 3 points to each, with higher points reflecting more favorable evaluations. With ten (10) members voting, the maximum possible point total was thirty (30). By Committee rule, a majority of the maximum possible point total (i.e. 16) was required to garner the Committee's recommendation. The committee's scores for the obverse designs were:

Standing Rock Sioux Obverse:

01: 18

02: 19 (Recommended design)

03: 0

- 10. The Committee discussed recommendations to be included in the FY2012 Annual Report. Under the report's circulating commemorative category, the Committee agreed by consensus to recommend an American Liberty Circulating Commemorative Coin Program, beginning in 2017 as has been included in prior year reports. The recommendation proposes a six-year multi-denominational commemorative coinage series. Each year one denomination would be issued with an image representing Liberty along side the regular design for that denomination. The series would begin with a Liberty Cent issued alongside the Lincoln Cent in 2017, followed by a Liberty Five-Cent Coin issued in 2018, a Liberty Dime issued alongside the Roosevelt Dime in 2019, a Liberty Quarter Issued along side the Washington Quarter in 2020, a Liberty Half Dollar issued alongside the Kennedy Half Dollar in 2021, and a Liberty Dollar issued alongside the Sacagawea Dollar in 2022. The Committee also agreed to consider a resolution at a soon-to-occur meeting of the Committee expressing its support for the proposed American Liberty Circulating Commemorative Coin Program.
- 11. Concerning numismatic commemorative recommendations for the FY2012 annual report, the Committee agreed by consensus to include a recommendation for 2015 to honor the March of Dimes with a commemorative silver dollar and the possible inclusion of a dime. The dime could entail a design change or simply production of a special dime at the West Point mint possibly with a 90 percent silver content.
- 12. The Committee agreed by consensus to renew its recommendation for a 2016 commemoration of U.S. Highway Route 66 with a series of eight (8) clad half dollars. The eight half dollars would be produced with a common obverse and

- unique reverses honoring the history of the highway in each of the eight (8) states through which the highway passes.
- 13. For 2017 the Committee agreed by consensus for a commemorative program honoring the nation's fallen firefighters.
- 14. The Committee agreed by consensus to recommend a special circulating issue of the Kennedy Half Dollar in 2014 in commemoration of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- 15. The Committee agreed by consensus to renew its prior year recommendation to recommend a redesign of the \$1 Silver Eagle coin which seeks a new Liberty design for the obverse and a new eagle design for the reverse. Likewise, a prior year recommendation to initiate an "Expressions of America" art medals program that would provide opportunities for innovation in the use of advanced design techniques was renewed for the FY2012 annual report.
- 16. Chairperson Marks indicated his intent to bring a completed draft of the FY2012 annual report to the Committee for final approval by summer.
- 17. A motion was made by Mr. Olson, and seconded by Mr. Ross, to affirm the Committee's recommendation of Obverse-02 for the Standing Rock Sioux Code Talker Congressional Gold Medal. The motion was approved on a vote of seven (7) ayes and one (1) abstention. (A total of only eight (8) members voted on this motion as compared to previous motions with ten (10) members as two (2) members had departed from the meeting.)
- 18. There being no further business, Chairperson Marks adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.