

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

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Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee
Public Meeting
February 22, 2009
United States Mint Headquarters
Washington, DC

In Attendance:

John Alexander (by telephone)

Doreen Bolger

Michael Brown (by telephone)

Roger Burdette

Arthur Houghton

Gary Marks

Rev. Rick Meier (by telephone)

Mitch Sanders (chair)

Donald Scarinci (by telephone)

Joe Winter (by telephone)

1. The chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
2. The chair welcomed Doreen Bolger, Director of the Baltimore Museum of Art, to her first CCAC meeting.
3. Kaarina Budow of the United States Mint presented proposed designs for the Congressional Gold Medal honoring former Senator Edward William Brooke III. One proposed design was presented for the medal's obverse, and one proposed design was presented for the medal's reverse.
4. Ms Budow indicated that after reviewing several possible designs, Senator Brooke preferred the images being presented to the committee.
5. During discussion of the proposed designs, some members expressed reservations about the artistic quality of the reverse design, considering it to be excessively reliant on written text.
6. Several members also expressed concern that the committee was shown only a single proposed design.
7. The committee voted 7-1, with two abstentions, to recommend the designs presented.
8. Ms Budow then presented proposed designs for the Congressional Gold Medal honoring Daw Aung San Suu Kyi of Burma. One proposed design was presented for the medal's obverse, and one proposed design was presented for the medal's reverse. Ms Budow indicated that the United States Mint had worked with representatives of Suu Kyi in the preparation of designs.

9. Several members spoke highly of the aesthetic quality of the proposed designs, particularly the peacock on the reverse. Concerns about the role of the CCAC in reviewing a single, proposed design were also reiterated.
10. The committee voted 7-1, with two abstentions, to recommend the designs presented.
11. Ms Budow then presented narratives for the reverse designs of 2010 First Spouse Gold Coins, honoring Abigail Fillmore, Jane Pierce, James Buchanan's Liberty, and Mary Todd Lincoln.
12. Several members suggested that in rendering designs for these narratives, artists should not focus on history to the exclusion of outstanding art, and further, that simple, symbolic designs would be appropriate representations of the First Spouses' contributions to American life.
13. There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.