

**Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC)
Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2016
October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016**

A. Background

Public Law 108-15, approved on April 23, 2003, established the CCAC to advise the Secretary of the Treasury on themes and design proposals relating to circulating coinage, commemorative coinage, bullion coinage, Congressional Gold Medals and national medals. This report presents the CCAC's recommendations for commemorative coinage in each of the next five calendar years, and summarizes the CCAC's activities during fiscal year 2016.

B. CCAC Recommendations

1. General Recommendations

The CCAC encourages the highest standards of artistic excellence for America's coins and medals. The committee recognizes the importance of the nation's coinage, not only in facilitating the needs of commerce, but also as an artistic medium to recognize the significant achievements of the nation and its people, to honor great national leaders of the past and to illustrate the foundational values of the republic. With recognition toward these goals, the CCAC serves as a resource in the review and development of proposals for circulating coinage and circulating commemoratives, and through providing recommendations on commemorative programs and medals.

2. Circulating Commemoratives

Since the beginning of the 50 State Quarters[®] Program in 1999, the nation's pocket change has been augmented with an assortment of new circulating commemorative coins. These coins have been generated through not only the 50 State Quarters[®] Program but also the Westward Journey Nickel Series[™], Presidential \$1 Coin Program, Lincoln Bicentennial One-Cent Program, District of Columbia and U.S. Territories Quarters Program, Native American \$1 Coin Program and, most recently, the America the Beautiful Quarters[™] Program. These programs have brought exciting new designs to the nation's circulating coinage that have served to convey and celebrate important American historical events, people, places and achievements. The continuation of the America the Beautiful Quarters[™] Program will provide further opportunities for design innovation in U.S. circulating coinage in coming years.

3. Numismatic Commemoratives

The United States Congress has a long tradition of authorizing numismatic commemoratives, minted and issued by the United States Mint for sale to the general public. The Commemorative Coin Reform Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-208) provides that the Secretary may mint and issue no more than two commemorative coin programs in any calendar year. The CCAC recommends that each year's two programs should be selected from the following alternatives:

2016

Programs already enacted:

Mark Twain Commemorative Coin Act

National Park Service 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act

2017

Programs already enacted:

Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act

Boys Town Commemorative Coin Act

2018

Programs already enacted:

World War I American Veterans Centennial Commemorative Coin Act

Breast Cancer Awareness Commemorative Coin Act

2019

Program already enacted:

Apollo 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coins

75th Anniversary of D-Day

2020

Ratification of the 19th Amendment

75th Anniversary of World War II

200th birthday of Harriet Tubman

2021

100th Anniversary of Peace Dollar

2022

2023

100th Anniversary of US Mint transfer of assets to Smithsonian

75th Anniversary of the Marshall Plan

75th Anniversary of the Berlin Blockade

C. CCAC Activities during Fiscal Year 2016

The CCAC held five (5) meetings during Fiscal Year 2016. All were held at United States Mint headquarters in Washington, D.C., except for the June 27, 2016 meeting which was held during the American Numismatic Association Summer Seminar on the grounds of Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado. One (1) meeting that was held at Mint headquarters was attended by members via telephonic means.

The following is a summary of the Fiscal Year 2016 CCAC meetings.

Meeting of October 7- 8, 2015:

- **2017 Native American \$1 Coin.** The committee reviewed proposed designs submitted by the United States Mint and provided comments and recommendations.
- **2018 Native American \$1 Coin.** The committee reviewed proposed designs submitted by the United States Mint and provided comments and recommendations.
- **Congressional Gold Medal Honoring the Code Talkers associated with the Pueblo of Laguna.** The committee reviewed proposed designs submitted by the United States Mint and provided comments and recommendations.
- **Congressional Gold Medal honoring the Code Talkers of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe.** The committee reviewed proposed designs submitted by the United States Mint and provided comments and recommendations.
- **Proposed design themes for the 2017 Boys Town Centennial Commemorative Coin Program.** The committee heard reports from the U. S. Mint staff regarding the program and offered comments and recommendations concerning design themes.
- **Proposed reverse design themes for the 2017 issues of America the Beautiful Quarters Program.** The committee considered proposed reverse designs for Effigy Mounds National Monument in Iowa, Frederick Douglass National Historic Site in the District of Columbia, Ozark National Scenic Riverways in Missouri, Ellis Island Statue of Liberty Monument in New Jersey, and George Rogers Clark National Historical Park in Indiana. The committee asked for additional designs for Effigy Mounds National Monument and Ellis Island Statue of Liberty Monument for further consideration.
- **World War One American Veterans Centennial Coin Program.** As mandated by the requirements in WW I American Veterans Centennial Commemorative Coin Act (PL 113-212), three jurors, previously nominated by the committee, were voted on: Donald Scarinci, Heidi Wastweet and Mary Lannin.
- **Departing Member Recognition.** Deputy Mint Director Richard Peterson and Chairperson Lannin recognized the service of departing member Gary Marks.

Telephonic meeting of February 16, 2016:

- **Recognition of New Members.** Steve Roach, member of the General Public, and Dennis Tucker, Specially Qualified in Numismatics.
- **Proposed design themes for the 2017 issues of America the Beautiful Quarters Program.** The committee considered proposed reverse designs for Effigy Mounds National Monument in Iowa and Ellis Island Statue of Liberty Monument in New Jersey and offered comments and recommendations.

Meeting of March 15, 2016:

- **Swearing in of new members.** Steve Roach, member of the General Public and Dennis Tucker, Specially Qualified in Numismatics.
- **Proposed designs for the 2017 Boys Town Commemorative Coin Program.** The committee considered proposed designs and provided comments and recommendations.
- **Proposed designs for the 2017 American Eagle Platinum Proof Coin.** The committee considered proposed designs and provided comments and recommendations.
- **Proposed designs for the 2017 American Liberty High Relief 24K Gold Coin and Silver Medal.**

- The committee considered proposed designs and provided comments and recommendations.
- **Discussion on proposed themes and concepts for the World War I American Veterans Centennial Coin Program.** The committee heard reports from the U. S. Mint staff regarding the parameters of the program and selection of the artists.

Teleconference Meeting of May 25, 2016:

World War I Veterans Centennial Coin Program. Following the April 28, 2016 announcement of the final ballots of Committee members, where Mary Lannin, Michael Moran and Donald Scarinci were chosen as members of the sub-committee, a teleconference was held with the members of the Commission of Fine Arts to narrow the finalists for the designs for Phase One of this program.

Meeting of June 27, 2016, in Colorado Springs, Colorado:

- **Members toured the facilities of the Denver Mint with United States Mint personnel.** Proposed reverse designs for the 2018 America the Beautiful Quarters Program. The committee reviewed proposed reverse designs for Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Michigan, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in Wisconsin, Voyageurs National Park in Minnesota, Cumberland Island National Seashore in Georgia, and Block Island National Wildlife Refuge in Rhode Island. Because of the timing of this committee meeting, all designs had previously been reviewed by the Commission on Fine Arts. The committee provided comments and recommendations for all designs, and requested additional designs for Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.
- **Proposed candidate designs for the President Obama Presidential Medals (Terms One and Two).** The committee considered the proposed designs and provided comments and recommendations.
- **Palladium Coin Program.** The committee heard a report from the United States Mint staff on the research being done for a future palladium coin program.
- **Questions and answers.** The committee engaged in a question and answer session with the audience, attending the annual Summer Seminar at the American Numismatic Association in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

September 14, 2016:

Sub-Committee Meeting for the World War I American Veterans Centennial Coin Competition: Sub-committee members Mary Lannin, Michael Moran and Donald Scarinci met with their counterparts from the Commission of Fine Arts to review and vote on the models for the coin competition in Phase Two.

Meeting of September 16, 2016:

- **Election of jurors for the 2018 Breast Cancer Awareness Commemorative Coin Design Competition.** Mary Lannin, Jeanne Stevens-Sollman and Dennis Tucker were elected. This sub-committee worked with a sub-committee chosen from the members of the Commission of Fine Arts under the unique provision of the law, in which the design, emblematic of the fight against breast cancer, will be chosen by the combined expert jury from the two groups.
- **Proposed designs for the 2018, 2019 and 2020 American Eagle Platinum Proof Program, “Life Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness”.** The committee considered proposed designs and provided comments and recommendations.

D. CCAC Membership

The CCAC consists of 11 members appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury. Four members are appointed based on special qualifications; three members are appointed to represent the general public; and four members are appointed after recommendation by the leadership of the United States Congress. Members who served during FY2016 were:

Dennis Tucker (appointed based on special qualifications in numismatics)

Robert Hoge (appointed based on special qualifications in numismatic curation)

Erik Jansen (appointed to represent the interests of the general public)

Mary Lannin - Chair 6/2015 (appointed after recommendation by House Minority Leader)

Michael Moran (appointed after recommendation by Senate Minority Leader)

Steve Roach (appointed to represent interests of the general public; resigned Sept. 2016)

Donald Scarinci (appointed after recommendation by Senate Majority Leader)

Jeanne Stevens-Sollman (appointed to represent the interests of the general public)

Thomas Uram (appointed after recommendation by Speaker of the House)

Dr. Herman Viola (appointed based on special qualifications in American History)

Heidi Wastweet (appointed based on special qualifications in sculpture or medallion arts)