

ARTISTIC APPROACH

CCAC Convenes in Colorado

Committee discussed 2018 “America the Beautiful” quarters and more.

ON JUNE 27, the 11-member Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) met in an open-forum session on the Colorado College campus during the ANA’s 2016 Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs. More than 20 members of the coin-collecting community attended the three-and-a-half-hour meeting, and various numismatic press outlets phoned-in via conference call.

Recently appointed CCAC members Steve Roach and Dennis Tucker joined Robert Hoge; Erik Jansen; Mike Moran; Donald Scarinci; Jeanne Stevens-Sollman; Thomas J. Uram; Herman Viola; and Heidi Westweet; and CCAC Chairwoman Mary Lannin to discuss upcoming coinage and medal designs. U.S. Mint representatives April Stafford, Megan Sullivan, Pam Borer, Lead Sculptor/Engraver Don Everhart, Acting Quality Manager Ron Harrigal and Senior Legal Counsel Greg Weinman also were in attendance.

The session opened with a moment of silence to honor late hobby legend Chester “Chet” Krause, who died on June 25 at age 92. The meeting began with a discus-

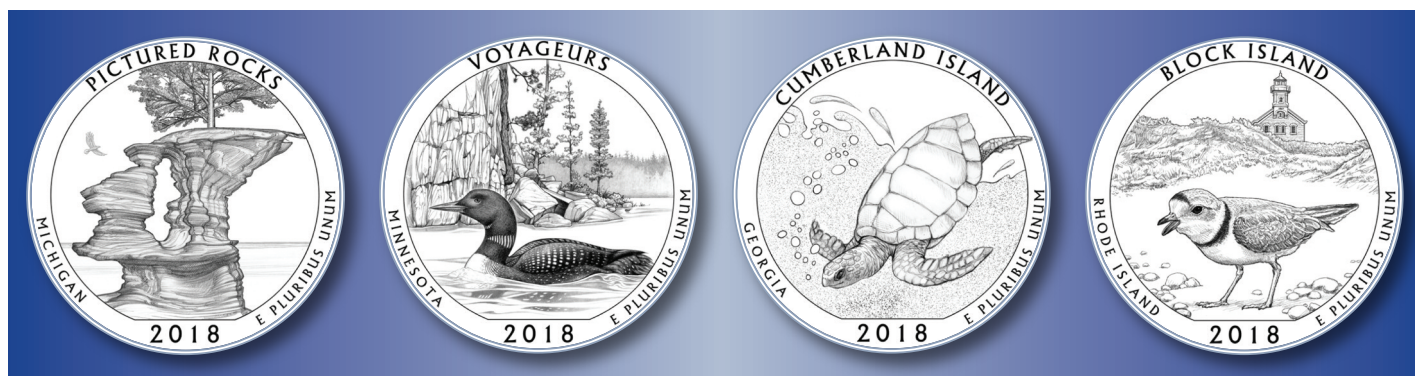


▲ **CITIZEN COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** members and representatives from the United States Mint met June 27 on the Colorado College campus (from left): U.S. Mint representatives April Stafford, Megan Sullivan and Pam Borer; CCAC members Thomas J. Uram, Heidi Westweet, and Donald Scarinci; and CCAC Chairwoman Mary Lannin.

sion of candidate designs for the 2018 America the Beautiful Quarters® program, which were previously considered by the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) on June 16. These included Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore (Michigan), Voyageurs National Park (Minnesota), Cumberland Island National Seashore (Georgia), Block Island National Wildlife Refuge (Rhode Island) and Apostle Islands National Lakeshore (Wisconsin). In a motion made during the meeting, the CCAC requested that the mint provide additional designs for the Apostle Islands quarter. Meanwhile, Georgia’s Cumberland Island National Seashore motif, which depicts a loggerhead sea turtle, was the night’s standout and earned 30 out of a possible 33 points in the CCAC’s rating system.

After a short break, the committee discussed designs for Barack Obama’s two presidential medals (one for each term), and agreed with the CFA on which motifs should move forward. Harrigal then explained the mint’s upcoming palladium coin program. He noted that the mint is making very good progress, but did not provide a release date.

Before adjourning, Lannin moderated a 30-minute question-and-answer session with the audience. “We were pleased that our meeting could be scheduled during the ANA Summer Seminar, as the attendees are already interested in the hobby,” says Lannin. “They provided an ideal audience, and our committee members were pleased with the thoughtful questions they asked. We look forward to future meetings in Colorado Springs.”



▲ **THE CCAC-RECOMMENDED DESIGNS** for the 2018 America the Beautiful Quarters commemorate Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Voyageurs National Park, Cumberland Island National Seashore and Block Island National Wildlife Refuge. The committee requested a revised portfolio of Apostle Islands designs from the mint.

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