

NEBRASKA STATE QUARTER DESIGN COMMITTEE MEETING
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 1525
LINCOLN, NE
Thursday, September 2, 2004 - 9:30 am

PRESENT: Secretary of State John Gale, Virgil Marshall, Gordon Howard, Dr. Michael Schuyler
Roger Bruhn, Norman Geske, Jodi Rave and Tom Bassett

OTHERS PRESENT: Staff member Sharon Hambek, Shawn Drapal and Kelly Seacrest

Open Meeting Notice: Secretary of State John Gale called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. He stated notice of this meeting had been posted on the State's internet public meeting calendar in compliance with the Public Meeting Law. The agenda was posted on the Secretary of State web site and has been available in the office of the Secretary of State for inspection during regular business hours. Secretary Gale welcomed guests and thanked the media present for their assistance in getting the public involved in the quarter project.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken with all members present.

Minutes & Agenda: A motion was made by Mr. Bassett, seconded by Dr. Schuyler to accept the agenda. Roll call vote was taken with the motion passing by unanimous vote. A motion was made by Dr. Schuyler, seconded by Mr. Geske to approve the minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the motion passing by unanimous vote.

Preferential Poll: The Committee reviewed the design preferential poll noting that no one design was the strong majority winner. Secretary Gale shared that the office had received several phone calls and e-mails noting that in Design #6, which was the top vote getter, the wagon appeared to be headed east. He also noted the dancing crane in Design #10 appears to be from a photo copyrighted by Michael Forsberg. The office had also had an e-mail from an individual noting that you would never see three ears of corn on one stalk as was portrayed in one of the designs being considered. Various other concerns and thoughts on the various designs were shared with the Committee.

A brief discussion was held with regard to how detailed the narratives can be for the design concepts selected to be sent to the U.S. Mint. It was also noted that supplemental information needs to be sent with the narratives. It was suggested that photos would probably carry more weight with the U.S. Mint than any artist concept we include with the narratives. Secretary Gale also let the Committee know that the U.S. Mint officials had reassured him in a recent phone conversation that during the period their graphic artists are developing our designs there would be considerable interaction with the Committee to make sure they were comfortable with the designs.

It was noted the Committee had not ever intended that it was seeking any one precise depiction of a design but rather accepting the concept of design ideas from the public. For instance, the office received several e-mails stating how important individuals felt Arbor Day was to the state and should be honored on the quarter

but they had no precise design to vote on. The support of the concept was important to us.

Ms. Rave was asked if she thought all Native American tribes would be comfortable with the image of Standing Bear on the Nebraska Quarter. She stated she thought, because of the Federal significance of his legal case, that all tribes across the United States would support this image. There was brief discussion regarding whether or not there was enough of Standing Bear's body portrayed in the design presented to comply the rules of the U.S. Mint. The general conclusion was that because there is approximately three-fourths of his body it would most likely be fine.

Secretary Gale informed the Committee that if they should, in their selection process, choose Design #18 showing the Boys Town tower, there may need to be a legal opinion obtained from the U.S. Mint. There is a question raised as to whether or not this may fall under the category of being a private organization.

Meeting Guidelines: Secretary Gale provided the Committee with some suggested guidelines on how to proceed with the meeting and with the selection process. Following review, Dr. Schuyler made a motion that in the first vote, the members be asked to select ten designs they wanted to eliminate rather than the suggested five but there still would need to be five votes for any one design before it could be eliminated. It was noted the members would reserve the right to bring a design that had been voted out, back for discussion at any time during the meeting. Mr. Bassett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the motion passing by unanimous vote.

A motion was then made by Mr. Bassett, seconded by Dr. Schuyler to adopt the meeting guidelines as amended. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Recess: The Committee recessed at 10:45 am and reconvened at 11:03 am with all members still present.

Selection Process: Mr. Bruhn reiterated that the Committee would be voting on the concept and not necessarily the exact design.

Members were each handed a "ballot" displaying each of the 25 designs. They were then asked to mark through with a red pen the ten designs they wanted to see eliminated. Ballots were collected and tallied with the following results: Design #'s 2, 11, 13, 14, 18, 19, 24 and 25 each received five or more votes to be eliminated. A motion was made by Mr. Geske, seconded by Dr. Schuyler to accept the eight designs for elimination. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The second ballot was handed out and members were asked to cross through five designs they would like to see eliminated. Ballots were collected and tallied with the following results: Design #'s 10 and 17 were the only designs receiving the required five or more votes for elimination. A motion was made by Mr. Bassett,

seconded by Mr. Bruhn to accept the two designs for elimination. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The third ballot was handed out and members were asked to cross through five designs they would like to see eliminated. Ballots were collected and tallied with the following results: Design #'s 7, 9 and 22 receiving the required five or more votes for elimination. A motion was made by Dr. Schuyler, seconded by Mr. Geske to accept the three designs for elimination. Discussion followed with Mr. Bruhn stating he hated to see Design #9 eliminated as he felt the sower is a better iconic representation of the state than many others. It was noted the sower concept had survived in another design. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The fourth ballot was handed out. Discussion was held regarding the number of concepts or themes that were remaining. Further discussion was held with regard to how some of the icons might appear on a quarter and how some of the designs might be improved. Voting was held with members asked to vote for another five designs they would like to see eliminated. Ballots were collected and tallied with the following results: Design #'s 8, 12, 15 and 20 received the required five or more votes for elimination. A motion was made by Mr. Bassett, seconded by Mr. Bruhn to accept the four designs for elimination. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

At this time the Committee gave Shawn Drapal a round of applause for the great job he had done in preparing the various combinations of designs the Committee had requested.

Discussion was held with regard to the number of "themes" remaining and the significance of each and how the Committee should proceed from this point on. A motion was made by Dr. Schuyler, seconded by Ms. Rave for the Committee to vote on each remaining design concept individually. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Recess The meeting recessed at 12:10 pm and reconvened at 12:22 pm with all members present.

Selection Process Continued: Dr. Schuyler made a motion to eliminate Design #5, Mr. Marshall seconded the motion. Discussion held. A roll call vote taken with Mr. Bruhn, Mr. Marshall and Dr. Schuyler voting yea and Secretary Gale, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Howard, Mr. Geske and Ms. Rave voting nay. Design 5 remained for consideration.

Dr. Schuyler made a motion to eliminate Design #16, Ms. Rave seconded the motion. Discussion held. A roll call vote taken with Mr. Bruhn, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Howard, Dr. Schuyler, Mr. Geske, Ms Rave all voting yea and Secretary Gale voting nay. Design #16 was eliminated.

Mr. Bruhn made a motion to substitute the sower Design #9 for sower Design #1, seconded by Dr. Schuyler. Discussion held. Mr. Howard made a motion to

amend the previous motion to eliminate Design #1 rather than substitute it with Design #9. Motion to amend the original motion failed due to a lack of a second. Roll call vote taken on the original motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Ms. Rave to eliminate Design #23 but to leave the concept in for consideration. Discussion was held on how to possibly represent Arbor Day. A roll call vote taken with Mr. Bruhn, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Howard and Dr. Schuyler all voting yea and Secretary Gale, Mr. Geske and Ms. Rave voting nay. Design #23 was eliminated but the concept of Arbor Day was still a consideration.

Mr. Bassett made a motion to add the words "Arbor Day State" to Design #9. Mr. Howard seconded the motion. Discussion held. Roll call vote taken with Secretary Gale, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Howard, Dr. Schuyler, Mr. Geske and Ms. Rave all voting yea and Mr. Bruhn and Mr. Marshall voting nay. The words "Arbor Day State" will be added to Design #9.

Mr. Bruhn made a motion to eliminate Design #4, Mr. Marshall seconded the motion. Discussion held. Ms. Rave made a motion to amend the preceding motion to eliminate the capitol building from Design #4 but keep the remaining design. Mr. Bassett seconded the amended motion. Discussion held. Mr. Bruhn withdrew his motion and Mr. Marshall, as the member who had seconded the motion, agreed. Original motion was withdrawn. The Committee then voted by roll call vote on just removing the capitol building from Design #4 with Secretary Gale, Mr. Bruhn, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Howard, Dr. Schuyler and Ms. Rave voting yea and Mr. Geske voting nay. The capitol will be removed from Design #4.

Mr. Bruhn made a motion to remove Design #3, Mr. Marshall seconded the motion. Discussion held. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting nay. Design #3 remained for consideration.

Dr. Schuyler made a motion to remove Design #4, Mr. Bassett seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken with Secretary Gale, Mr. Bruhn, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Howard, Dr. Schuyler and Mr. Geske all voting yea and Ms. Rave voting nay. Design #4 was removed from consideration.

It was noted the Committee had worked their way down to five design concepts. Discussion was held with regard to some minor changes the Committee might want to have made with some of the selected designs. The Committee agreed they would like to see the words above Chief Standing Bear taken out of the banner and displayed in a way that would make them more readable. By unanimous consent the Committee agreed to add the word "The" to Design #21 above the words "Unicameral State." Discussion was also held with regards to Design #6 and the direction of the wagon. Again, by unanimous consent, the Committee asked that the wagon be headed west.

It was suggested there be a subcommittee formed to work on the narratives of the five design concepts to be submitted to the U.S. Mint. Secretary Gale asked who

would like to work on the narratives and Dr. Schuyler, Mr. Bassett and Ms. Rave all volunteered. Ms. Rave made a motion that the above mentioned individuals be appointed to a subcommittee to work on the narratives. Mr. Bruhn seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the motion passing by unanimous vote. The proposed narratives need to be available for the September 22nd meeting.

Other business: Mr. Bassett invited any members that would like to join him in attending the Iowa Quarter Launch the following day to let him know.

The Committee again thanked the media present for the great job they had done in getting the public involved in the quarter project.

It was noted with interest that the design that had received the most votes in the public poll was one of the five the committee had selected. It was also noted that many of the other design concepts with high vote numbers by the public also was part of the final five.

Secretary Gale thanked the Committee for all their hard work and dedication on the project up this point and for the hard decisions they had to make at this meeting.

There being no further business, Mr. Bassett made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hambek
Event Coordinator