

MEETING NOTES: State Emblems Redesign Commission: Sept. 26 Mtg.

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023

9:00-10:30am

[Meeting was held virtually]

AGENDA

- Call to Order
 - *Chair Fitch called the meeting to order*
- Roll Call / Attendance
 - *9/13 voting SERC members present (not present: Aaron Wittnebel, Denise Mazone, Kent Whitworth, Robert L. 'Deuce' Larsen)*
 - *4/4 ex officio SERC members present*
- Adoption of Agenda
 - *No discussion; agenda was approved*
- Updates from Chair/Vice Chair
 - *There were no updates*
- Public input: Rules for public submittal of state flag and seal submissions
 - Overview of DRAFT SERC Rules for Submission_State Flag and Seal Design Concepts (attachment)
 - *Mazone and Sen. Kunesh reviewed recommendations*
 - *Potential Legal Review of SERC Public Input Rules / Guidelines*
 - Walk through DRAFT SERC Rules for Submission_State Flag and Seal Design Concepts (attachment)
 - *MNHS provided an update on pro bono consultation with law firm Fish & Richardson P.C. re: intellectual property laws as they relate to the public input/submission process; suggestions were incorporated into the submission guidelines*
 - *A submission form is also being created to accompany the rules and submission guidelines*
 - *Fish & Richardson P.C. were thanked for their pro bono review and quick turnaround*
 - *Commission members further discussed intellectual property issues such as plagiarism, copyright, and artificial intelligence (AI) and whether the submission guidelines adequately addressed these issues*
 - *The submission guidelines would allow for modification or adaptations of designs, per the review process of finalists*
 - *There was further discussion about AI, in particular, with a desire to firm up language in the agreement as to whether/not to allow AI generated designs*
 - *It was advised that we return to the law firm (Fish & Richardson P.C.) to suggest language (is there a standard language for AI?) to include in the submission guidelines*

- *The number (amount) of flag and seal submissions was discussed; it was suggested that 3 submissions each (3 for the flag, 3 for the seal) was an appropriate number based on precedent set by other states*
 - *A motion was proposed to allow 3 designs per flag and 3 designs per seal; motion was voted on and approved*
- *A motion was put forward to approve the DRAFT SERC Rules for Submission_State Flag and Seal Design Concepts document pending legal review with specific attention to language surrounding AI; motion was voted on and was approved*
- *MNHS agreed to post the submission guidelines (publically) as soon as practical; it was discussed that AI is an emerging technology and the SERC wanted to ensure it is acknowledged but does not detract from the timeline goals of the Commission*
 - *A motion was proposed to direct MNHS to seek public submissions asap notwithstanding the ongoing AI discussion; motion was voted on and approved*
- *Commission members asked about public submissions and where to store them, view them (publically), and keep them organized*
 - *MNHS responded that design submissions should go through the submission process that will be launched shortly (to ensure submissions sign off on qualifying factors); the number of submissions and public comments may dictate the method to which they are distributed and made available to the public*
 - *MNHS is hoping to go live with public submissions within days*
- Meetings and next steps
 - *Chair/Vice Chair and MNHS will keep the SERC members informed of the AI conversation with Fish & Richardson P.C.*
- Adjourn

Attachments:

- SERC Rules for Submission_State Flag and Seal Design Concepts