

MEETING NOTES: State Emblems Redesign Commission: Nov. 7 Mtg.

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023

9:00-10:30am

[Meeting was held virtually]

AGENDA

- Call to Order
 - *Chair Fitch called the meeting to order at 9:01 am*
- Roll Call / Attendance
 - *Lindsey Dyer conducted attendance:*
 - *11/13 voting SERC members present (not present: Shelley Buck, President Robert 'Deuce' Larsen)*
 - *4/4 ex officio SERC members present*
- Adoption of Agenda
 - *Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mazone; seconded by Whitworth*
 - *No discussion; agenda was approved*
- Updates from Chair/Vice Chair
 - *Chair Fitch provided an update on his recent conversation with Lee Harold, specifically regarding flag colors (PMS and swatch options) and materials; Chair has ordered swatches to help inform the Nov. 21 meeting*
- Update on submissions and PR/media
 - *MNHS shared that the final submission count will be shared next week to account for remaining mailed-in submissions to be tracked and counted; media continues to be strong across the state, a news release will follow (with the flag/seal submissions public website) within 1-2 days*
- Review Flag and Seal submission websites
 - Discuss process for selecting / organizing submissions
 - *Chair Fitch provided an overview of the submissions, stating that a few dozen submissions contained personal information that will need to be removed prior to sharing with the public; this is expected to resolve within 24 hours*
 - *Commission member Wittnebel was thanked for identifying the issue and providing MNHS with a list of affected submissions*
 - *MNHS shared the flag and seal submission website, forms, and documents to assist Commission members in selecting (up to) 25 designs each for the flag and the seal*
 - *Due to the issue of removing personal information from submissions, the unique identifying number will change when the affected submissions have been corrected*
 - *Commission members expressed thanks and excitement about the websites and recognized MNHS for their work*

- *MNHS shared that the top designs will be aggregated into an updated website that will feature only the top selections; this updated set will also be printed for use in the Nov. 21 in-person meeting*
 - *Ex-officio members were encouraged to participate in selecting top designs, though their selections would not be part of the aggregate list*
- *Commission members expressed an interest in having a general discussion about design themes at the Nov. 14 meeting to help advise the selection process*
- *Specialist testimony (TBD)*
 - *There was not a specialist present for testimony for the 11/7 SERC Mtg.*
 - *Lee Herold was invited to testify during the Nov. 21 in-person meeting*
 - *Commission members shared additional experts that may be useful moving forward*
- *Meetings and next steps*
 - *Chair Fitch walked through some logistics for the Nov. 21 in-person meeting; MNHS followed up with a general overview of the Senate Hearing Room 1200 and the general facilities (including an overview of parking options)*
 - *Update on in-person meetings*
 - *Nov. 21: 1-5pm and 5-9pm (as needed)*
 - *Dec. 12: 1-5pm and 5-9pm (as needed)*
 - *Dec. 15: 1-5pm (as needed) [TBD Virtual or in person]*
- *Adjourn*
 - *Chair Fitch adjourned the meeting at 9:54am*