MEETING NOTES: State Emblems Redesign Commission: Nov. 21 Mtg.
Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023
1-5pm; 6-9pm
[Meeting was held in-person]

Location:
Room 1200, Minnesota Senate Building
95 University Ave W, St. Paul, MN 55155

AGENDA

● Call to Order
  ○ Chair Fitch called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm
● Roll Call / Attendance
  ○ Lindsey Dyer conducted attendance:
    ■ 12/13 voting SERC members present (not present: President Robert ‘Deuce’ Larsen)
    ■ 3/4 ex officio SERC members present (not present: Senator Steve Drazkowski)
● Adoption of Agenda
  ○ Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mazone; seconded by Whitworth
  ○ No discussion; agenda was approved
● Welcome / Introductions
● SERC Overview
  ○ Chair Fitch welcomed the Commission, the public, and the media to the first in-person SERC meeting. The public was thanked for their enthusiastic participation in the flag and seal redesign process.
● Specialist testimony
  ○ Lee Herold (Flag design testimony)
● Flag and Seal Design Submissions - Overview
  ○ Chair Fitch facilitated a discussion of the design review process. Commission members were encouraged to reflect on the following: When you made your selections, which design elements have captured your imagination - “what represents Minnesota to you?”
● Round 1 of Design Review (with selections)
  ○ Commission members began the process of selecting their top flag and seal designs for consideration, moving forward.

Break (15 mins)

● Round 2 of Design Review (with selections)
Recess (60 mins)

- Commission Reconvened at 6 PM
  - Commission members discussed the flag and seal designs that resulted in the most selections from round 1 and round 2 of reviewing finalists.
  - Motion to increase the number of flag finalists from 5 designs to 6 designs was made by Buck; seconded by McKenzie
    - 11/12 present voting members voted aye
    - Not present: Larsen
  - 1/12 present voting members voted no
    - Commission member Wittnebel opposed the motion and requested that his opposition be noted in the meeting notes
  - Motion to select F29, F944, F1154, F1435, F1953, and F2100 as the flag finalist design options was made by Vice Chair Gaul; seconded by McKenzie
    - 11/11 present voting members voted aye
    - Not present: Larsen, Wittnebel
  - Motion to select S2, S6, S27, S147, and S224 as the seal finalist design options was made by Harralson; seconded by Buck
    - 12/12 present voting members voted aye
    - Not present: Larsen

- Adjourn
  - Chair Fitch adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm