

## **MEETING NOTES: State Emblems Redesign Commission: Dec. 19 Mtg.**

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023

9-11am

[Meeting was held hybrid (in-person, with a Zoom link available) ]

### **Location:**

Minnesota State Capitol Building

Room 123 (east side of the building; 1st floor)

75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

St. Paul, MN 55155

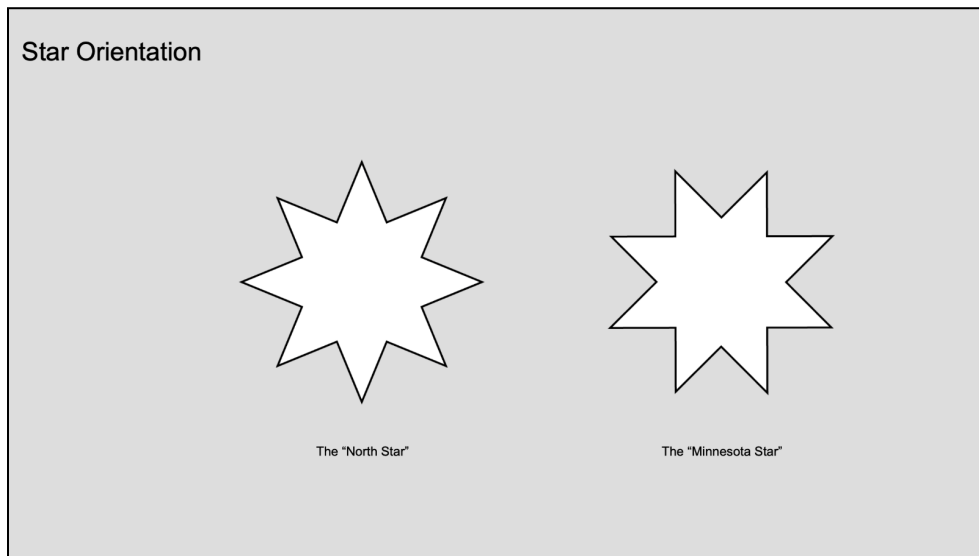
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### **AGENDA**

- Call to Order / Welcome
  - *Chair Fitch called the meeting to order at 9:00 am*
- Roll Call / Attendance
  - *Lindsey Dyer conducted attendance:*
    - *12/13 voting SERC members present (not present: President Robert 'Deuce' Larsen)*
    - *4/4 ex officio SERC members present*
- Adoption of Agenda
  - *Motion to approve the agenda was made by McKenzie; seconded by Mazone*
  - *No discussion; agenda was approved*
- Updates from Chair/Vice Chair
  - David Kelliher, MNHS, presented draft language to transfer SERC records to the MN State Archives
    - ***Secretary Simon made the motion: "Upon completion of its work, the State Emblems Redesign Commission shall transfer the records of its work to the Minnesota State Archives, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 138.17"***
      - *The motion was seconded by Whitworth*
      - *Motion passed via voice vote; unanimously in favor*
- Great Seal of Minnesota - review / updates
  - Chair Fitch addressed the number of "gold bars" along the perimeter of the seal with the recommendation that the commission discuss adding an additional gold bar to represent the 87 counties and 11 federally-recognized American Indian Tribes in Minnesota (making a total of 98 gold bars)
    - ***Harralson made a motion to add 1 yellow bar for a total of 98 yellow bars around the new state seal outer rim to represent the 87 counties and 11 federally recognized American Indian Tribes in Minnesota***

- *The motion was seconded by Mazone*
    - *The motion was voted on by roll call:*
      - *11/12 present voting members voted aye*
      - *1/12 abstained (Wittnebel)*
    - *The motion passed*
- **F1953 Flag design modifications / review**
  - *Presentation by Tyler and Jenae Michaletz (reference 2023\_12\_19\_SERC\_Finals\_Hanging\_Spreader\_Mockup\_Michaletz and 2023\_12\_19\_SERC\_Flag\_Refinement\_Michaletz)*
    - **Secretary Simon made a *motion to move forward with a symmetrical flag design***
      - *The motion was seconded by Wittnebel*
      - *Motion passed via voice vote; unanimously in favor*
    - *The commission discussed two star design concepts: Star A (“Compass / North Star”) vs. Star B (“Minnesota star”)*

*(Note: both are 8-pointed stars; “Compass North Star” has one point directed upwards, representing north; “Minnesota Star” has two points, resembling the letter “M” pointing upward or north)*



- ***Bennett McGinty made a motion to adopt “Star A” on the flag design***
      - *The motion was seconded by Jackson*
      - *Motion passed via voice vote; unanimously in favor*
    - *The commission discussed five final design concepts (A, B, C, D, E); commission members agreed to vote via paper ballot for their top design variant*
      - *A: 11 votes*
      - *B: 1 vote*

- *C: 0 votes*
- *D: 0 votes*
- *E: 0 votes*



F1953  
C2



F1953  
D2





- **McKenzie made a motion to adopt flag design “A” as the next flag for the State of Minnesota**
  - *The motion was seconded by Harralson*
  - *The motion was voted on by roll call:*
    - *11/12 present voting members voted aye*
    - *1/12 present voting members voted nay (Mazone)*
  - *The motion passed*
  - *Description of flag design A: “8-pointed star that points north on a dark blue symmetrical field in the the shape of Minnesota with a light blue solid field to the right of the shape of Minnesota”*
- **Future meetings and next steps**
  - **Intellectual Property update**
    - *David Kelliher, MNHS, provided an update from the Office of the Attorney General with the recommendation that the design submissions become released to the public domain upon the submittal of the SERC Final Report. The Commission agreed to take up the issue at the next meeting.*
  - *MNHS discussed options for the next meeting; there was consensus to meet virtually on Weds., Dec. 27 from 9-11 am*
- **Adjourn**
  - *Chair Fitch adjourned the meeting at 11:13 am*

**Attachments:**

- [2023\\_12\\_19\\_SERC\\_Finals\\_Hanging\\_Spreader\\_Mockup\\_Michaletz](#)
- [2023\\_12\\_19\\_SERC\\_Flag\\_Refinement\\_Michaletz](#)
- [2023\\_12\\_19\\_SERC\\_Finalist\\_Public\\_Comments](#)