2019 Elongated Coin Design Contest Report By Danielle Kittredge, TEC #3764

The 2019 Elongated Coin Design Contest theme was "One Giant Leap for Mankind" celebrating the 50th anniversary of landing on the moon. The contest was announced in the January TECNews and entries were due at the end of February. Reminders were sent out via the TEC Yahoo group, Facebook page, and enewsletter. Due to record participation in 2018 with over 50 entries, it was decided to have separate judging for regular members and junior members in 2019. This year we had a total of 29 designs received via regular mail and email. Twenty-one designs were received from 15 regular members and eight designs were received from four junior members.

Changes to the form this year included space for participants to add comments or explanations about their designs as well as a note that electronic submittals are provided to the judges "as received" and that participants should consider image quality when submitting. This year's regular member winning design is by Paul Conner (TEC #3951) and the junior member winning design is by Hayley Russell (TEC #5046-JR). All members received a rolled coin with their designs with the July TECNews. I'd like to give a special thanks to Katie Wanta, Tyler Tyson, and Les Holbrook for their support in making the design contest happen with website postings, rolling designs, distributing coins, and documenting the contest in the history books! Also, Thank You to all board members for your support of the design contest over the last four years that I have been running the contest.