

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM

Board of Directors

Monday, October 23, 2017

12:30 p.m. – The Old U.S. Mint

New Orleans, Louisiana

Members Present: Bill Cody, Mary Coulon, Lee Felterman, Ann Irwin, Farleigh Cook Jackson, Aleta Leckelt, Kevin Kelly, Carolyn Morris, Lawrence Powell, Anne Redd, Larry Schmidt, Melissa Steiner and William Wilton.

Members Absent: Rosemary Upshaw Ewing, Madlyn Bagneris, Sharon Gahagan, Lana Venable

Also Present: Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser, Rennie Buras, Robby Cangelosi, Susan Maclay, Julia George Moore, Trey Phillips, Jason Strada

LSM Staff Present: Greg Lambousy, Wade Levy, Yvonne Mack, Steven Maklansky, Maryann Miller and Bridgette Thibodeaux.

A quorum was present.

### Call to Order

Dr. Powell called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

### Motion to Amend the Agenda

Lee Felterman made a motion to amend the agenda as follows: Move Collections Committee report to the second item of business, move the Irby Committee report to the third item of business, and add a new item: an election for officers, per nominations made by Dr. Powell. The motion was **unanimously approved**. Those nominations are: Anne Redd as Vice Chairman, Melissa Steiner as Secretary, and Will Wilton as Irby Committee Chairman.

### Collections Committee Report

Melissa Steiner made a motion to accept the loan from the Armstrong Museum for collages from the Louis Armstrong collection. Carolyn Morris seconded the motion, which was then **unanimously approved**. Fairleigh Jackson distributed the deaccession policy to all board members, which meets the standards of the AAM.

### **Irby Committee Report**

Rennie Buras presented the proposed 2017-18 Irby Budget. Will Wilton moved to adopt the Irby Budget (Exhibit A). The motion was seconded by Lee Felterman. There was a call for public comment, but no requests to speak were received. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

Major Repairs projects were discussed by Rennie Buras (Exhibit B). Tuck pointing at the Pontalba will begin with Irby funds approved in this year's budget. Approval was received from Facility Planning and Control for major repair work at Madame John's Legacy. \$345,000 from the Irby fund balance, in addition to the budget approved, is being requested of the board, to supplement this project. Will Wilton moved to appropriate the funds as requested. Larry Schmidt seconded the motion. There was a call for public comment, but no requests to speak were received. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

Announcement was made regarding the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting in Natchitoches. Irby will meet at 8:30 a.m. followed by the full board meeting.

### **Lieutenant Governor**

The Lieutenant Governor thanked the group for their service. He discussed meetings with the Natchitoches Foundation Board and plans for the Tercentennial.

### **Motion to Approve the Minutes**

Aleta Leckelt moved to adopt the minutes of the September 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting. The motion was seconded by Melissa Steiner. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

### **Interim Director's Report**

Steven Maklansky provided an update on the Spanish exhibit.

Greg Lambousy announced the upcoming Prospect 4 exhibit in mid-November for a pre-opening and November 30<sup>th</sup> as the official opening.

Friends of Cabildo did not have a report at this time.

LMF report highlights were provided by Susan Maclay, which included upcoming grants, proposals and contracts. The new date for the LMF gala is March 24, 2018. She also mentioned a reminder regarding the Colonial Documents launch celebration of November 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Officer Election**

Anne Redd made the motion to support the president's nomination of Wil Wilton. Carolyn Morris seconded. Will Wilton moved to nominate Anne Redd as the new vice-chairman. Aleta Leckelt

seconded the motion. The motion was **unanimously approved**. Anne Redd nominated Melissa Steiner as Secretary and Will Wilton seconded. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

### **Adjournment**

Carolyn Morris moved to adjourn and Kevin Kelly seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.