

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM

Monday, September 24, 2018

12:30 p.m. – Old U.S. Mint

New Orleans, Louisiana

Members Present: Faye Phillips, Larry Schmidt, George Hero, Lee Felterman, Aleta Leckelt, Richard Hartley, Rosemary Upshaw Ewing, Anne Redd, Melissa Steiner, Holly Haag, Kevin Kelly, Mary Coulon and William Wilton

Members Absent: Sharon Gahagan, Fairleigh Jackson, Christen Losey-Gregg, Suzie Terrell, Carolyn Morris, and Madlyn Bagneris

Also Present: Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser, Donna Hanney, Julia George Moore, Ruth Burke

LSM Staff Present: Yvonne Mack, Madison Bonaventure, Steven Maklansky, and Bridgette Thibodeaux

A quorum was present.

Call to Order

Anne Redd called the meeting to order at 12:24 pm.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Lee Felterman made a motion to adopt the agenda. George Hero seconded the motion. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

Motion to Adopt the Minutes

Lee Felterman made a motion to adopt the minutes from Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum meeting held June 11, 2018. Kevin Kelly seconded the motion. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

Presentation/discussion for potential catering/café arrangement

Dickie Brennan presented to the board a potential proposal to provide catering at the Office of State Museum's New Orleans facilities and also a potential proposal to provide event planning/preparation. Rosemary Ewing made a motion for the board to pursue further details in regards to this proposal. Aleta Leckelt seconded the motion and it was **unanimously approved**.

Lieutenant Governor's report

Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser discussed the potential for looking at legislation towards encompassing the Secretary of State's museums into the Office of the State Museum's system. This may be pursued in the 2019 legislative session. Rosemary Ewing made a motion to support legislation to bring the Secretary of State's Museums under the direction of the Office of the State Museum. Will Wilton seconded the motion and it was **unanimously approved**.

The Lieutenant Governor also discussed engaging a consultant to study and make recommendations in regards to the Office of the State Museum organizational structure and job details/assignments/titles.

The Lieutenant Governor and the Board discussed several items in regards to the Collections.

Interim Director's Report

Director Steven Maklansky discussed upcoming recommended changes to the accessioning/deaccessioning policy. He also provided information on recent and upcoming exhibitions.

Committee Action Items and Reports

Collections

The Collections Committee's report was presented by Ann Irwin

1. Proposed Incoming Loans (Attachment C)

Ann Irwin made a motion to approve the incoming loans as outlined in Attachment C. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

2. Proposed Outgoing Loans (Attachment D)

Ann Irwin made a motion to approve the outgoing loan as outlined in Attachment D. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

3. Proposed Incoming Loan extensions (Attachment E)

Ann Irwin made a motion to approve the incoming loan extensions for the *Women of Note* exhibition as outlined in Attachment E. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

4. Proposed Donations to Collections (Attachment A and B)

Mary Coulon made a motion to send the items back to Collections committee for further review. Larry Schmidt seconded the motion and it was **unanimously approved**.

Faye Phillips made a motion to reconsider the previously adopted motion, to approve the donations contained in the September Collections Committee Report (Attachments A and B), and to handle all future proposed accessions in accordance with new guidelines and procedures to be developed and approved by the Board working with the Collections Committee and Staff. Rosemary Ewing seconded the motion and it was **unanimously approved**.

Executive Committee

Kevin Kelly made a motion to ratify the executive committee motion of August 16, 2018 to approve the changes to Monty's (commercial tenant located at 801 Decatur). The motion was **unanimously approved**.

Irby/Finance

The Irby/Finance Committee's report was presented by Will Wilton.

Final approval of budget for Fiscal Year 2019

Deputy Director Bridgette Thibodeaux provided an overview of the proposed (final) budget for FY 2019. Melissa Steiner made a motion to approve the proposed (final) budget as presented in Exhibit F. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

Approval for advertising costs for Director applicants/search

Aleta Leckelt made a motion to approve costs not to exceed \$2500 for the purpose of advertising for applicants for the Director's position. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

Acceptance of bids for commercial property 525 St. Ann

Anne Redd made a motion to accept the one bid received from "Jackie's" for rental of the commercial property located at 525 St. Ann. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

Acceptance of bids for commercial property 537 St. Ann

Anne Redd made a motion to accept the one bid received from "Tabasco Country Store" for rental of the commercial property located at 537 St. Ann. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

Approval of tenants at 807 Decatur, 2nd floor (Elyse Alford and Don Alford)

Rosemary Ewing made a motion to approve Elyse Alford and Don Alford as tenants of 807 Decatur, 2nd floor effective 9/1/18. Kevin Kelly seconded the motion and it was **unanimously approved**.

Approval of tenants at 509 St Ann (Lyell Dampeer and Valerie Dampeer)

Lee Felterman made a motion to approve Lyell Dampeer and Valerie Dampeer as tenants of 509 St. Ann effective 9/1/18. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

Approval of tenants at 527 St. Ann, 3rd floor (Jesse and Shannon Roberts)

Lee Felterman made a motion to approve Jesse and Shannon Roberts as tenants of 527 St. Ann, 3rd floor effective 9/1/18. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

Architectural Preservation Committee

Larry Schmidt presented the Architectural Preservation Committee's report in regards to upcoming projects at Madame John's Legacy. The committee has constructed a recommendation letter for the project details. Larry Schmidt made a motion to send the letter to Steven Maklansky and the Lieutenant Governor and request that they send the information on to Facility Planning and Control. Will Wilton seconded the motion and it was **unanimously approved**.

Search Committee

Mary Coulon presented the Search Committee's report. In light of the upcoming study in regards to the Office of the State Museum's position and organizational structure, Anne Redd made a motion to put a hold on this committee and movement forward in regards to hiring a permanent director. The motion was seconded by Kevin Kelly and was **unanimously approved**.

Friends of Cabildo

Ruth Burke presented for the Friends of Cabildo. She discussed educational programming, weekly meetings, the NEH planning grant, progress with tours and several other items of interest.

Louisiana Museum Foundation

Melissa Steiner presented the report for LMF. She discussed the upcoming Gala and invited all to attend.

Old Business

There was no old business to report.

New Business

Aleta Leckelt praised the new hire of Ashley Franklin and remarked on what a great job she has been doing for both South Louisiana museums.

Adjournment

Anne Redd made a motion to adjourn. Larry Schmidt seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm.