

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum
Monday, June 10, 2019
12:30 p.m. – Old U.S. Mint
New Orleans, LA

Members Present: Anne Redd, William Wilton, Lee Felterman, Kim Abramson, Suzie Terrell, Kevin Kelly, Larry Schmidt, Aleta Leckelt, Mary Coulon, Christen Losey-Gregg, Faye Phillips, George Hero, Fairleigh Jackson, Richard Hartley

Members Absent: Melissa Steiner, Madlyn Bagneris and Rosemary Upshaw Ewing

Also Present: Susan, Maclay, Jason Strada

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

A quorum was present.

I. Call to Order

Anne Redd called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Aleta Leckelt made a motion to adopt the agenda. Will Wilton seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

III. Adoption of the Minutes

Will Wilton made a motion to adopt the minutes from the Louisiana State Museum Board of Directors Meeting held May 13, 2019. Suzie Terrell seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

IV. Interim Director's Report

Steven Maklansky spoke on the 18 exhibitions installed this year as well as upcoming exhibitions throughout the system. He also gave an overview on topics such as the AAM conference, New Orleans Jazz Museum education space, re-generated Friends group at Capitol Park Museum, the Arsenal potentially re-opening, and many other upcoming projects.

V. Governance Study Update

Richard Hartley and Bridgette Thibodeaux gave an overview of the Lord Cultural Resources project which has officially kicked off. The consultant group will be in Louisiana to visit all of the OSM properties this month, and kick off a steering committee as part of this first visit.

VI. Board Action Items

- a. Approval of additional (4) set of keys for Ricky Caples (511 St. Ann, 3rd floor) - Will Wilton made the motion to approve the additional sets of keys for the current tenant; Suzie Terrell seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

- b. Irby/Finance Committee Report

Will Wilton presented the Irby report from the committee meeting.

- i. Approval of FY20 Budget - Suzie Terrell made a motion to approve the FY20 Budget as presented. Kevin Kelly seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- ii. Sprinkler system - Motion was deferred to a later date.

- c. Collections Committee Report

Fairleigh Jackson presented the Collections Committee report.

- i. Incoming loans for upcoming exhibitions – Loans were presented/discussed in regards to the following upcoming exhibitions: LSHOF new inductees, Shrimping exhibition, Grand Illusions, Mardi Gras Permanent updates. Suzie Terrell moved that the loans be approved and it was unanimously approved.
- ii. Incoming loan extensions – Will Wilton made a motion to approve loan extensions for the Drumsville exhibition and the motion was unanimously approved.
- iii. Deaccessioning - Will Wilton made a motion to approve the deaccessions of the visual arts artifacts presented and recommended by the committee and it was unanimously approved.

VII. Architectural Preservation Committee Report: Larry Schmidt presented an update on the Madame John's Legacy renovation. Facility Planning and Control is determining a best practice for studying the rising damp.

VIII. Report from Friends of the Cabildo - Jason Strada presented the report for the Friends of the Cabildo. The annual volunteer luncheon was held this month to honor the many volunteers that devote their time to the Friends group. May 16th was the annual meeting for the group as a whole. The NEH Grant committee met this month for the 3rd of 4 round table discussions in regards to the Madame John's Legacy project.

- IX. Report from Louisiana Museum Foundation - Susan Maclay presented the report for LMF. Their annual meeting was June 4th. Susan gave an outline of the program and discussed upcoming programming sponsored by LMF in conjunction with the Pontalba exhibition.

- X. Old Business - Lee Felterman gave an update for the Wedell-Williams and Cypress Sawmill Museum which included the status of opening the front gates for museum traffic flow. He also discussed the upcoming shrimping exhibition to be installed just prior to the Shrimp and Petroleum Festival in Morgan City, LA. An update on E D White Historic site was given by Aleta Leckelt. She discussed the Jean Lafitte tours at this facility.

- XI. New Business – The new FY 20 meeting schedule was presented and will be emailed to all board members.

- XII. Adjournment – Larry Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting. Suzie Terrell seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.