

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum
Monday, May 13, 2019
12:30 p.m. – Old U.S. Mint
New Orleans, LA

Members Present: Anne Redd, William Wilton, Kim Abramson, Melissa Steiner, Kevin Kelly, Larry Schmidt, Aleta Leckelt, Mary Coulon, Christen Losey-Gregg, Faye Phillips, George Hero, Fairleigh Jackson, Richard Hartley, and Rosemary Upshaw Ewing

Members Absent: Lee Felterman, Madlyn Bagneris, Holly Haag, Ann Irwin, Suzie Terrell, and Sharon Gahagan

Also Present: Susan, Maclay, Jason Strada, Wendy Rodrigue

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

A quorum was present.

Call to Order

Anne Redd called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Fairleigh Jackson made a motion to adopt the agenda. Kevin Kelly seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Motion to Adopt the Minutes

Aleta Leckelt made a motion to adopt the minutes from the Louisiana State Museum Board of Directors Meeting held March 11, 2019. Kevin Kelly seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Interim Director's Report

Steven Maklansky introduced Wendy Rodrigue who presented before the board her ideas for an upcoming exhibition at the Cabildo. Mr. Maklansky concluded the presentation with additional exhibition ideas for the museums.

Committee Reports and Action items:

Architectural Preservation Committee Report: Larry Schmidt discussed the Madame John's Legacy plans and discussions which occurred in regards to assessing the next steps to address the damp coursing decision. There will be another round of testing.

Irby/Finance Committee Action Items: Larry Schmidt made a motion to approve the Irby recommendations of:

1. Approval of residential tenants for 515 St. Ann, 3rd Floor (Gregor Hoffman and Scott Schlesinger)
2. Approval of residential tenants for 810 Chartres, 3rd floor (David and Joni Colvin)
3. Approval of a co-signor (Blake Williamson) for 519 St. Ann, 2nd floor

Christen Losey-Gregg seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Collections Committee Report and Action Items: Rosemary Ewing made a motion to approve changes to the Collections Manual to further clarify the types of items allowable for accepting into the collection. Christen Losey-Gregg seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Incoming loans for upcoming exhibitions - Rosemary Ewing made a motion to approve all incoming loans for the upcoming exhibitions (Grand illusions, Eric Waters and Louis Prima). Larry Schmidt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Support organizations reports:

Report from Friends of the Cabildo – Jason Strada announced that the FOC annual meeting would be held May 16th at the Cabildo. There was an update on the NEH grant for MJL as progress continues with discussions, travel, interviews, and incorporating the community going forward. A Boston based survey group is assisting.

Report from Louisiana Museum Foundation - Susan Maclay gave the report for LMF. The Board was provided a copy of the LMF Fund report, which includes facility usage donations obtained through rentals. She also discussed the programming in conjunction with the Pontalba Exhibition. She announced that their annual meeting will be held June 4th.

Old Business –

New Business -

Adjournment – Aleta Leckelt made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Kim Abramson and unanimously approved. 2:24 p.m.