

**REGIONAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
**Louisiana State Exhibit Museum**  
**Thursday, January 19, 2017**

Margaret Green called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm. Ms. Green welcomed everyone. Jack Sibley called roll.

**Members present:**— Betty Black, Marcia Calhoun, William Cawthorne; Margaret Green, Jud. Gayle Hamilton, Ken Hickman, Richard, LeBlanc, Linda Lynn, Geoff Perego, Mickey Prestridge, Rocky Rockett, Jack Sibley, Andy Taylor and a proxy from Evelyn Valore.

Ms. Green welcomed the new Friends Board President, Linda Lynn.

Jack Sibley made a motion to approve proposed agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Hickman. Agenda approved. Motion to approve minutes of the last meeting by Marcia Calhoun and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard LeBlanc. Minutes approved.

**Committee Reports**

**Executive Committee:** no report

**Accession and De-accession Committee:** Nita Cole presented a loan offer regarding a Brockway LaFrance fire engine from a family in Gibsland. This is not a donation but a loan that may last 2 to 5 years. There was a lot of discussion regarding the issues of getting it into the building, exhibit space, insurance and keeping children from climbing on it. After motions were withdrawn, it was decided that the committee will meet and discuss further.

**Building and Grounds:** no report

**Education Committee:** no report.

**Long Range Planning:** Ken Hickman reported that the committee is meeting monthly and will work towards getting the museum AMA accredited as per Secretary of States' request.

**Nominating committee:** no report.

**State Fair Report:** Chris Giordano was absent. Wayne Waddell reported that the State Fair was very successful last year but is still suffering losses due to the previous year's poor attendance. The Independence Bowl is losing its sponsor and was very poorly attended in 2016.

**Friends Report:** Linda Lynn talked about working towards the AMA accreditation and its process.

**Director's Report:** Director Wayne Waddell reported that we have LSEM had over 52,039 visitors since the October 13, 2016 Governing Board meeting.