

§380.83. Duties and powers of the board

A. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of official business. All official actions of the board shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting.

B. The board shall:

(1) Meet at least once each quarter at the call of the board chairman.

(2)(a) Create an executive committee consisting of the chairman and vice chairman of the board and other board members as the board may determine.

(b) A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. However, when the board has delegated to the committee full power to act with respect to a matter, affirmative action by a majority of the entire committee membership shall be required.

(c) The committee shall meet at the call of the board chairman.

(d) The committee shall consider such matters as are referred to it by the board. It shall execute such orders and resolutions as shall be assigned to it at any meeting of the board, and it shall also take such action as is necessary when an emergency requiring immediate action arises during the interim between board meetings. All acts of the committee shall be submitted to the board for ratification or rejection at its next meeting except in matters in which the board has delegated to the committee full power to act.

(3) Adopt bylaws and establish policies and procedures for the governance of the museum including but not limited to the following:

(a) The election and responsibilities of the officers of the board, including a chairman and vice chairman, who shall serve terms of two years.

(b) The selection, term, and responsibilities of advisors to the board. The board may appoint not more than five advisors who shall serve without compensation.

(c) The employment, term, compensation, and responsibilities of a museum chief administrative officer.

(d) The employment, term, compensation, and responsibilities of a museum director. The museum director may also serve as the museum chief administrative officer.

(e) The appointment, duties, and functions of standing and special committees of the board, including the appointment of nonboard members to such committees and their functions.

(f) The preparation of a budget and plan for funding the museum at a level sufficient to maintain standards necessary to qualify for and maintain the accreditation of the American Association of Museums.

(4) Establish, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., policies, rules, and regulations for the operation of the museum, including setting and charging admission and tour fees and user or rental fees to any or all museum buildings and exhibits. Such user or rental fees shall reflect the actual costs of maintenance of the space rented and the market rates for comparable space in the locality of the space rented.

(5) Advise the secretary of state on all matters relating to the operations of the museum.

(6) Establish and use an identifying seal pertaining to museum business.

(7) Perform such other functions as are otherwise provided by this Chapter and R.S. 36:801.15.

C. The board may:

(1) Individually, or in cooperation with any nonprofit corporation established to support the museum, seek and expend funds from any source, public or private, to support programs of the museum.

(2) Contract with consulting experts in the fields of museum administration and conservation of artifacts, books and papers, and decorative arts, and with appraisers, buying agents, designers, engineers, attorneys, accountants, construction and financial experts, and other such persons as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the museum.

(3) Authorize reports and recommendations which include the issuance, publication, or distribution of general information documents or pamphlets which are published on a regular basis and are generally known as newsletters.

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