

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM
Monday, January 14, 2019
12:30 p.m. – Wedell-Williams and Cypress Sawmill Museum
Patterson, Louisiana

Members Present: Lee Felterman, Aleta Leckelt, Kevin Kelly, Richard Hartley, Kim Abramson, Rosemary Upshaw Ewing, Anne Redd, Suzie Terrell, Fairleigh Jackson, Mary Coulon and William Wilton

Members Absent: Melissa Steiner, Ann Irwin, Sharon Gahagan, Faye Phillips, Larry Schmidt, George Hero, Christen Losey-Gregg, Holly Haag, and Madlyn Bagneris

Also Present: Julia George Moore, Susan Maclay

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 12:35 pm

Julia George Moore officiated the swearing in/oath of office of Kim Abramson.

Lee Felterman introduced guests: members of the Wedell-Williams Foundation Board (F.C. “Butch” Felterman and Steve Bierhorst), St. Mary Parish Sheriff (Blaise Smith), Mayor of Patterson (Rodney Grogan), and State Representative Blake Miguez.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Aleta Leckelt made a motion to adopt the agenda. Fairleigh Jackson 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 November 26, 2018. Mary Coulon seconded the motion. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

Interim Director’s Report

Steven Maklansky discussed the newly opened exhibitions (Land and Sea (PhotoNOLA); CISLANDERUS; Mapping the Crescent; Pontalba). He also discussed the deaccessioning project and the upcoming exhibition at Capitol Park Museum which includes the hearse which carried Martin Luther King Jr.’s

body. Also announced was the exhibition upcoming at LSHOF, Pelican State Goes to War (a World War II travelling exhibition). He provided an update on new education programs and discussed the Museum Governance RFP which is soon to be released.

Committee Action Items:

Collections

The Collections report was presented by Fairleigh Jackson.

1. Approval of incoming loans for exhibitions (Attachment A) – Suzie Terrell made a motion to approve all incoming loans. The motion was **unanimously approved**.
2. Approval of outgoing loans (Attachment A) - NOMA - Suzie Terrell made a motion to approve all outgoing loans. The motion was **unanimously approved**.
3. Approval of proposed deaccessions from the permanent collection (Attachment A) - Suzie Terrell made a motion to approve all proposed deaccessions. The motion was **unanimously approved**.
4. Approval of proposed conservation treatment to outgoing loan artifact (Attachment A) - Suzie Terrell made a motion to approve the proposed conservation treatment (Attachment A). The motion was **unanimously approved**.

Irby/Finance

Will Wilton provided an Irby/Finance update in regards to a recent rental of an apartment. Rosemary Ewing made a motion to accept Ben Jacobson as the new tenant for 503 St. Ann, 2nd floor, Lee seconded the motion and it was **unanimously approved**.

Report from Louisiana Museum Foundation

Susan Maclay presented the report for LMF, which included the results of the internal audit conducted by DCRT. She also provided an update on programming associated with the Pontalba exhibition. Plans for a Jacques Amans exhibition are in the works.

Old Business

There was no old business to report.

New Business

Lee Felterman discussed the Patterson roadway project. The gate at the front of the museum is typically closed. A DOTD project has been funded for FY 2020-21. Aleta Leckelt moved for a memorandum be drafted from the LSM Board to DOTD, in support of expediting the roadway project. Suzie Terrell seconded the motion and it was **unanimously approved**.

Adjournment

Anne Redd made a motion to adjourn. Aleta Leckelt seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:23 pm.