**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**

**LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Monday, February 10, 2014**

**12:30 pm – The Old U.S. Mint**

**New Orleans, Louisiana**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum was called to order by Chairman Michael M. Davis at 12:30 p.m. at The Old U.S. Mint in New Orleans. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Jerry F. Adams; Robert A. Barnett; Myrna B. Bergeron; Michael M. Davis; Charles R. Davis; Allen J. “AJ” Gibbs, Jeffrey Pipes Guice; Janet V. Haedicke, Ph.D.; Thomas Frère Kramer, M.D.; Aleta Leckelt; E. Ralph Lupin, M.D.; William J. Perret; M.D.; Anne F. Redd; Philip Woollam; and Diane K. Zink

Members Absent: Madlyn B. Bagneris; Rosemary Upshaw Ewing; H. Wayne McCullen; Lawrence N. Powell, Ph.D.; and Donna Winters

Also Present: Cathy Berry, Chief of Staff, DCRT

Robert Freeland, President, Friends of the Cabildo

Susan H. Maclay, Executive Director, Louisiana Museum Foundation

William Stark, Capitol Park Museum, Branch Director

Mark A. Tullos, Jr., Director, Louisiana State Museum

Robert E. Wheat, Deputy Director, Louisiana State Museum

**Approval of minutes**

The minutes from the January 13, 2014 LSM Board meeting were sent to the Board in advance of the meeting. Mr. Woollam MOVED, seconded by Dr. Perret, to approve the minutes. **Unanimously approved.**

**Chairman's report**

Chairman M. Davis advised that LSM Board member Bill Curl has resigned from the LSM Board. We are waiting on his replacement from the Lt. Governor.

At the last meeting, Dr. Perret discussed the proposed accessions request from the Basilica of Notre Dame in Montreal, P.Q., Canada which was not approved. They have since returned and asked us to consider loaning only the Napoleon death mask for the month of August. By the next accessions meeting, we hope to have more information.

In last month’s Board packet, the Friends of the Cabildo (FOC) submitted a resolution to Michael M. Davis, Chairman of the LSM Board, demanding that the work to be completed on the Cabildo be in compliance with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's standards and that an architectural preservation specialist or DCRT Division of Historic Preservation be consulted before any work is started on the Cabildo. The FOC Board also demanded that the current elastomeric coating be removed and no elastomeric coating be applied again.

Since then, Koch and Wilson was awarded the contract for the Cabildo. Mr. Wheat said the architectural selection committee recommended three architects for the Cabildo and the final selection was Koch and Wilson. In addition, Jahnke and Burns was awarded the contract for the Presbytere. Both architectural firms have experience with these buildings. The Cabildo repairs will include renovation of the exterior of the building and replacement of any plaster. The ironwork and balconies will also be repaired. Costs are $1.3 million for the Cabildo and $1.1 million for the Presbytere. These are both 2-3 year projects. The buildings belong to the State of Louisiana and LSM is just the User Agency. Mr. Wheat added that LSM will also be in consultation with the Office of Historic Preservation on these two projects.

Ms. Leckelt said she hoped there would be more restrooms added, but Mr. Wheat said that is not in the new design plans.

Mr. R. Davis said Facility Planning would be made aware of any concerns the Board would have regarding repairs of the building.

The one year warranty inspection of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum was completed. Utilities were as high as $13,000-16,000 per month. Sensors were checked and some were found to be faulty. Also, some insulation was fixed where it was lacking. Now the latest utility bill is $6,000. Regarding cracks in the cast-stone at the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest History Museum, they appeared to be surface cracks that did not penetrate the stone. This is expected with concrete. Experts are being consulted to find out the cause of the cracks but they do not appear to be detrimental to the building.

Stanley has completed their renovation, which consisted of cosmetic changes only.

Mr. M. Davis distributed the online ethics training information, which can be done any time during the calendar year.

Financial disclosure reports for Board members are due by May 15th. As a reminder, Board members come under Tier 2.1.

The next Board meeting and Irby/Finance Committee meeting will be March 10th. The Accessions Committee is scheduled for March 5th, but that date may be revised due to that being Ash Wednesday.

**Director's report**

Mr. Tullos asked Whitney Babineaux to describe the process for redesigning the Cabildo exhibit. Ms. Babineaux said there is a need to update the topography to meet ADA standards. David Lenk was chosen because Ms. Babineaux thought he did a good job of giving a clear vision to the history portion of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum, which he worked on. He is from New England. Mr. Guice asked if we were going to put different languages on the walls for our exhibits? Ms. Babineaux said it is not very practical because people are reading less and less. Hopefully this can be done in handouts or electronic audio devices.

Mr. Tullos added that LSM hopes to implement some of these design changes with the Battle of New Orleans exhibit.

Mr. Tullos said a bid was made on the old Artworks building by the Civil Rights museum Board, who did not get the building. They have a meeting next week which Mr. Tullos will attend.

Mr. Tullos met with real estate agent Mike Siegel to assist LSM with the search for a collections storage facility in the New Orleans area.

Mr. Arthur Smith has turned in his resignation papers. There is currently a request to fill the position. We should know something in about 3 weeks regarding the responses to this position.

**Accessions memo**

Since there was not an accessions meeting, there is a Board memo. Ms. Hammatt reviewed the memo below with the Board. Staff recommends these loans. There was no public comment.

**Proposed Incoming and Outgoing Loans**

**Incoming Loans**

**Lender** Dr. Susan Dollar

**Exhibit “**Faces of Natchitoches” Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame/Northwest Louisiana History Museum

**Loan Dates** Feb 15, 2014 - March 15, 2015

**Exhibit Dates** March 8, 2014- February 28, 2015

**Object Description**

**Acc. # Artifact for exhibit**

IL013.2014.01 1 Marble

IL013.2014.02 1 Piece of metal (corroded)

IL013.2014.03 1 English porcelain fragment

IL013.2014.04 1 Small glass bottle

IL013.2014.05 1 Bottle fragment

IL013.2014.06 1 Bottle, with broken bottom

**Lender** Yvonne Dupuy

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**Object Description**

**Acc. # Artifact for exhibit**

IL014.2014.01 1 Toy sewing machine

IL014.2014.02-07 6 Natchitoches related buttons

IL014.2014.08 1 Broach with records

**Lender** Joe Darby

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**Object Description**

**Acc. # Artifact for exhibit**

IL015.2014.01 1 Letter, attributed to Louis LeBlanc

**Lender** Dr. Ron McBride

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**Object Description**

**Acc. # Artifact for exhibit**

IL016.2014.01 1 250 Christmas Program

**Lender** Jack Brittain, Jr.

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**Acc. # Artifact for exhibit**

IL017.2014.01 1 Clementine Hunter Print

IL017.2014.02 1 Jules Lyon Print

**Lender** Henry “Buddy” Maggio

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**Acc. # Artifact for exhibit**

IL018.2014.01 1 Confederate Schenkl Shell

IL018.2014.02 1 Framed Natchitoches Union Daily, dated April 4, 1864

**Lender** Sharon Gahagan

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**Acc. # Artifact for exhibit**

IL019.2014.01 1 Lyon lithograph (Breazeale)

IL019.2014.02 1 Old Paris cup and saucer of chocolate set

**Lender** Joe Pierson

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**Acc. # Artifact for exhibit**

IL020.2014.01 1 Brick with footprints and “1750” inscribed

IL020.2014.02 1 Fifteen years in Natchitoches Parish booklet [for City Bank and Trust]

**Lender** Nobie Sullivan Maker

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**Acc. # Artifact for exhibit**

IL021.2014.01 Wassail bowl monogramed Lotus W.

**Lender** Justin Normand and Gary Cathey

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**Acc. # Artifact for exhibit**

IL022.2014.01 Coin commemorating the 250th Natchitoches anniversary

IL022.2014.02 Plate commemorating the 250th Natchitoches anniversary

IL022.2014.03 Picture of the Old South Ball commemorating the 250th Natchitoches anniversary

IL022.2014.04 Place setting of Henri D Alcock and Walter E. Alcock including wedding china and silverware

**Lender** Gloria Jean Normand

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**Acc. # Artifact for exhibit**

IL023.2014.01 Bed warmer belonging to Walter E. Alcock

**Lender** Northwestern State University department of Military Science, c/oMs. Elisa Smith

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**Acc. # Artifact for exhibit**

IL024.2014.01 Trophy, 1976, Natchitoches Christmas Festival Best Marching Unit 3rd

IL024.2014.02 Trophy, 1966, Holiday in Dixie Classic Drill Competition College Level 1st Place

**Lender** David Stamps

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**Acc. # Artifact for exhibit**

IL025.2014.01 Framed Color Photograph of waterskiing Caddo Ski Bee’s, circa 1960

**Lender** Tommy Whitehead

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**Object Description**

**Acc. # Artifact for exhibit**

IL026.2014.01 Mounted Rug depicting Yucca House of Melrose Plantation

1. **Outgoing Loan**

**Borrower** Alexandria Museum of Art

**Exhibit** “Dueling Visions of Liberty: Depictions of the American Civil War”

**Loan Dates** March 3, 2014 – June 9, 2014

 **Exhibit Dates** March 7, 2014- May 24, 2014

**Object Description**

 **Acc. # Artifact for exhibit**

 01403 painting, “C.S. Webb Running the Blockade”

 07155 painting, MA Persac - "Olivier Plantation", 1861

 11943.54 oil painting “Servant of the Douglas Family”, 1850

 06701.6 ambrotype, “Rebel’s Den”

 06701.7 ambrotype, unknown Confederate Soldier

 07621 chromolithograph, “Return of Confederate Soldier”

08808 lithograph, “Fleurs de Sud”1984.27 statue, “Taking the Oath of Loyalty

 T107.1991 statue, “Soldier”

 01801 statue, “Bust of Admiral Sampson”

 07679 painting, “Night Passage of Federal Boats”

 09915 painting, “CSS Alabama”, Antonio Jacobsen

 12153 painting, portrait, “Reverend Palmer”

 12445.1 painting, “Battle of Mobil Bay”

 04910 painting, “P.G.T. Beauregard” in Union uniform, 1850’s

 1955.083A painting, “General Winfield Scott” on white horse, 1840’s

 1998.001.33.2.2 silver coffeepot with inscription to Brig. Gen. Beckwith

Mr. Woollam MOVED, seconded by Mr. Guice, to approve the above accessions requests. **Unanimously approved.**

**Wedell-Williams Aviation Museum**

Mr. Adams said the function was very nice for the opening of the replica of the W-22 plane. The original WW-22 was designed and built by Jimmie Wedell in 1932. The WW-22 carried a

110-horsepower, four cylinder engine manufactured by the American Cirrus Engine Corporation. Jimmie Wedell piloted the WW-22 in the 1932 All-American Derby from Detroit to Los Angeles and finished in eighth place.

This handcrafted replica was completed in 2013 by Florida airplane builder Jim Clevenger after two years of construction. The replica WW-22 concluded a 35-year effort by Jim Clevenger and the Wedell-Williams Memorial Foundation to replicate each of the Wedell-Williams racer planes that competed in races during the “Golden Age of Aviation” in the 1920s and 1930s.

Mr. Adams thanked Arthur Smith for the work he did on marketing the opening.

**E.D. White Historic Site**

Ms. Leckelt said there will be an encampment of the Civil War re-enactors on March 8th and 9th. They will fire off a custom-built Civil War era cannon and do musket demonstrations.

**Friends of the Cabildo report**

FOC President Robert Freeland gave the report.

Volunteer Hours: 1,728.5 (valued at $27,713.40). Membership: 1059 active members. Walking Tours brought in $4,900, a 15% increase over 2013 even with the cold days.

The plaque on the Hermes exhibit now has the FOC logo, thanks. The Rex Den showing had 85 guests, $875 profit, a bit less than last year, may be due to Rex holding other events similar to ours.

Donald Harrison concert is postponed until Feb 20. Hidden Treasures will be held February 11 and 13.

The FOC thanks the LSM for involving them early on in all Carnival exhibits, as the earlier we begin, the events held will be more profitable.

The Education Committee thanked Shelbie Johnson and Cody Scallions for continued participation in monthly meetings. The FOC will come to the LSM Board in a future meeting to present the projects being worked on.

Regarding The Battle of New Orleans, the FOC is glad to be part of the LSM planning committee, and has a specific project to support the restoration of the Renato Beluche’s bust presently held in the US Mint storage.

**Louisiana Museum Foundation report**

Susan Maclay gave the report.

There was an LMF membership event in Lafayette at Laura Byrd’s home on January 16. It was a very successful event with over 100 people in attendance. As a result, the LMF received two new memberships and a special gift.

The LMF is now planning a bus field trip from Lafayette to Orleans, set tentatively for March 19 or 20 to provide a behind-the-scenes tour of the facilities in New Orleans. The LMF also plans to hold another event in a different city in the spring.

The LMF has started raising NEH matching funds via a year-end mailing. So far, around $15,000 has been received. They will be hosting a colonial documents event on February 21 which will be free to the public and will feature scholars from the Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction.

The Battle of New Orleans’ gala is planned for January 9, 2015. At the gala, there will be an unveiling of Andrew Jackson’s jacket, on loan from the Smithsonian.

Ms. Maclay said the LMF will be participating in Given NOLA Day, which is being sponsored by the Greater New Orleans Area Foundation. It will take place on May 6th during which time there will be a 24-hour period of online giving for participating charities. While this may not rake in the donations, it will be good to participate for community relations.

**Irby/Finance Committee report**

Chairman M. Davis gave the report in Dr. Powell's absence.

Ms. Mack said the person who was prepared to lease the apartment at 806 Chartres Street, 3rd floor is unsure as to whether he will sign the lease because of the noise coming from the a/c unit in the Stanley courtyard. The person may back out of the agreement on the lease if Stanley is not able to fix the problem.

Ms. Goldring moved out of 519 St. Ann Street, 3rd floor and in about 6 months after some work is done on the apartment, it will be ready for reoccupation.

Regarding 503 St. Ann Street, 2nd floor, LSM sent a letter to Mr. Fisher’s attorney replying to their letter and we hope to get a response from them in the near future.

Presentations were given on the commercial lease space at 809 Decatur Street. After extensive discussion amongst the Committee, they voted 4-1 to vote in favor of John Fluevog Shoes. Mr. Guice MOVED to approve the Committee’s recommendation. There was no public comment. The new lease will be effective March 1, 2014. **Unanimously approved.**

**New business**

DCRT Chief of Staff Cathy Berry advised the Board that DCRT received an award for Southeast Tourism organization of the Year. They also won an international award for best State Tourism Office. She said the Lt. Governor has made 2014 the year of culture and their office plans to place much attention on Mardi Gras this year.

Lt. Governor Dardenne met with the Ambassador of Great Britain recently about the upcoming Battle of New Orleans. They hope to get a member of the royal family to attend.

Mr. Wheat said $181,535 is being return to the Irby Trust fund as reimbursement plus, for the advance of funds to the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum project.

Meeting adjourned.