

May 27, 2020
Regional Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Special Called Meeting

The Governing Board was given a walking tour of the Archives Building showing the progress that has been made and items that need to be completed. It was stated that several projects (mainly shelving) needs to be ordered/purchased before the contractors can finish and the keys turned over to the state. The group then returned to the gallery for the Called Meeting.

Nell Shehee called the meeting to order. There is one item on the agenda.

Nell Shehee asked for a roll call: Members present; Richard LeBlanc, Nell Shehee, Ann Reid Mills, Rosalind Glover Bryant, Jeff Girard, Peter Ramsey, Nancy Walker and Catherine Newsome. Chris Brown participated by phone. Museum staff present: Thomas Carmody, Director, Nita Cole, Curator and Cindy Grogan, PIO and Recorder.

Nell asked for all the newly appointed board members to introduce themselves. Members gave a short bio of themselves. Thomas Carmody welcomed Catherine Newsome, State Archivist from Baton Rouge.

Nita Cole passed out an informational budget sheet for the remaining appliances, shelving, irrigation, furniture, landscaping, and equipment needed to complete the Archives Building for its intended use and make it operational by June 26, 2020. Thomas Carmody requested that the Governing Board propose a resolution to the Friends of LSEM requesting financial support to complete this project (\$150,368.00 at this time). Therefore, to accommodate the completion and any ancillary cost, a request of a total contribution of \$175,000 is being made.

Thomas Carmody also stated that the Governing Board advises the Secretary of State on the accession and de-accession of artwork and artifacts donated or to be donated. If an artifact does not follow the museum's mission, it can be returned to the owner. The firetruck is an example of not fitting LSEM's mission (or through our doorway).

There was some open discussion: Nell Shehee inquired about the American Association of Museums Accreditation Program and where we stand on that. Thomas stated that the state's internal auditor did an audit of the Friends of LSEM regarding the staffs' handling of mail, funds and other issues that will need to be corrected. There were questions about the other museum's and their Friends groups.

Richard LeBlanc made a motion to submit the Resolution for financial support for the Archives Building to the Friends of LSEM; seconded by Peter Ramsey. Voted and motion carries.

Richard LeBlanc made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Nancy Walker. Meeting adjourned. Proposed Resolution signed and attached.

Resolution adopted by the Regional Governing Board of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, May 27, 2020.

RESOLVED That the Regional Governing Board of the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum having toured the new Archives Building and reviewed the prepared museum staff estimate of those items needed (furniture, fixtures, and equipment) to complete the building and to utilize it for its intended purpose, does hereby submit this resolution to the Friends of the LSEM requesting their financial support to assist in completion of the new Archives Building by June 26, 2020 in the amount of \$150,368.00.

A copy of the cost sheet for these items is attached for review.

Therefore, to accommodate the completion of the Archive Building and any additional ancillary costs the Governing Board hereby requests a total contribution of \$175,000.00 be made by the Friends of LSEM.

The above Resolution was the result of a motion from the floor by Richard LeBlanc seconded by Peter Ramsey, and passed unanimously by Governing Board members present.



Nell Shehee
LSEM Regional Governing Board Chairman

5/27/2020
Date



Thomas Carmody
Director of State Museums
Secretary of State, Kyle Ardoin

5/27/2020
Date