

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM  
Monday, March 11, 2019  
12:30 p.m. – New Orleans Jazz Museum at the Old U.S. Mint  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Members Present: Aleta Leckelt, Melissa Steiner, Ann Irwin, Faye Phillips, Christen Losey-Gregg, Madlyn Bagneris, Kevin Kelly, Richard Hartley, Kim Abramson, Anne Redd, Suzie Terrell, Vicki Riser, Mary Coulon and Larry Schmidt

Members Absent: Sharon Gahagan, Lee Felterman, Will Wilton, Fairleigh Jackson, Rosemary Ewing, George Hero, and Holly Haag

Also Present: Julia George Moore, Ruth Burke, Susan Maclay, and Jason Strada

LSM Staff Present: Yvonne Mack, Madison Bonaventure, Rodneya Hart, Tom Strider, Steven Maklansky, and Bridgette Thibodeaux

A quorum was present.

**Call to Order**

Anne Redd called the meeting to order at 12:34 pm. She introduced Rodneya Hart, the new Division Director for the Regional Museums. She gave a brief update for each of her museums. Each person at the meeting then introduced themselves to the newest board member: Vicki Riser.

Julia George Moore officiated the swearing in/oath of office of Vicki Riser.

**Motion to Adopt the Agenda**

Madlyn Bagneris made a motion to adopt the agenda. Melissa Steiner seconded the motion. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

**Motion to Adopt the Minutes**

Aleta Leckelt made a motion to adopt the minutes from Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum meeting held January 14, 2019. Melissa Steiner seconded the motion. The motion was **unanimously approved**.

**General Counsel Presentation** Julia George Moore discussed open meetings laws and provided an overview of the current governance structure of the Louisiana State Museum and the Governance RFP, which was recently posted and closed for OSM. Richard Hartley also presented information about the RFP process.

### **Interim Director's Report**

Steven Maklansky discussed new staffing additions. He also addressed the ongoing architectural repairs of Madame John's Legacy by asking Larry Schmidt for an update. Mr. Schmidt provided the update including decisions regarding handling rising damp at the building. Mr. Maklansky continued his report with an update on exhibitions.

### **Committee Action Items:**

#### **Collections**

The Collections report was presented by Ann Irwin. She discussed upcoming changes to the Collections manual.

Motion to adopt the Collections Committee's recommendations was made by Anne Redd which included:

1. Donations to the permanent collection
2. Deaccessions from the permanent collection
3. Incoming loans for exhibitions
4. Conservation treatments
5. Outgoing loans

The motion was **unanimously approved**.

### **Report from Louisiana Museum Foundation**

Susan Maclay presented the report for the Louisiana Museum Foundation, which included an update on funds, grants, and programming associated with the Pontalba exhibition.

### **Report from Friends of Cabildo**

Ruth Burke presented the report for the Friends of Cabildo. She discussed her volunteer program including the resurrected docents' program. She also provided an update on the NEH grant and the associated expenditures.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business to report.

### **New Business**

Steven Maklansky discussed an update on Civil Rights Museum. Aleta Leckelt noted that on April 27<sup>th</sup>, E. D. White will have the "Kids Under the Oaks" program.

### **Adjournment**

Larry Schmidt made a motion to adjourn. Melissa Steiner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:23 pm.