

MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2013, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee (“the Committee”) of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution met on May 7, 2013. Participating were Executive Committee and Board Chair France A. Córdova; Vice Chair John McCarter Jr.; and Committee member Shirley Ann Jackson.

Also present by invitation of the Committee were Secretary G. Wayne Clough; Counselor to the Chief Justice Jeffrey P. Minear; Chief of Staff to the Secretary Patricia Bartlett; Chief of Staff to the Regents John K. Lapiana; and General Counsel Judith Leonard.

CALL TO ORDER AND CHAIR’S UPDATE

Dr. Córdova called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Before inviting Dr. Clough to provide an update on his comprehensive quarterly report on April 29, 2013, to the full Board of Regents, Dr. Córdova discussed the May 6, 2013, Compensation and Human Resources Committee meeting. She noted that the committee recommended the elimination of compensatory time for travel for the Secretary’s direct Trust reports and that these executives instead be placed on a more flexible work and timekeeping system in response to the Inspector General’s February 2013 audit report on senior executive travel. She added that the committee also recommended that supervisors throughout the Smithsonian be provided with discretion to eliminate compensatory time for travel and replace it with flexible work schedules for other senior executives. The Governance and Nominating Committee will consider the Compensation and Human Resources Committee’s recommendations at its May 29, 2013, meeting. [NOTE: At that meeting, the Governance and Nominating Committee adopted the Compensation and Human Resources Committee’s recommendations.]

SECRETARY’S UPDATES

Dr. Clough began his update with a report on an event organized by the National Museum of the American Indian to honor the late Senator Daniel Inouye. He noted that in May 2014, the museum expects to dedicate the Director’s Terrace in honor of the Senator. On April 29, 2013, the Regents approved the museum’s request to name the Terrace after Senator Inouye.

Dr. Clough thanked Mr. McCarter on hosting a donor outreach event in Chicago. Mr. McCarter noted for the Committee that Dr. Clough “was on top of every subject and a great communicator.”

Dr. Clough updated the Committee on the status of the search for a new director of Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum and the acquisition of a new elephant, Bozie, from the Baton Rouge Zoo for the Smithsonian National Zoological Park.

Dr. Clough concluded his report by noting that a new website will be launched to solicit staff

input on saving money and making the Smithsonian more efficient in light of sequestration.

OVERSIGHT OF SECRETARY'S TRAVEL

Dr. Córdoba noted that in their response to the Inspector General's report, the Regents committed to more formally articulating the oversight of the Secretary's travel. She directed the Committee's attention to a draft memorandum documenting that oversight. She asked that members provide guidance to the Governance and Nominating Committee, which will finalize its response to the Inspector General at its May 29, 2013, meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee then conducted an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

France A. Córdoba
Chair