

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2014, AFTERNOON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee (“the Committee”) of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution met on January 16, 2014. Participating were Executive Committee and Board Chair France A. Córdova; Vice Chair John McCarter; 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; Under Secretary for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer Al Horvath; General Counsel Judith Leonard; and Chief of Staff to the Regents Porter N. Wilkinson.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Córdova called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the July 11, September 10, November 15, and December 10, 2013, Committee meetings were approved with minor corrections and clarifications.

ARTS AND INDUSTRIES BUILDING UPDATE

The Secretary informed the Committee that the shell stabilization work at the Arts and Industries building (AIB) is nearing completion. He reminded the Committee that pending legislation has identified the AIB as the preferred location for a new National Museum of the American Latino. While awaiting a determination by Congress on whether this museum will go forward, the Secretary has assessed ideas for the interim use of the building. Last year the Smithsonian and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding that centers on the idea of using the AIB as an innovation space, which would include programming, temporary exhibits, lectures, and activities around concepts of innovation, invention, entrepreneurship, and new technology. In addition, the Smithsonian Latino Center would secure part of the building for an exhibition and education space.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he and Under Secretary Horvath will fully brief the Strategic Planning and Programs Committee on January 17, 2014, on a variety of issues, including costs, fundraising opportunities, and options for opening the building for interim use. The Secretary will update the full Board on these issues on January 27, 2014, as well as convey feedback from the Strategic Planning and Programs Committee.

STRATEGIC PLAN EXTENSION DOCUMENT UPDATE

The Secretary reminded the Committee that he is developing a public document that will reflect the Board's decision to approve an extension of the Institution's strategic plan until 2017. He reported that some members of the Strategic Planning and Programs Committee have reviewed a preliminary draft and provided comments. The Secretary will now take the document to his Directors Advisory Group and other stakeholders for additional input, with a goal of presenting a final document to the full Board in the near future.

2014 STRATEGIC GOALS

The Secretary requested that the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board, affirm the 2014 Smithsonian Institution goals and strategic initiatives. Those goals and initiatives were included the October 2013 Board meeting materials, but were not voted on by the Regents. Based on their review of the goals and initiatives and comments received from the Regents, the Executive Committee approved the following motion:

VOTED that the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Regents pursuant to Board Bylaw 3.01, affirms the fiscal year 2014 Smithsonian Institution goals and strategic initiatives.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee then conducted an executive session to discuss the Secretary's evaluation and other personnel matters.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

France A. Córdova
Chair