

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2014, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee (“the Committee”) of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution held a teleconference meeting on November 19, 2014. Participating were Executive Committee and Board Chair John W. McCarter, Jr.* , and Board Vice Chair Shirley Ann Jackson*. Executive Committee member David Rubenstein was unable to participate.

Also present by invitation of the committee were Counselor to the Chief Justice Jeffrey Minear*; Secretary G. Wayne Clough; Chief of Staff to the Secretary Patricia Bartlett; Deputy Director for Advancement Zully Dorr; Office of the Regents Senior Writer-Editor Barbara Feininger (recorder); Under Secretary for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer Albert Horvath; General Counsel Judith Leonard; and Deputy Chief of Staff to the Regents Rachel Parker.

CALL TO ORDER

Executive Committee and Board Chair John McCarter called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the draft minutes of the September 23 and October 9, 2014, Committee meetings were approved without modification.

ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Mr. McCarter reminded the participants that Regent Emeritus Roger Sant, when he served as chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee, initiated a review of the Smithsonian’s advisory boards. A census of the boards subsequently revealed that there were nearly 100 vacancies in the 500-some positions. At the June 2014 Board meeting, the Regents asked Office of Human Resources Deputy Director Greg Bettwy and Director of Advancement and Philanthropic Giving Virginia Clark staff to initiate a process of identifying potential members to serve on certain advisory boards.

Deputy Director for Advancement Zully Dorr updated the Committee on the effort, which initially is focusing on the boards of the Archives of American Art, the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, and the National Portrait Gallery. The first slate of candidates is being considered and an additional set soon will undergo review.

LONDON UPDATE

Under Secretary for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer Albert Horvath updated the Committee on an opportunity for the Smithsonian to have a presence in London. A financial appraisal of the proposal has been conducted and meetings have been held with key

* *participated by telephone*

stakeholders, as well as with Secretary-elect David Skorton. The proposal will be discussed at the January 26, 2014, Board meeting.

STRATEGIC FACILITIES INVESTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Horvath updated the Committee on the Smithsonian's Strategic Facilities Investment initiative and the need to secure additional Federal funding for the Institution and updated the Committee on several meetings that have been held to that effect.

SOUTH CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

Secretary Clough reported that the November 13, 2014, presentation to the media of the South Campus Master Plan was well-received and coverage was positive. Hearings with regional commissions, such as the National Capital Planning Commission, are scheduled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee adjourned for an executive session at 9:35 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. McCarter, Jr.
Chair