

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2012, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee (“the Committee”) of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution met on December 19, 2012, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Participating were Executive Committee and Board Chair France A. Córdova, Vice Chair Patricia Q. Stonesifer, 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

Dr. Córdova called the meeting to order. She explained that the meeting’s agenda would focus on the Report of the Secretary and an executive session devoted to the Secretary’s and the Chief of Staff to the Regents’ performance reviews for fiscal year 2012.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Inauguration Activities. Dr. Clough began his report by noting that the Presidential Inauguration Committee provided funding to the Smithsonian to support activities related to the Inauguration. In addition, he said that a Senate hurricane relief bill contains \$2 million for the Smithsonian to address damages caused by Hurricane Sandy. However, the proposed funding has proven to be somewhat controversial and may not secure House support.

Senator Inouye. Dr. Clough and Dr. Cordova concurred that the Regents will honor Senator Daniel Inouye at the January 28, 2013, Regents’ meeting. Senator Inouye, a longtime supporter of the Smithsonian, died on December 17, 2012.

Patent and Trademark Office Partnership. Dr. Clough described the progress achieved toward a partnership agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the Smithsonian to provide innovation-related programming for about 15,000 square feet of the Arts and Industries Building. The agreement is currently undergoing legal review by the USPTO and Smithsonian staff.

Digital Initiatives. The external digital initiatives advisory group conducted its initial meeting on December 18, 2012, Dr. Clough said. The members represent an “excellent mix of people” from industry, academia, and the government and are expected to meet in person at the Smithsonian in February 2013.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee then conducted an executive session to discuss the draft performance reviews of Dr. Clough and Mr. Lapiana.

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

Respectfully submitted,

France A. Córdova
Chair