

## **MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2016, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AFTERNOON MEETING**

The Executive Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) held a meeting on October 6, 2016, at the Smithsonian Castle in Washington, DC. Participating were Executive Committee and Board Chair John W. McCarter, Jr.; Vice Chair Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson;\* and Committee Member David Rubenstein.

Also present by invitation of the Committee were Secretary Skorton; Counselor to the Chief Justice Jeffrey P. Minear;\* Chief of Staff to the Secretary Greg Bettwy; Office of the Regents Senior Researcher & Writer Jennifer Ehlinger (recorder); General Counsel Judith Leonard; Deputy Chief of Staff to the Regents Rachel Parker; and Chief of Staff to the Regents Porter Wilkinson.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. McCarter called the meeting to order at approximately 1:44 p.m.

### **MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the draft minutes of the August 16 and September 9, 2016, meetings without modification.

### **APRIL 2017 STRATEGIC MEETING**

The Committee was briefed on plans for the April 2017 Strategic Meeting. The Board’s first Strategic Meeting was held in April 2016, and took place at the National Museum of American History. Several Regent committees have started to consider the agenda and possible locations for the next Strategic Meeting, which is scheduled to be held on April 3, 2017. The current plan for the first half of the meeting is to discuss the new Strategic Plan and the work of the Strategic Planning Committee. Proposed plans for the second half of the Strategic Meeting currently include a technology demonstration, which would provide Regents and Smithsonian leadership an opportunity to test new technology relevant to the museum experience.

The Committee considered the possibility of holding the meeting off-site, as the Smithsonian does not currently have a facility with the space and infrastructure to support the number of advanced technologies needed for such a demonstration. The Committee agreed that the Congressional Regents and the full Board should be adequately briefed on the current plans and potential of holding the meeting off-site, before a venue is secured and the agenda is finalized.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Committee then conducted an executive session. The Secretary updated the Committee about ongoing discussions to feature Cuba at the 2017 Folklife Festival. Next, General Counsel Judith Leonard briefed the Committee on a deaccession matter. The Committee then received

*\*Participated by telephone*

updates on personnel matters related to the staffing and organization of senior management, including the searches for several senior positions. Lastly, the Committee received an update on the Secretarial Review Process.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. McCarter, Jr.  
Chair