VOTED that the Board of Regents approves the Minutes of the Meetings of June 11 and 18 and September 17, 2007, as previously circulated on November 14, 2007. [2007.11.01]

VOTED that the Board of Regents reappoints Wilmer S. Cody, James F. Dicke II, Richard W. Herbst, Judy S. Huret, and Chris E. McNeil, Jr., to the Smithsonian National Board for three-year terms effective October 2007. [2007.11.02]

VOTED that the Board of Regents appoints James Larry Frazier and Phillip H.K. Omohundro to the Advisory Board of the Anacostia Community Museum for three-year terms effective October 1, 2007. [2007.11.03]

VOTED that the Board of Regents appoints Mounir Boushenaki, Mickey Hart, and Ellen McCulloch-Lovell to the Advisory Council of the Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage for three-year terms effective January 1, 2008. [2007.11.04]

VOTED that the Board of Regents appoints Harold E. Doley, Jr., Rosa H. Riddle, and James H. Small to the Board of the National Museum of African Art for three-year terms effective immediately. [2007.11.05]

VOTED that the Board of Regents appoints Howard R. Berlin to the Board of Trustees of the National Museum of the American Indian for a three-year term effective immediately. [2007.11.06]

VOTED that the Board of Regents reappoints Peter Buck, Rita R. Colwell, and Jerold J. Principato to the Board of the National Museum of Natural History for three-year terms effective January 31, 2008. [2007.11.07]

VOTED that the Board of Regents appoints Anthony V. Lupo to the Advisory Board of the National Zoological Park for a three-year term effective immediately. [2007.11.08]

VOTED that the Board of Regents appoints F. Christian Thompson and reappoints Mary Falvey to the Board of the Smithsonian Institution Libraries for three-year terms and reappoints Jay Freedman and Mike Gooden to the Board for exceptional third three-year terms, all effectively immediately. [2007.11.09]

VOTED that the Board of Regents recognizes the generosity of 3M and the 3M Foundation to the National Museum of Natural History, its Ocean Initiative, and the Ocean Hall exhibition, and accepts the terms of this sponsorship agreement. [2007.11.10]

VOTED that the Board of Regents recognizes the generosity of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to the Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery and gratefully approves the creation and naming of the Andrew W. Mellon Senior Scientist in the Department of Conservation and Scientific Research Endowment. [2007.11.11]
VOTED that the Board of Regents approves the creation and naming of the Fenner A. Chace, Jr., Endowment for the Study of Crustacea at the National Museum of Natural History, an endowment named in memory of the late Museum zoologist, the proceeds of which shall be used to support the taxonomic study of Crustacea. Further, the Board authorizes the transfer of funds identified for this purpose. [2007.11.12]

VOTED that the Board of Regents approves revising the terms of the Freer/Sackler Gallery Director’s Discretionary Fund to make clear that the Director of the Galleries may spend the fund principal to meet program or project needs if, at the Director’s discretion, the fund income alone is insufficient. [2007.11.13]

VOTED that the Board of Regents recognizes the generosity of the General Electric Company to the National Air and Space Museum and gratefully approves the naming of the GE Aviation Lecture Series. This recognition will be associated with the program lecture series so long as the company continues its support. [2007.11.14]

VOTED that the Board of Regents recognizes the distinguished service of founding director W. Richard West, Jr., to the National Museum of the American Indian, as well as the support of the Seneca Nation of Indians, and so transfers the Seneca Nation of Indians’ recognition in the National Mall Museum’s third-floor west-end rotating gallery Room 3013 to the Museum’s fourth-floor west-end historical gallery Room 4014 and gratefully renames Room 3013 the W. Richard West, Jr., Contemporary Art Gallery, in perpetuity. [2007.11.15]

VOTED that the Board of Regents authorizes the Acting Secretary to engage in good faith negotiations for the purchase of the 587-acre Contee Farm in Edgewater, Maryland, on behalf of the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, and that any proposed purchase be subject to approval of the Executive Committee. [2007.11.16]

VOTED that the Board of Regents elects Roger W. Sant as Chair of the Executive Committee. [2007.11.17]

VOTED that the Board of Regents approves the appointment of Mr. Don Chapin as a non-Regent member of the Audit and Review Committee. [2007.11.18]

VOTED that the Board of Regents endorses the framework for a business plan to address the Smithsonian’s facilities challenges as proposed by the Facilities Revitalization Committee, and authorizes the Chair to present the framework publicly on behalf of the Board. [2007.11.19]

VOTED that the Board of Regents approves the proposed charter of the Facilities Revitalization Committee. [2007.11.20]

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary And General Counsel