

## **MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2010, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Executive Committee (“the Committee”) of the Smithsonian Board of Regents conducted a telephone meeting on September 29, 2010, beginning at 3:55 p.m. to consider certain end-of-the-fiscal-year matters. In attendance were Board Chair Patricia Q. Stonesifer, Vice Chair Alan G. Spoon, and Committee member Robert P. Kogod. Also present by invitation of the Committee were Secretary G. Wayne Clough, Chief of Staff to the Secretary Patricia L. Bartlett, Chief of Staff to the Regents John K. Lapiana, and General Counsel Judith Leonard. The meeting followed a presentation to the Committee by the leadership of the Smithsonian Redesign team and preceded a briefing by the Office of Communications and Public Affairs on the Smithsonian’s branding initiative.

Ms. Stonesifer called the meeting to order.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MAY 18, 2010, MINUTES**

Following a technical correction identified by Mr. Kogod to the draft minutes, the Committee approved the minutes for the May 18, 2010, Executive Committee meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF GIFTS TO THE NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM AND THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE**

Mr. Lapiana noted that the underlying agreement for the proposed National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) gift had not yet been executed by the donor and that the museum was therefore seeking contingent approval from the Committee on behalf of the full Board. Ms. Stonesifer explained that the Advancement Committee recommended approval of both gifts by the Regents and, because of timing considerations, the Executive Committee was asked to act on behalf of the full Board. With regard to the NMAAHC gift, Ms. Stonesifer suggested that any contingent approval be effective as long as no substantive changes be made to the underlying gift agreement.

Accordingly, the following motions were approved:

**VOTED** that pursuant to Section 3.01 of the Bylaws, the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board, recognizes the generosity of The Boeing Company to the Smithsonian and the National Air and Space Museum and approves continuing the naming of the Boeing Aviation Hanger through 2052.

**VOTED** that pursuant to Section 3.01 of the Bylaws, the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Regents, recognizes the generosity of American Express to the National Museum of African American History and Culture and accepts the terms of the gift agreement after its execution by American Express. In addition, the Regents approve in advance the naming of a gallery space within the museum building for a period of 25 years from the date of the public opening of the building. The name of the gallery will

be consistent with the policies and guidelines of the Smithsonian and the museum. The donor also has a first right to name the space again after the term of the naming is completed if the museum again elects to offer the space for named recognition.

**APPOINTMENT TO COOPER-HEWITT, NATIONAL DESIGN MUSEUM'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Ms. Stonesifer noted that the Committee was asked to reappoint three members to the Board of Trustees of Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum, to allow for their participation at its next advisory board meeting. The Committee then approved the following motion:

**VOTED** that pursuant to Section 3.01 of the Bylaws, the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Regents, approves the reappointments of Anne Ehrenkranz, Eric Green, and Richard Meier to the Board of Trustees of Cooper- Hewitt, National Design Museum for three-year terms effective immediately.

The meeting was concluded at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Stonesifer  
Chair