

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2015, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution held a teleconference meeting on February 23, 2015. Participating were Executive Committee and Board Chair John W. McCarter, Jr.; Vice Chair Shirley Ann Jackson; and Committee member David Rubenstein.

Also present by invitation of the Committee were Acting Secretary Albert Horvath; Counselor to the Chief Justice Jeffrey P. Minear; Chief of Staff to the Secretary Patricia Bartlett; Office of the Regents Writer-Editor Julie Bindelglass (recorder); Director of Advancement and Philanthropic Giving Virginia Clark; Director of the Office of Special Events and Protocol Karen Keller; Interim Under Secretary for Science John Kress; Acting Under Secretary for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer John Lapiana; General Counsel Judith Leonard; Director of Communications and External Affairs Evelyn Lieberman; 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 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the draft minutes of the January 15, 2015, meetings without modification.

SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT AND SPACE NAMING

The Committee considered, on behalf of the full Board, the motion to accept the terms of a sponsorship agreement and approve a naming for the National Museum of American History. The pending gift was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Advancement Committee of the Board of Regents.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following motion was approved:

VOTED that the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board of Regents pursuant to Board Bylaw 3.01, accepted the terms of a sponsorship agreement and approved a naming for the National Museum of American History. At the request of the donor and the museum, the action is being treated as confidential until publicly announced at a mutually agreed upon date.

UPDATE ON THE ARTS AND INDUSTRIES BUILDING

Acting Under Secretary for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer John Lapiana presented an update on the Arts and Industries Building renovations. He provided information on the planned use of the building following the completion of construction, the scope of upcoming construction, and a tentative timeline for completion.

DISCUSSION OF THE APRIL 13, 2015, BOARD MEETING AGENDA

A copy of the draft agenda for the April 13, 2015, meeting was provided to the Committee. Mr. McCarter highlighted a presentation from the Director of the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden; a lunchtime conversation with the Director of the Cooper-Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum; and a potential new set-up for lunch.

DISCUSSION OF PLANS FOR DR.SKORTON'S INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Director of Communications and External Affairs Evelyn Lieberman and Director of Special Events and Protocol Karen Keller led a discussion about plans for Dr. Skorton's installation as the thirteenth Secretary of the Smithsonian.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee then conducted an executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. McCarter, Jr.
Chair