

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26, 2012, GOVERNANCE AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Governance and Nominating Committee (“the Committee”) of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution met on March 26, 2012, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Smithsonian Institution Building in Washington, D.C. Participating were Committee Chair Roger W. Sant and members Senator Patrick Leahy and Robert P. Kogod; member Steve Case was unable to attend but provided comments in advance of the meeting.

Present by invitation of the Committee were Secretary G. Wayne Clough; Inspector General Scott Dahl; Chief of Staff to the Regents John K. Lapiana; General Counsel Judith Leonard; and Liaison to Senator Leahy Kevin McDonald. Also present by invitation of the Committee were Isaacson, Miller consultants Sean Farrell and Kahn Lee.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sant called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

NEW REGENTS SEARCH

Mr. Sant welcomed members and thanked them for being able to accommodate a meeting in person. He said that Mr. Case was in Germany and therefore unable to participate, but had provided him with detailed comments for use in the Regent search discussion.

Mr. Sant noted that the entire meeting would be devoted to advancing the identification of a candidate to succeed Alan G. Spoon on the Board, whose second term will expire in May 2012, as well as look ahead to the two vacancies that will be created in late 2013 by his and Patty Stonesifer’s departures. Mr. Kogod encouraged the Committee to take a “holistic approach” and balance the Board’s needs with regard to all three departures, rather than focus on the immediately occurring vacancy.

The Committee went into executive session to discuss potential candidates.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger W. Sant
Chair