

## **MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 29, 2011, INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Smithsonian Investment Committee (“the Committee”), a committee of the Smithsonian Board of Regents, conducted a meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. Participating were Committee Chair David Silfen and Committee members Afsaneh Beschloss, J. Tomilson Hill III, Timothy O’Neill, David Rubenstein, and Alan Spoon. Committee Vice Chair Roger Sant and member Eli Broad were not able to participate. Participating staff included Secretary Wayne Clough, Chief of Staff to the Secretary Patricia Bartlett, Chief Investment Officer Amy Chen, Investment Officer Ryan Dotson, Associate General Counsel Farleigh Earhart, Manager of Investment Operations Rika Feng, Investment Officer Michael Giovenco, Under Secretary for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer Albert Horvath, and Investment Officer Jeff Smith.

### **Call to Order**

Chair David Silfen called the meeting to order.

### **Approval of Minutes**

After consideration and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously approved, the minutes of the September 22, 2011, Committee meeting were approved.

### **Report of the Chair**

The Chair reported that this interim meeting was added due to the five-month gap between the September 2011 Committee meeting and the next scheduled meeting on February 14, 2012. The gap was the result of an adjustment for the 2012 meeting schedule, which was organized to track the quarterly receipt of data on the Endowment and thus improve its governance.

To support the Smithsonian’s capital campaign, the Chair presented an Endowment Overview report at the October 21, 2011, meeting of the Smithsonian National Board. Additional presentations may be scheduled with other advisory boards to spread awareness and understanding of the Investment Committee’s activities. Secretary Clough added that presentations on the Endowment make a major difference in educating Smithsonian constituencies and making the case for raising Endowment funds. The Endowment presentation template will be circulated to the Committee members for comment.

### **Portfolio Review**

Chief Investment Officer Amy Chen reviewed the Endowment performance and discussed the lack of standard reporting requirements within peer universes (i.e., gross versus net return reporting).

**Portfolio Implementation**

Ms. Chen detailed plans for the remainder of the calendar year and for the beginning of 2012. Staff has been reducing the natural resource stock index and has increased to private energy investments.

The Watch List and forward calendar were reviewed.

**Executive Session**

There were no issues to discuss and the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.