

## **MINUTES OF THE MARCH 22, 2018, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Executive Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents (“Board”) of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) met on March 22, 2018, at the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington, DC. Participating were Chancellor John G. Roberts, Jr.; Board and Executive Committee Chair David Rubenstein; Vice Chair Steve Case; and Committee member Dr. Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey.\*

Also present by invitation of the Committee were Secretary David Skorton, Counselor to the Chief Justice Jeffrey P. Minear, Chief of Staff to the Secretary Greg Bettwy, General Counsel Judith Leonard, Chief of Staff to the Regents Porter Wilkinson, and Deputy Chief of Staff to the Regents Kate Forester.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chancellor John G. Roberts, Jr. called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Board and Executive Committee Chair David Rubenstein thanked the Chancellor and Mr. Minear for hosting and outlined the agenda for the meeting, which consisted of an overview of the Smithsonian’s post-Campaign celebrations, followed by a review of the proposed agenda for the April 9, 2018, meeting of the Board of Regents.

### **OVERVIEW OF THE APRIL 9, 2018, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS**

#### **Smithsonian Campaign Reception and Dinner**

On Saturday, April 7, 2018, the Smithsonian will celebrate the culmination of the Smithsonian Campaign (“Campaign”). The festivities will begin with a leadership reception in the Arts and Industries Building. Daytime programming on Sunday April 8, 2018, will include events hosted at the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum and the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden. As part of the programming, Mr. Rubenstein will interview Presidential Historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning Author Doris Kearns Goodwin and discuss how the American story is told through the individuals who have shaped it. The evening event at the National Museum of African American History and Culture (“NMAAHC”) on Sunday, April 8, 2018, will take the place of the customary Regents’ dinner.

#### **Regents’ April Strategic Meeting**

On Monday, April 9, 2018, the Board will convene at NMAAHC for its third annual strategic meeting. Each year, the Board dedicates a portion of its April meeting to a strategic topic. This year, the focus will be on the Smithsonian’s role within the global scientific community. The day will begin with an informal breakfast, which will provide Regents and Smithsonian leadership an opportunity for hands-on engagement with interactive content and items from the Smithsonian’s collection.

\*Participated by telephone

**Interview with Dr. Rush D. Holt:** Board and Executive Committee Chair David Rubenstein will open the formal program with an interview of Rush D. Holt, Ph.D. Dr. Holt is the executive publisher of the *Science* family of journals and the chief executive officer of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest multi-disciplinary scientific and engineering membership organization.

**Focus on Science:** Post-interview, participants will hear from a variety of Smithsonian content experts in the fields of biological science, scientific literacy, astronomy, and astrophysics. The presentations will also showcase a live taping of the Smithsonian's popular podcast, *Sidedoor*.

**Luncheon Program:** Regents and Smithsonian science experts will engage in a strategic discussion about the Smithsonian's role in the global scientific community. Secretary Skorton will lead the conversation and pose various questions to each table in order to facilitate feedback from the Regents on how best to advance the Smithsonian's science agenda.

### **Regents' Afternoon Business Meeting**

**Executive Session:** The first item on the afternoon meeting agenda will be an executive session, during which the Board will discuss several personnel matters. Additionally, Governance and Nominating Committee member John Fahey will close the executive session with a discussion and vote on the reappointment of Ambassador Barbara Barrett for a second term as a Citizen Regent.

**Report of the Chair and Approval of the Consent Agenda:** Following the executive session, the Board will be asked to approve the Consent Agenda. It will include items such as recognition of former Smithsonian Secretary Robert McCormick Adams, recognition of Representative Tom Cole's former Chief of staff Sean Patrick Murphy, approval of the January Board meeting minutes, approval of gifts and naming recognitions, and approval advisory board appointments and reappointments.

**Report of the Secretary:** Next, Secretary Skorton will deliver his report on the state of the Smithsonian and provide the Board with a post-Campaign analysis, the Memorandum of Understanding with Saudi Aramco, the revised Smithsonian organization chart, his recent *Torch* article on accessibility, and an update on the Smithsonian National Board leadership. The Secretary noted that the House of Representatives passed a \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending bill, which will go to the Senate prior to the current continuing resolution deadline at midnight on Friday, March 23. The Secretary informed the Committee that updates would be provided to the Board as they are available regarding the Smithsonian's federal appropriations.

**Executive Session – London Opportunity:** The Secretary and Under Secretary Al Horvath will ask the Board of Regents to review and approve the final terms and conditions for the proposed collaboration with the Victoria & Albert Museum ("V&A") in London.

**Executive Session:** The meeting will conclude with an executive session for the “gatekeepers,” during which the General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, Inspector General, and Secretary will have an opportunity to raise issues they consider appropriate for Regent discussion or information.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rubenstein, Chair