

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
ALBUQUERQUE MUSEUM
October 13, 2015

Present:	Jacobo de la Serna, Chair	Cathy Wright
	Kathleen Davison-Lebeck	Andrew Connors
	Pamela Chavez	Deborah Slaney
	Dr. Jerome Goss	Elizabeth Becker
	Louise Campbell-Tolber	Debra Romero
	Dr. Siu Wong	
	Beverly Bendicksen	

Absent: John Cordova
Harold Behl

The meeting was called to order at 11:39 a.m.

Approval of the minutes of the June 9, 2015, and August 11, 2015, Board of Trustees meetings were M/S/P, as amended.

Referencing the presentation by Toni Martorelli on advocacy at the August Board meeting, Jacobo de la Serna discussed the possible future advocacy role of the Board of Trustees. Nominations for officers for FY 2016 were reviewed. For Chair, Harold Behl; for Vice-Chair, Jerome Goss; and two nominees for Secretary/Treasurer, Pamela Chavez and Louise Campbell-Tolber. There was discussion about the role of the Secretary/Treasurer and the Executive Committee. A suggestion was made that the Board might consider monthly meetings. A call was made for additional nominations. A motion to accept the slate. A motion was made that the vote be done by ballot M/S/P. Before the ballot was cast, Louise Campbell-Tolber withdrew her name from the ballot. A motion was made to accept the slate as amended M/S/P. The officer slate was passed.

Cathy Wright noted the upcoming replacement of Albuquerque map floor in the history exhibit due to inherent flaws. Carmen Ortiz from the Mayor's office called to remind the Board that they need applications/nominees for Board positions. It was suggested that thinking strategically, nominees should be selected whose background would align with the Board's goals (for advocacy, for example). Kathleen Lebeck made a motion that the Executive Committee, informed by Toni Martorelli's advocacy presentation and considering the strategic direction of the Board, will develop and present general guidelines for finding nominees at the next meeting. M/S/P (one vote against/Goss). Dr. Goss suggested that the Board infrastructure requires addressing before that discussion. A suggestion was made that at the next meeting the Board discuss the direction of it efforts.

Beverly Bendicksen discussed the Foundation's upcoming Miniatures and More fund raiser. Included is a new Friday night private preview event with a higher

ticket price. Fund raising is on target year-to-date. The FY 2015 audit is complete with an unqualified opinion and accurately and fairly reflects the activities of the organization. The long-range planning committee has made a number of recommendations to the Foundation board about strategic goals and made suggestions to several committees, such as marketing and governance. Most committees have met twice already this year. They are discussing issues about what the Foundation should be doing to successfully achieve its mission. The long-range planning committee is focused on how to make membership more valuable to members and figure out ways to provide opportunities to members that are not available to general public in the hopes of increasing membership and bringing in more money. Debra Romero will be taking a sabbatical for the months of November and December.

Andrew Connors review the last Art Advisory Committee meeting minutes from August 11, 2015. Several items for the art collection were recently purchased. Andrew asked the Art Advisory Committee to think about sources of funds for purchases and or gifts in the future. The Foundation arranged for a private luncheon for women from Santa Fe, who traveled here to see the Killer Heels exhibit. During the luncheon discussion with Andrew, the women decided to purchase two items by regional artists from the Killer Heels exhibit and gift to the museum. Andrew thanked Debra and Foundation for facilitating the purchase. The works are significant acquisitions and will be traveling with the exhibit to Palm Springs. The new works on paper exhibition, *Hard Edge Abstraction*, will be opening October 17.

Deborah Slaney reviewed five outgoing loans from the history collection to Carlsbad Museum and Art Center; Farm & Ranch Museum, Las Cruces; Museum of International Folk Art, Santa Fe; Balloon Museum; and Roswell Museum of Art. The Board asked to be advised in the future as to when and where objects will be on loan. There will be an exhibit opening on December 19 of work by the tinsmith and poet Higinio V. Gonzales, accompanied by a newly published book by Maurice Dixon.

Elizabeth Becker stated that the Education department completed the single largest event at Casa San Ysidro. Around 1,500 people attend the Harvest Festival. The Lead with the Arts afterschool program for teens starts next week. They will work with a local artist to learn about the art business and create an exhibition. November 3rd Thursday will be a great collaboration with Oliver Prezant, an arts educator in Santa Fe connected with the Santa Fe Opera, and will include a night of pop-up performances in the museum galleries.

Siu Wong mentioned the docents as a valuable asset to the museum and that the docent training program has been changed from a two-year to a one-year program. Elizabeth Becker explained reasons including retention of docents and being able to take in new docents on an annual basis. The new program will shorten book learning time to begin touring sooner. All docents receive on-going education for new exhibitions. This year the museum received twice as many applications, which

were cut off at 48, which will help with on-going attrition of Docents. Docent volunteers work every other week throughout the year. The museum maintains around 100 active docents.

Cathy mentioned that the museum will be participating in this year's Old Town Holiday Stroll, on Friday, December 4. Cathy's Museum Directors Roundtable will be visiting October 22-23, and will provide feedback on the Museum and Casa San Ysidro's operations.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING December 8, 2015, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.