

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
ALBUQUERQUE MUSEUM**

10 October 2018 | APPROVED MINUTES @ 12 December 2018 meeting

Present: BOT members

Judith Suiter, Chair
joni m palmer, Secretary
Pamela Weese Powell
Helen Atkins
Beverly Bendicksen
Alan Weitzel

CABQ STAFF

Andrew Connors, Museum Director
Cynthia Garcia, Assistant Director
Deb Slaney, Curator of History
Denise Crouse, Communications Manager
Emily Blaugrund Fox, Executive Director,
AM Foundation

Absent: Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education; Hal Behl (BOT); Wayne Chew (BOT); Maria Griego-Raby, AM Foundation President; Jillian Hartke, Digital Archivist

Action Items in RED.

Meeting called to order

Chairperson Judith Suiter called the meeting to order at 11:39 a.m. [We have a quorum]

Approval of / Revisions to Minutes

joni to amend August meeting minutes before sending to Denise.

Beverly Bendicksen moved to approve the minutes, Pamela Weese Powell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Welcome to new BOT member—Helen Atkins

Board members introduced themselves and Helen said a few things about herself [born and raised here, 24 years old, artist – works with many organizations].

New Museum magazine

- Emily Blaugrund Fox: beautiful, 4 more pages!

Chairperson’s Report—Judith Suiter

- No more news to report.

Board Activity/Discussion—Andrew Connors and joni palmer: Community Cultures and Voices of the Albuquerque Museum (20 minutes)

There were 5 responses to the questions joni emailed to the Board.

Please see: “BOT responses to Andrew’s questions.docx”

- I. Questions
 1. Does the ABQ Museum well represent the various cultures and voices in our community?
 2. Do we have the tools and staff necessary to do this?
 3. If not, how do we make sure those voices are heard?
- II. Point of Departure: Judith’s response to the questions
Does the ABQ Museum well represent the various cultures and voices in our community? I believe the Museum does a good job with this, but it would probably benefit from more outreach with the greater metropolitan community. How do we define the “greater metropolitan community”? The Museum’s exhibitions are relevant to the area and culture such that the various cultures and voices would feel included. What other voices do we need

to include? Is it geographic? – do we know what is the “reach” of the Museum in the community?

III. Discussion Points: joni recommended we choose 1 for each of the upcoming BOT meeting agendas/discussions

1. Education Center: Demographics of kids (e.g., Where do they live?) What tools, resources and staff do we need? Fine-tune outreach for the education center.
2. What do we mean by “represent”? Outreach, kids, metropolitan community, voices that need to be heard (that we have not reached out to yet)
3. Continued strategic engagement with AM Foundation and partners.
4. Are we contemporary /non-traditional enough?

Q: Alan Weitzel: How big of a priority is the Education Center?

A: Andrew Connors: the earlier the discussion, the better, re: long-range planning and capital campaign

What do we need to have for these conversations?

- To have the education center conversation, do we need plans, models, etc.?
 - Sam Sterling (architect) visit with us?
 - Education Center summary report that went to Sam Sterling (architect)
- Alan Weitzel: We need to see big picture of what museum does (e.g., list of all activities & how funded. Emily Blaugrund Fox: has spreadsheet for AMF and is expanding to museum = a snapshot of all programs [e.g., name, what it is, budget \$, how it fits into the strategic plan, impact numbers]
- How to get museum info inserted into Emily’s spreadsheet?
 - joni palmer: ask Regina Chavez Puccetti, Director of Certificate Programs for the Arts Management Program, about arts intern to help
 - Pamela Weese Powell: Shouldn’t this be part of a quarterly report?
 - Judith Suiter: Only items that have a line item in the budget
 - Alan Weitzel: Activities that take personpower from museum and have an impact on potential donors
 - Denise Crouse: Starting point: already have information on programs and events, if need intern we can do so at a later date

ACTION ITEM; Denise will start doing this and give us an update at the next meeting, using Emily’s spreadsheet as a template

Motion: joni palmer, Alan Weitzel seconded, Unanimous approval.

ACTION ITEM: Education Center as first discussion (see above) and decide future discussions at that time.

Motion: joni palmer, Alan Weitzel seconded, Unanimous approval.

Museum Director’s Report—Andrew Connors

- Thank you Denise Crouse, re: messaging work
- Museum has taken on the largest exhibition project of the last two decades, the “Spain Exhibit” is a major exhibit, and we need to acknowledge its complexity (e.g., number of projects, activities, workload). Kudos to the professional staff!
 - Two galleries worth of exhibition: North: 10 November + West: 22 December
 - Cynthia Garcia has secured Prado videos, Mexico City videos, and downloadable app for walking tour
 - \$5 surcharge for the exhibit. Will go into our budget for future projects. Cynthia Garcia is working on contract. [Surcharges in the past: done through the Foundation , hit roadblocks for this exhibit].

- \$5 is for North and West galleries
 - \$5 per visit
- 2021 exhibit will use these surcharge monies.
- Hoping to make \$1/4 million, which equals 50,000 people. So, starting to advertise...
- If we reach this goal, asking for money to be put forward for future projects
- Asking members to pay surcharge too.
- BTW: Cynthia Garcia's plan has been help up as a model for other city departments and agencies
- Thank you Emily Blaugrund Fox for your work, too.
- Asking staff and BOT to wear name badges
- Stickers for people who have paid surcharge
- Arts Thrive is next week
- Long-term thinking: Retrospective of Jim Henson
- Updated BOT, Cultural Services staff, and Museum staff
 - **ACTION ITEM: update the address for Beverly Bendicksen, Alan Weitzel, and Pamela Weese Powell**

Foundation Report—Emily Blaugrund Fox [Maria Griego-Raby, President not able to attend meeting]

- Just completed audit
- Promised \$55,000 for sponsorships
- Arts Thrive tickets
- Goal for Collectors' Dinner is 48 (have 41 so far)
- Andrew (Connors) and Emily (Blaugrund Fox) heading to Santa Fe on 25 October to give a talk on new exhibit (Las Campanas Country Club). Emily can't fundraise at the event.
- "Spain Exhibit" Opening Events
 - Patrons' Circle Dinner is Th 8 November – invites going out this week
 - Member event is the 9th (will be tracking member attendance numbers)
 - 2 docent lead tours from 11am – 4 pm: a quieter opening
 - No docent tours at 5:30-8 pm event
 - Public event is the 10th
- Foundation has \$323,500.0s for history exhibit: to spruce it up, change things out, technology; contract will run through the Foundation; work starts after 1 January 2019
- Q: Beverly Bendicksen: How much did the Foundation contribute to "Spain Exhibit"?
A: Emily Blaugrund Fox: \$130,000 allocated to exhibits in last 2 years

Curator Reports

Deb Slaney, Curator of History

- Elizabeth Becker and Jillian Hartke are at an autism training at UNM
- Cancelled HAC meeting because it's a slow year
- Next meeting will be at the end of December
- Will report on upcoming exhibits
- Andrew minutes from August Arts Advisory: See handout
- Lots of terrific acquisitions (e.g., Page 7 at bottom of page: O'Grady portfolio of 60 images of code talkers)
- As usual, a few declined acquisitions because not museum quality work

Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education—at autism training at UNM

Art Curators Report—None

New Business

- Deaccession Request: Andrew Connors and Deb Slaney
- See hand out: Request for Motion and Vote to Deaccession Native American human remains and associated funerary objects from Prieta Vista Pueblo
- Deb Slaney explains: very complex and will be working through for a number of years to come
- No comments from tribes (30 day period)
- Now working through process of deaccessioning the items. Working with the City on this.
- Since HAC reviewed and approved, we can now request BOT to deaccession these materials—and return to appropriate tribes.
 - Motion: Pamela Weese Powell, Alan Weitzel seconded, Unanimous approval.
- Andrew Connors: Deb Slaney has done a lot of work!

Reminders

- Next BOT meeting is Wednesday the 12th of December at 11:30 am
- **BOT contact list will be sent out electronically**

Adjourn @ 12:58 pm

Pamela Weese Powell moved that the meeting be adjourned and Alan Weitzel seconded. Unanimous approval.

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 12 December @ 11:30 am to 1 pm
in the ABQ Museum Conference Room**