

**Albuquerque Museum Board of Trustees Meeting**  
City of Albuquerque Arts & Culture

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 11:30am – 1:00pm  
Albuquerque Museum Ventana Salon

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**Board Members Present**

Alan W. Weitzel, Chairman  
Paul Mondragon, Vice Chairman  
Steve Gallegos

Helen Atkins  
Sherri Burr  
Senator Bill Tallman

**Board Members Absent**

Pamela Weese Powell  
Christine Glidden

Chris Baca  
Hilma Chynoweth, Secretary/Treasurer

**Albuquerque Museum Staff Present**

Andrew Connors, Associate Director  
Elizabeth Becker, Education Curator  
Cyndy Garcia, Museum Administrator

Josie Lopez, Art Curator  
Julie Valdez, Administrative Assistant

**Albuquerque Museum Foundation Staff Present**

Andrew Rodgers, Executive Director

Denise Crouse, Communications

**Public Attendees**

Rosalee Lucero

Joyce Weitzel

**I Call to Order**

The Board Meeting was called to order by Alan Weitzel at 11:38am.

**II Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**III Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the August 10, 2022, meeting minutes was made by Paul Mondragon, Helen Atkins provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

Alan Weitzel reported that he had been officially reappointed and will now represent Mayor at Large  
Christine Glidden has been officially reappointed and will continue to represent District 5

(2) Districts remain vacant:

- District 4 (open)
- District 9 (open)

Scott Schaffer has given his proxy to Andrew Rodgers in his absence. We now have a quorum

#### **IV Proposed New Members to the Art and History Advisory Committees**

- Josie Lopez proposed Beverly Bendicksen as the as a new member representing the Albuquerque Museum Foundation for the Art Advisory Committee with the support of the Albuquerque Museum Foundation

A motion to approve Beverly Bendicksen was made by Sherry Burr, Andrew Rodgers provided a second. Board approved unanimously

- In December two more positions on the AAC will be open.
- Current members from the Board of Trustees are Helen Atkins and Pamela Weese-Powel
- Pamela Weese-Powell will be ending her term
- AAC will also have 1 Community Member appointment open
- BOT proposed to appoint Steve Gallegos to the AAC

A motion to approve Steve Gallegos was made by Sherry Burr, Paul Mondragon provided a second. Board approved unanimously

#### **V Approval for Wording Changes in Museum Core Documents**

Josie Lopez Reported:

- Accreditation Documents
  - (1) Change to Ethics & Collections Policies
    - Proceeds from sales from deaccessioning goes back to purchasing of artifacts only and will not be used for the care of artifacts
    - Changed words “and care”
    - P. 18 in the Collections Management plan
    - P. 17 in the BOT Policies.
    - This practice is aligned with AAM Best practices

A motion to strike “and Care” was made by Sherry Burr, Helen Atkins provided a second. Board approved unanimously

#### **VI Indian Boarding Schools of New Mexico Past & Present**

Rosalee Lucero gave a powerful presentation on a tentative exhibit outlining the Native American’s experience with the Indian Boarding schools of New Mexico. This exhibit would focus on the child and the family’s experiences with state programs for Native New Mexican Children from past and the present programs

#### **VII Director’s Report**

Andrew Connors Reported:

- Indian Boarding Schools of New Mexico Past & Present
  - This exhibit is in its research and fact finding stage
  - Rosalee is working on some aspects of this tentative exhibit with our development team on this project
  - Secretary of Interior Deb Holland will attend a dinner arranged by aMF members to present this exhibit format to her. She was interested and pleased with this project and that New Mexico is Looking at its Own History in this content

- Staff Challenges
  - Steve Petit, Collections Curator, has been with the aM since 2006. Steve has retired
  - Leslie Kim, History Curator, has been with the aM for 2-years. She will be returning to teaching
  - These positions have been approved to move forward with re-staffing
- Casa San Ysidro
  - Working on retaining its rainwater on site as requested by the Village of Corrales
  - Each property is responsible for its own water runoff
- Albuquerque Museum
  - Gas piping system does not meet code
  - Cyndy Garcia is working with the NM Gas Company to correct piping issues
  - Gas service for the south portion of our museum is currently suspended pending corrections of the piping issue
- Reaccreditation Site Visit by the American Alliance of Museums scheduled for November 3 & 4, 2022
  - 6<sup>th</sup> time the aM has gone through accreditation, passing the past (5) accreditations
  - (2) Members from AAM will tour the Museum and meet with critical staff members to complete the process of reaccreditation

## VIII Curators Report

Josie Lopez, Curator of Art, Reported:

- Accreditation Documents
  - Submit a 10- year Working Plan to accompany the Strategic Plan
    - Staff will review Working Plan at next General Staff Meeting and continue to utilize this as a working document and incorporate into our everyday work with Staff engaged in using the Strategic Plan to meet our goals
- 3 New Exhibits have opened
  - Contemporary Artists Responding to Landscapes
    - Kiki Smith, Nicola Lopez & Paula Wilson together
    - Shi Guouri
    - Thomas Cole Studio component Opening on November 18, 2022, will complete this exhibit
  - History of American Art Exhibit contract signed with Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art
  - Coast to Coast to Coast Exhibit contract signed with McMichael with Museum Box
- Art Advisory Committee meets in December and will consider acquisitions for the end of the year
- aM completed purchases of the \$100,000 in funding for acquisitions from the Mayor and Department of Arts & Culture
  - Funding Supports our DAEI Plan
  - Acquisitions purchased works from Raven Chacon, Neil Ambrose-Smith, Delilah Montoya, Marietta Leis, Yoshiko Shimano, Vicente Telles & Jason Garcia and Nicola Lopez

Andrew Connors Reported for Curator of History

- October 20, 2022: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Horreo
  - VIP's from the Hispanic Society of NY, as well as City Officials will speak at this event
  - Gift of Loewe

- Gift came to us by way of connection Cyndy Garcia has with the Hispanic Society of America in New York
- Celebrates the connection of Spain with the Americas
- The Horreo was used to store corn on the cobb which came from the Americas

Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education Reported:

- We are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of the Magic Bus program returning to the museum
- Docents are back in full force after 2.5 years
  - Half of Docents are new Docents
- Jody Vanesky, Education Assistant, is coordinating the Magic Bus, Museum School and Docent Programs
  - He currently has 90 requests for in person and virtual tours
- Casa San Ysidro has also started their tour programs
- November 19, 2022, will host a panel of the artists in the Cole Opening, which will include several artists from the Cole & Contemporary Responses Exhibit and aM Curators

## **IX Albuquerque Museums Foundation Report**

Andrew Rodgers Reports:

- November 3, 2022, the Albuquerque Museum Board of Trustees and the Albuquerque Museum Foundation Board of Directors will be participating in scheduled Vault Tours
- Indian Boarding School Tentative Exhibit
  - aMF Grant Writer has obtained \$10,000 in grants for IBS Exhibit
- aMF Lobbyist:
  - Raising Funds for the Education Center
    - Legislative Breakfast planned for early December
    - Invitation to meet with Governor Lujan
- Continuing to sort, remove, sell and donate the aMF Art Collection
  - Revenue from sales supports the museum
- Looking into setting up Museum School Scholarship fund opportunities
- Encouraging BOT members to attend Magic Bus Tours
- End of Year Fundraiser
  - Reaching out to 30K names on mailing list and members
  - Matching gift pool of funds
  - \$14,000+ collected this year
- Paul Mondragon complimented Andrew Rodgers work with aMF

## **X Adjourn**

Next meeting will be December 14, 2022, at 11:30am in person at the Albuquerque Museum  
 Sherri Burr made a motion to adjourn, Andrew Rodgers provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:08pm