

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

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 11:30am – 1:00pm
Albuquerque Museum Amphitheater

Board Members Present

Beverly R. Bendicksen, Chair
Helen Atkins, Secretary-Treasurer
Sherri Burr
Joni Pierce
Christine Glidden
Donald Couchman

Alan F. Weitzel, Vice Chair
Pamela Weese Powell
Paul M. Mondragon
Dr. Janet Samorodin-McIlwain
Hilma Chynoweth

Board Members Absent

Wayne G. Chew

Chris Baca

Albuquerque Museum Staff Present

Andrew Connors, Associate Director
Leslie Kim, History Curator
Julie Valdez, Administrative Assistant

Josie Lopez, Art Curator
Elizabeth Becker, Education Curator

Andrew Rogers, AMF Executive Director & CEO
Denise Crouse, AMF Communications

I Call to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by Beverly Bendicksen at 11:44am.

II Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the June 9, 2021, meeting minutes, with two corrections noted to be changed, was made by Paul Mondragon, Hilma Chynoweth provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

IV Approval of Annual Report to Mayor and City Council

A motion to approve the Annual Report was made by Helen Atkins, Joni Pierce provided a second. Board approved unanimously.

V Review of Open Meeting Acts Resolution

This Document was approved as is.

VI Review of Bylaws

A Task Force will be formed to update the current Bylaws adding in:

- Gender Specificity, Technology for Meetings and other updates as necessary

- Donald Couchman, Paul Mondragon and Beverly Bendicksen will be the initial Task Force members reviewing the Bylaws and Wayne Chew will be invited to join
- The Task Force will report back with next steps

VII Election of Officials

A motion was made by Pamela Weese-Powell to elect the slate as presented, Sherri Burr provided a second. Board approved unanimously. The newly elected Albuquerque Museum Board of Trustees Officials are:

Alan F. Weitzel – Chair

Helen Atkins – Vice Chair *Helen’s term has been extended to July 2023

Paul Mondragon – Secretary/Treasurer

VIII Director’s Report

Andrew Connors Reports:

- Andrew notes support from the City of Albuquerque for having no staff layoffs during the pandemic and the return to Museum activity
- Andrew noted support from the Albuquerque Museum Foundation during the pandemic and the return to Museum activity
- Thanks and acknowledgement were extended to Beverly Bendicksen for her accomplishments in updating museum documents during her tenure as BOT Chair. These updates are important for the reaccreditation of the museum
- 8/10/21, the Art Advisory Committee did not reach a quorum, so they could not move forward
- Transcendental Painting Group exhibit – Josie Lopez was recognized for her story telling layout of this exhibit. The Crocker Art Museum has adopted her layout of this exhibit and will apply it moving forward.
- The “Works on Paper” exhibit has opened
- We are re-conceptualizing the permanent collection to tell the history of Albuquerque
- Education programs have continued to be available with in-person and virtual programming
- COVID Safe practices are in place with guidance from the City of Albuquerque. Masks are required inside the museum.
- Staff at the museum is down 26%. This challenge is city-wide.
- Casa San Isidro is converting some of its programming to virtual opportunities and will hopefully re-open in September. Repairs from a recent storm are on-going.
- Andrew will cede his remaining time to Denise Crouse.

Denise Crouse Report:

- Denise distributed a communication highlights handout, which noted Albuquerque Museum’s current and upcoming exhibit coverage in national and local publications.

IX Albuquerque Museum Foundation Report

Andrew Rogers Reports:

- The aMF has (8) new Board Members: (6) reached the end of their term, giving them a net gain of (2)
- The aMF Board is working on diversity in membership and have added an out of area Board Member.
- aMF has hired a new Development Director, contracted a Grant Writer and is in search of a new Assistant

- Annual ArtsThrive will host (2) VIP Events:
 - Oct 7, 2021 – Collectors Dinner
 - Oct 9, 2021 – Gala
 - They will implement new technology with an app based Silent Auction
- aMF is engaging Ann Conway as a Lobbyist for the aM Education Center
 - BOT members can advocate to Legislators and City Council
- The Robert Wertheim Award will be awarded for outstanding service to the Foundation at an aMF event at Casa San Isidro at the end of August, Trustees will be invited
- Working on logistics for Magic Bus

X Adjourn

Next meeting will be October 13, 2021, at 11:30am in person at the Albuquerque Museum
Paul Mondragon made a motion to adjourn, Sherri Burr provided a second. Board approves
unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:52pm