

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**  
**ALBUQUERQUE MUSEUM**  
April 14, 2016

Present: Harold "Hal" Behl, Chair  
Pamela Chavez, Secretary  
Dr. Jerome Goss, Vice Chairman  
Beverly Bendicksen  
Louise Campbell-Tolber  
Debra Romero

Cathy Wright, Executive Director  
Elizabeth Becker  
Debra Slaney  
Andrew Connors

Absent: John Cordova  
Kathleen Davison-Lebeck  
Jacobo de la Serna  
Dr. Siu Wong

Chairman Behl moved that the meeting be called to order.  
Jerry moved and Louise seconded, motion carried unanimously.  
The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the February 9, 2015, Board of Trustees meeting were reviewed. Beverly Bendicksen's name was corrected in the "Present" section and deleted from the "Absent" section. Louise Campbell-Tolber was deleted from the "Absent" section. Jerry moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Louise seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Curator Reports**

Andrew Connors

- Andrew presented handouts of the Art Advisory Committee (AAC) minutes of December 8, 2015, and April 12, 2016 for information purposes.
- He reported numerous acquisitions in the December 8, 2015 minutes
- April 12, 2016 minutes notes:
  - Andrew mentioned a non-traditional loan request from the "Exhibit 208" for profit gallery who will host a 1 month exhibit in July celebrating the Art Space Magazine. The loan request of 14 works of art (valued at \$350,000) was approved unanimously by the AAC with some concerns.
    - The gallery is a for profit entity
    - There is no on-site security so there is the possibility of damage/theft. (The gallery has to insure the entire amount or pay for a rider on the AM's insurance)
    - There is no humidity control
  - Andrew recommended the AM BOT approve the request. If the loan is approved, Andrew will establish the appraisal value
  - Cathy will see if the City of Albuquerque CAO approval is needed
  - Jerry moved to approve the loan request, Beverly seconded, unanimous vote

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- The Museum is trying to acquire a 1900 set of ATSF Railroad playing cards with all Native American subjects. As there are no funds allocated, he will try to find a donor them
- Andrew is working with New Mexico PBS on the Common Ground installation

### **Elizabeth Becker**

- The 4/21 Third Thursday is coming up and will be busy with 2 youth exhibits in Gallery 7
  - “Lead with the Arts” student exhibit where the students work with museum staff to see the details of the installation process of their own work
  - Focus on Youth Partnership with APS – Students will bring their families to the opening on 5/1: BOT members were encouraged to attend
- Route 66 Exhibit: Worked with the library and Kimo theater for programs on their sites: Films, joint book discussions, speakers, historians
  - The interactive space contains a life size teardrop trailer from the 40-50’s: the staff went all out in developing this space. The Foundation is considering auctioning it off as a fundraiser
- Elizabeth reviewed the Calendar of Events at the bottom of the agenda, correcting the April 14<sup>th</sup> date of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday to April 21<sup>st</sup>, and noting the Rt. 66 opening events.

### **Foundation Report**

- Debra Romero said tht the Fairview Cemetery opening was an experiment and went very well. The Foundation will continue with Saturday openings for Keleher Gallery exhibits.
- When asked if the Museum picks up members at these type events, Debra mentioned that the Foundation will add people at the check in desk for member services to seek members
- Cathy commented that this is a continuation of the “Only in Albuquerque” series and that in these types of events, the community tells US their stories rather than us presenting stories
- Debra presented a Route 66 tie to Andrew with the caveat that he wear it regularly. Maureen at the store is having Rt. 66 ties custom made for the exhibit
- There will be a special reception as a small fundraiser after Michael Wallace’s presentation, a Fundraiser dinner with Antoine Predock and on 6/23 Christopher Mead will speak
- Beverly mentioned that the “Shaken Not Stirred” event was a big success, sold out & positive feedback

### **Chairperson’s Report – Hal Behl**

- Terrific list of events on the agenda: Hal encouraged all BOT to attend and take photos, especially to send to City Councilors, Dana, other VIPs
- Name badges are coming for BOT
- Casa San Ysidro has a Heritage Day on 5/14
- We should have more current BOT members on the Museum committees: Please talk to Hal if you want to serve on one.
- Hal asked if we use UNM Art students as interns?
  - Elizabeth said we don’t have a UNM internship program and we have to be careful with unpaid interns. UNM has a Museology program and place those students with us. Elizabeth has a credit based intern and Andrew has student volunteers
- The Executive Committee would like BOT members to help attend monthly staff meetings on the first Monday of each month at 8:45. Louise volunteered to attend the 5/2 meeting.

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### **Museum Director's Report – Cathy Wright**

- Attendance in March was 21% over last year's numbers
- The City is continuing with its budget process
- Carmen Ortiz is the City of Albuquerque liaison for nominations to boards and committees. Cathy is trying to reach her for an update of our BOT nominations.
- The City is working on the 2017 GO bonds, will finish this fall for the 2017 process. Cathy and her staff are working on our submissions. If we get less funds than requested, we can give the City input as to where to place the funds.
- Route 66 Exhibit: We are cross promoting with the Nuclear Museum who has a concurrent exhibit, using rack cards with both entity's information on the cards and joint press releases. They attract outside city visitors, we attract inside city visitors.
- Staff member Tom Antresian is retiring and is working on a job description to advertise outside of Albuquerque as well as within the city
- Casa San Ysidro
  - A Strategic planning meeting was held on 4/2 with 26 people to generate community and institutional ideas for programming and partnerships for sustainability, fee based programs and rentals (beyond tours).
    - Attendees included an ARCA representative, David Tinker (AM Foundation), Hal, and representatives from Sandoval County, the City Planning Department and the NM Humanities Council.
    - If BOT members have ideas for the Strategic Plan, please send them to Cathy
  - CSY gets 4,700 school children there, double the AM attendance by children
  - Teachers chose one or the other for the Magic Bus program

### **Unfinished Business – none**

### **New Business**

Kathleen Lebeck joined the BOT at the end of the meeting and was thanked for her dedicated service before going to lunch with Hal.

Kathleen reported that she had gotten her letter from the Mayor accepting her resignation.

### **Adjournment**

Louise motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Beverly seconded and the vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING June 3, 2016, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

### **2016 Board of Trustees Meetings**

April 12

June 3

August 9

October 11

December 13