

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES

ENTITY: WSHS Board of Trustees
DATE: September 24, 2015
LOCATION: Museum of History and Industry, Seattle
TRUSTEES PRESENT: Larry Kopp, President; Sally Barline; Raymond Bower; Robert Carriker; Carol Coe, representing Randy Dorn; Representative Sam Hunt; Alex McGregor, via telephone; Krist Novoselic; Sam Reed; Richard Scheuerman; Sheryl Stiefel; Jerry Whitfield; Representative J.T. Wilcox
STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Kilmer, Director; Tam Dang, Chief Financial Officer

- I. Call to Order and Introductions
Called to order at 9:02am
- II. Consent Items
 - a. Minutes, June 20, 2015 Meeting [Exhibit 1]*
Approved
 - b. Future Board Meeting Schedule [Exhibit 2]*
Approved
Discussion about meeting in different locations, not Olympia. Trustees want to have the meeting at different museums with an opportunity to learn about museum operations.
- III. Major Exhibits Committee
 - a. Shaping a New World Exhibit opening
 - If we are going to renovate, where do we start?
 - Request board members visit the new exhibit and provide feedback
 - Teachers will be the next group to visit the new exhibit on October 29th.
 - Is there some interest in Hanford and Columbia basin project?
 - b. Arctic Ambitions exhibit
 - Presentation about Arctic Ambitions exhibit
 - Discussed fundraising opportunities
- IV. Operations/Performance/Trend Assessments
 - a. Agency Activities and Performance Metrics [Exhibit 3]
 - Jennifer Kilmer provided a report on performance metrics.
- V. Policy, Planning & Governance
 - a. Director Review* [Exhibit 4]
 - b. Governance Committee
Call for additional committee members [Exhibit 5]
 - c. Finance Committee

- i. Investment Report [Exhibit 6]
- ii. Financial Report [Exhibit 7]
- iii. B17 Budget [Exhibit 8]*
 - Discussion of continued funding for National History Day. Jennifer Kilmer explained that the program has been difficult to fundraise for and is not self-sustaining through fees. Discussion resulted in one year of funding being included in the organizational budget with future funding contingent upon success of fundraising efforts.
 - Vote for Approval of the Fy16-17 budget as modified above.
- d. Development Committee
 - Discussed recent fundraising efforts.

VI. Good of the Order
Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm

VII. Museum of History and Industry Tour – Leonard Garfield, Executive Director

*Denotes Action Item