

**Meeting of Collections Committee of the
Louisiana State Museum Board of Directors
Old U.S. Mint, 3rd Floor, Green Room, New Orleans, LA 70116
September 4, 2019, 1:30 P.M.
Agenda**

Members Present: George A. Hero III, Anne F. Redd, Suzanne Terrell, Mary C. Coulon, Ann Irwin

Members Absent: Fairleigh Cook Jackson, Faye Phillips,

Advisors Present: Anne Strachan

LSM Staff Present: Steven Maklansky, Bridgette Thibodeaux, Tom Strider, Kira Kikla, David Kunian, Wayne Phillips, Sarah-Elizabeth Gundlach, Claudia Kheel, Illyana Bernabell, Anise Fiello

A quorum was present.

Call to Order

Anne Redd called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Adoption of the Agenda

Suzie Terrell made a motion to adopt the agenda. It was seconded by George Hero, and approved unanimously.

Adoption of Minutes from June 10, 2019

Anne Redd requested a motion to adopt the agenda. It was made by Suzie Terrell and seconded by George Hero. It was approved unanimously.

Collections Committee Action Items

1. Proposed Donations to the Carnival, Costumes and Textiles, Maps & Manuscripts, and Music Permanent Collections

Wayne Phillips introduced a substantial McCloskey Papers donation (Smith & Posey) highlighting the family's participation of carnival. Sara-Elizabeth Gundlach gave a history of Bassich family donations (Corenswet), going back to the 1960s.

Mary Coulon asked about the parameters of Washington Carnival collecting.

A motion was made by George Hero to accept the donations, seconded by Suzy Terrell, and unanimously approved by the committee.

2. Proposed Donation to the Carnival Study Collection

George Hero made a motion to accept a single item (Manson). It was seconded by Suzy Terrell, and passed unanimously.

3. Proposed Deaccessions

163 artifacts and artworks [paintings, photographs, books, armor, and currency] were presented by Claudia Kheel for deaccession. Additional objects were presented by Wayne Phillips [9 textiles] and David Kunian [1 piece of furniture and 13 damaged reel-to-reel tapes]

A motion to approve the deaccessions was made by George Hero. It was seconded by Suzy Terrell, and it received unanimous approval.

4. Proposed Incoming Loans

Steven Maklansky introduced two exhibitions, *Le Ker Kreole* [Arsenal] and *Chasing the Butterfly Man* [Cabildo].

A motion to approve incoming loans was made by Suzy Terrell. It was seconded by Ann Irwin. The motion received unanimous approval with the understanding that values be acquired from the lenders before the exhibitions open.

Proposed Outgoing Loans Update

Tom Strider provided a list of insurance values for a previously approved loan to HNOG for *Spanish New Orleans and the Caribbean* (2020).

5. Proposed Conservation Treatment

A film was discussed (by Caroline Ramsay, 1965), that received treatment approved at the discretion by the director. Three object treatments [carnival crown and gown, and a quilt] were presented for approval.

Ann Irwin introduced a motion to approve the treatments, George Hero seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Additional Committee Action Items

6. Advisors to the Collections Committee

After a discussion regarding committee advisors Ann Irwin called for a motion to approve the following statement for addition to the Collections Manual:

“Members of the Collections Committee may appoint up to eight outside advisors to the committee who will serve 2-year terms.”

George Hero made a motion to approve and Suzy Terrell seconded. The committee voted unanimously to approve the addition.

The committee decided to formally approve Anne Strachan as an advisor.

George Hero made a motion to approve her appointment and Suzy Terrell seconded. Ms. Strachan’s appointment was unanimously approved.

7. Changes to Rights and Reproductions Form

Steven Maklansky introduced a change to the current permissions form. Kira Kikla discussed changes to reflect ‘Found in Collections’ items and impediments to establishing clear title to objects. Modifications to the existing form were presented that place the onus on the borrower to secure copyright clearance.

George Hero made a motion to accept the changes. Suzie Terrell seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

Adjournment

Suzie Terrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Ann Irwin and other members concurred. The meeting ended at 4:00 pm.