

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
ALBUQUERQUE MUSEUM
December 9, 2014

Present:	Jacobo de la Serna, Chair	Cathy Wright
	Pamela Chavez (phone)	Andrew Connors
	Hal Behl	Elizabeth Becker
	Dr. Jerome Goss	Cynthia Garcia
	Kathleen Davison Lebeck	Debra Romero
	Dr. Siu Wong	
	Julie Gutiérrez	

Absent: Victor Lopez
John Cordova

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes of the October 14, 2014, Board of Trustees meeting were M/S/P.

Jacobo de la Serna noted that Victor Lopez has resigned from the Board of Trustees because of his newly elected position with the City, as it is a conflict of interest. Victor's position was a nomination by the Foundation. Three positions currently need to be filled. There are no new applications made to the City. Two positions need to be nominated by the Board of Trustees, and one from the Foundation Board.

Jacobo is working on the annual report to the City; he wants to revise it based on a recent annual report from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Cathy Wright discussed the Old Town Holiday Stroll and the Museum's first year of participation. More than 1,000 visitors came into Museum. The new history exhibit installation is moving ahead fast. Save the date for February 26, the VIP reception. We will be working to populate the Story Booth. The Albuquerque App includes additional information about exhibit objects, People stories/interviews, Our Land history hotspots, and includes information pages about the Museum.

Jacobo mentioned the 3-Trails Conference in September 2015 in Santa Fe. Their committee is putting together a map of the 3-trails with locations for conference attendees to visit. Jacobo suggested Casa San Ysidro and the Albuquerque Museum be on the map.

Julie Gutierrez reported on two new employees of the Foundation: Annabelle Vigil, Executive Assistant, who replaces Katherine Gaylord, who moved to Denver. Ann Travelstead is the new Chief financial and operating officer. She is a CPA with a history of working for small businesses in Albuquerque. Joanie Pierce from Wells Fargo is a new Foundation Board member, replacing Jennifer Riordan. The Foundation is developing recommendations for nominations to the Foundation

Board and invites input. The history exhibit public solicitation is in process; brochures were distributed. The AMF has raised \$1.35 million for the history capital campaign. Miniatures & More grossed \$172,000; more than was budgeted. There were 112 artists, 311 pieces; 144 sold opening night and 22 after. The Museum Store is doing well under Maureen Ryan's management with positive cash flow and new branded items. Andrew Connors discussed the "Visualizing Albuquerque" exhibit invitation, which will be a retro-inspired folded postcard featuring artworks from the permanent collection. An additional run will be sold in the Museum Store. Julie described a recent meeting with the City in an effort to get the position of the assistant curator reinstated. The position was to be added to the Museum budget with Capital Improvement Project coming-on-line funds. The foundation was represented by Julie Gutierrez, Debra Romero, and Tom Keleher. Also discussed was the decline of the past few years of FTEs at the museum, cost of running an art museum, and economic impact of museums in cities. There is a second meeting scheduled and the Foundation is hopeful for a possible resolution at that time. Kathleen Lebeck suggested that it would be beneficial for the Board of Trustees to visit the Mayor. Jacobo said there would be a letter to the Mayor addressing these issues attached to annual report.

Elizabeth Becker said the Lead with the Arts teen afterschool program class won 3rd Place for their entry into the recycled art costume contest in Santa Fe. January 31, is the public opening of Visualizing Albuquerque. Joe Traugott, guest curator, will be giving a lecture and doing a book signing. On February 5, there will be a talk on Modernism in Albuquerque by Bill Peterson. The February 3rd Thursday will be dedicated to public art, in conjunction with the "All Over the Map" public art exhibit at the Museum.

Deb Slaney discussed the last History Advisory Committee meeting, which included curios from Behls' and Maisel's Indian arts. Tom Keleher is now on the Committee. She presented some recent publicity about Vivian Vance and the new history exhibit. She is working on an exhibit for the Keleher Gallery called Rad Gadgets. She noted a 3-year loan to the NM History Museum of Fred Harvey Indian Detours Driver's outfit.

Andrew Connors noted that Pamela Michaelis will replace Don Michaelis on the Art Advisory Committee. The next meeting follows this Board meeting and includes acquisitions to be funded with a grant from the Frederick Hammersley Foundation. The "Visualizing Albuquerque" book just went to the printers and was published with funding from The FUNd at the Foundation. There are two outgoing loans: a colcha by Julia Gomez to Museum of International Folk Art for a cochineal exhibition, which will travel to California. A loan of the Andrew Wyeth painting, "Karl," is being made to an exhibition about Andrew and Jamie Wyeth being organized by the Denver Art Museum, which will also travel to a museum in Madrid. A motion was made to approve the loans. M/S/A

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Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2015, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.