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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
ALBUQUERQUE MUSEUM
June 9, 2015**

Present: Hal Behl, Vice-Chair Cathy Wright
Louise Campbell-Tolber Andrew Connors
Pamela Chavez Deb Slaney
Dr. Jerome Goss Elizabeth Becker
Kathleen Lebeck Debra Romero, Foundation
Dr. Siu Wong

Absent: Jacobo de la Serna, Chair
John Cordova

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes of the April 14, 2015, Board of Trustees meeting were M/S/P.

Hal Behl, Vice-Chair, presided over the meeting. He discussed the need to submit Board nominations for officers. Siu Wong declined nomination since her term ends July 31, 2015. Board terms were reviewed. The Mayor's office suggested appointing Ray Ziler, who the Board had nominated to the Mayor's office a long time ago. Cathy Wright contacted Ray, but he declined serving. Hal Behl suggested that nominations for officers be submitted within two weeks following this Board meeting. A discussion ensued about the role and responsibilities of Board officers and Board members and how they can be more involved, active and effective. Debra Romero noted that the Board is an important ambassador to the community. Jerry Goss moved that the Board study the committee [Board] together and come up with more ideas to make it more functional and useful. M/S. A discussion ensued about clarifying Board responsibilities both within the City ordinance and otherwise. An organized strategy session is needed to determine how we can facilitate this move to a more active Board. Jerry Goss called for the question, moving that the Board as a whole should study how they should operate and determine its real responsibilities. The motion passed. The Board asked that any past documents discussing the ordinance, by-laws, job descriptions and by-laws be resent to them. Pamela Chavez asked for current officers to write down their job description. A possible date for a planning meeting was set for July 21.

Cathy noted that museum staff has worked incredibly hard for several weeks to install the Killer Heels exhibition and education programs, which are bringing in great numbers of visitors. Deb Slaney and Thomas Schumacher have put together a great program for the Keleher history gallery. Elizabeth and her staff are working hard on programming, particularly for the Only in Albuquerque exhibition, which

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includes a Contemporary Issues Lecture series and Community Day series. Cathy would like to visit more closely the water waste system in Corrales and Casa San Ysidro involvement in the project. Visitation to Only in Albuquerque increasing and more story booth stories are getting into the galleries. The Foundation is funding a small redesign of the story booth in order to attract more people to use it.

Debra Romero reported that Lexi Petronis resigned her position as Communications Director. Debra and Cathy are working on how to make that position work better for both entities. The duties are wide and varied, and the difficulty of working for two complex organizations needs to be reviewed. Lease negotiations with the City have been finalized and the contract is starting its final approval process. It now includes a statement of the Foundation's contribution to the Museum to comply with anti-donation rulings.

Deb Slaney, Andrew Connors reported on the activities of the Art Advisory and History Advisory Committees, and Elizabeth Becker reported on education program activities.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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