

# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

May 5, 2008

## APPENDIX A APPROVED RESOLUTIONS

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the Minutes of the Meetings of January 28 and March 14, 2008, as previously circulated on April 28, 2008. [2008.05.01]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents appoints Thomas H. Castro, Abby Joseph Cohen, Robert F. Higgins, Elizabeth Lawer, Dorothy Swann McAuliffe, and Kristin Richardson to the Smithsonian National Board for three-year terms effective October 2008. [2008.05.02]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents appoints Cathy Sulzberger to the Advisory Council of the Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage and reappoints Scott Raecker to the Council for an exceptional third term, each for three-year terms effective June 1, 2008. [2008.05.03]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents appoints Judy Francis Zankel to the Board of Trustees of the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum for a three-year term effective immediately. [2008.05.04]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents appoints Jane Bernstein, Michael de Havenon, David Solo, and Patricia Pei Tang and reappoints Sunandini (Nunda) P. Ambegaonkar, Shirley Z. Johnson, and Diane H. Schafer to the Board of Trustees of the Freer Gallery of Art and the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery for four-year terms effective September 12, 2008. [2008.05.05]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents appoints Kathryn Brown to the Board of Directors of the National Museum of American History, Kenneth E. Behring Center, for a three-year term effective October 1, 2008, and reappoints Curt Bradbury, Victor Cabral, Emilio Fernandez, Francine LeFrak, Charles Manatt, and Riley Temple to the Board for three-year terms effective immediately. [2008.05.06]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents appoints Paul G. Risser to the Board of the National Museum of Natural History for a three-year term effective immediately. [2008.05.07]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents reappoints Tania Goss Evans and William I. Koch to the Commission of the Smithsonian American Art Museum for four-year terms effective June 30, 2008. [2008.05.08]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents appoints Laura Hernandez and reappoints Gloria Rodriguez to the Smithsonian National Latino Board of the Smithsonian Latino Center for three-year terms effective May 22, 2008. [2008.05.09]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents recognizes the generosity of Lloyd E. Herman and creates an endowment, using the donor's gift and additional funds to be raised by the Museum, to support a curatorial appointment for the benefit of the Smithsonian American Art Museum's craft program. The income from the endowed fund will be used to pay the curator's salary and benefits. If excess funds accumulate in the endowment, beyond what is required to support the curator's salary and benefits, these funds may be used to support other craft-related programs and activities of the Museum. [2008.05.10]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents recognizes the generosity of Ann and Gilbert Kinney to the Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery and creates an endowment dedicated to the acquisition of Southeast Asian materials for the Galleries' library, the principal of the which may be spent when necessary to assure the purchase of suitable materials for the library. Use of the principal shall be at the discretion of the director of the Galleries, who will consult with a future curator of Southeast Asian art and other relevant staff and Board members, and in accord with Smithsonian SD-317. The fund will be identified as the Southeast Asian Materials Fund. [2008.05.11]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents recognizes the generosity of Robert L. McNeil, Jr., as well as the accomplishments and long service of Marc Pachter, to the National Portrait Gallery and creates and names The Marc Pachter Endowment Fund for Commissioning. In addition, the Board of Regents approves the creation and naming of The Marc Pachter Fund for Commissioning Quasi-Endowment and the transfer of funds identified for it. [2008.05.12]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents creates and names the Smithsonian Institution Libraries Wildlife Conservation Fund, a quasi-endowment to support the acquisition of books, journals, electronic databases, and other materials in the area of wildlife conservation, as determined annually by the director of the Libraries. Further, the Regents authorize the transfer of funds identified for this purpose. [2008.05.13]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents recognizes the generosity of the late Janice Mary Johnson and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to the National Museum of the American Indian and creates an endowment to support, in perpetuity, one-year fellowships in the Museum's Advanced Training Program in Ethnographic and Archaeological Conservation, and names the position the Janice Mary Johnson and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Advanced Training in Conservation Fellowship. [2008.05.14]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents recognizes the generosity of an anonymous donor to the National Zoological Park and establishes an endowed fellowship to train current and future generations of conservation scientists in support of the National Zoological Park's mission to study, recover, protect, and manage species and the habitats they require for survival. The fellowship is named the George A. Didden, III Fellowship in Conservation Biology, in perpetuity, in memory of the late past president of the Friends of the National Zoo and member of the Smithsonian National Board. [2008.05.15]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents recognizes the generosity of the Leon Levy Foundation to the Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery and approves naming each fellowship and guest curator position made possible by this gift, respectively, a Leon Levy Foundation Fellow and a Leon Levy Foundation Curator. [2008.05.16]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents recognizes the donors' generosity to Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum and names the first-floor space occupied by the retail shop, which consists of the Carnegie Mansion's former library and adjacent study, the Lisa Roberts and David Seltzer Room, for 40 years. [2008.05.17]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves, pending final review by the Executive Committee of the tenant improvement requirements and funding strategy, the Acting Secretary's request for authority to lease approximately 25,000 square feet of collections housing, lab, and photo studio space at 48–40 34th Street, Long Island City, New York, to provide off-site space for Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum to accommodate its planned revitalization of the Carnegie Mansion and Miller and Fox townhouses. [2008.05.18]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the deaccession of the National Air and Space Museum's RB-17D *Swoose* and the object's transfer to the National Museum of the United States Air Force. [2008.05.19]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents requests its Congressional members to introduce and support legislation to allow the Institution to negotiate agreements granting the lease of land at the National Zoological Park's Conservation and Research Center near Front Royal, Virginia, to nonprofit scientific, educational, or historic organizations for the purposes of building structures that advance its mission to increase scientific knowledge. Any net proceeds gained from such partnership activities and programs held on the Conservation and Research Center property will be used exclusively to support the infrastructure, research, and educational programs of the National Zoological Park, including its Conservation and Research Center. [2008.05.20]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents adopts the nine recommendations detailed under Task Three of this paper. These recommendations reflect the findings of the Finance and Investment Committee from its review of the Smithsonian budget processes as required by the Regents' Governance Committee Report Recommendation 22. The Finance and Investment Committee authorizes the Secretary to begin implementing the necessary changes to fully implement each recommendation. The Finance and Investment Committee shall also work with the Board of Regents' Chair, as well as the Regents' Governance and Nominating Committee, to incorporate the Board's new and expanded duties into appropriate committees and procedures. [2008.05.21]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents requires the Secretary to submit a plan, with proposed milestones and deliverables, to fully implement the nine recommendations by the end of 2010; and to report annually to the Finance and Investment Committee on the Institution's progress in implementing the recommendations, until each recommendation has been implemented. [2008.05.22]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the use of as much as \$2.5 million of fiscal year 2007 Central Unrestricted Trust surplus funds to support Smithsonian national campaign expenses that exceed available trust fund revenues in fiscal years 2008 through 2010. [2008.05.23]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents accepts the recommendation of the Finance and Investment Committee and approves a payout rate of \$38.72 per share for all Endowment funds for fiscal year 2009. [2008.05.24]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the withdrawal, if necessary, of up to \$1.8 million from the National Zoological Park's unrestricted Endowment to complete the Asia Trail II Elephant Trails project. [2008.05.25]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the annual budget priorities proposed by the Acting Secretary. [2008.05.26]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the proposed revision to Section 5.02 of the Bylaws of the Smithsonian's Board of Regents for the purpose of making the Chair of the Board of Regents a non-voting, ex officio member of all Regents' committees, effective immediately. [2008.05.27]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents, in accordance with the Charter of the National Museum of African American History and Culture, designates Doris Matsui as its representative on the Museum's Council, effective May 5, 2008. [2008.05.28]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents adopts the recommendations set forth by the Governance and Nominating Committee and approves the specific actions described therein. The Executive Committee shall propose such Bylaw amendments as may be necessary to carry out these recommendations. In addition, the Board of Regents endorses the revised Duties and Responsibilities of Regents, General Criteria for Identifying Candidates for the Board of Regents, and General Guidelines for Appointment to Standing Committees of the Board of Regents, as proposed by the Governance and Nominating Committee. [2008.05.29]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the list of committee memberships, effective May 5, 2008, until the first meeting of calendar year 2009 or until further action of the Board, whichever comes first. [2008.05.30]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the Communications Strategy proposed by the Acting Secretary and recommended by the Governance and Nominating Committee. [2008.05.31]

**VOTED** that the Board of Regents approves the decision to conclude the RFQ process, not proceed to the RFP process, and explore other ideas and alternatives for use of the Arts and Industries building. [2008.05.32]