

**ALBUQUERQUE MUSEUM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**  
**held at the Albuquerque Museum Conference Room**  
**2000 Mountain Road NW**

**14 August 2019**

**Present: BOT members:**

Judith Suiter, Chair  
Pamela Weese Powell  
Beverly Bendicksen  
Helen Atkins  
Alan Weitzel  
joni palmer  
Hal Behl  
Wayne Chew

**CABQ STAFF:**

Andrew Connors, Museum Director  
Cynthia Garcia, Assistant Director  
Josie Lopez, Curator of Art  
Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education  
Rebecca Prinster, Assistant Curator of History  
Denise Crouse, Communications Manager

**aM FOUNDATION:**

Emily Blaugrund Fox, Executive Director

Action Items in RED.

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**Meeting called to order**

Chairperson Judith Suiter called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Beverly moved to approve the June 12<sup>th</sup> minutes with a second by Alan. The motion passed unanimously.

**Chairperson's Report – Judith Suiter**

The draft 2017-2018 / 2018-2019 annual report with recommendations to the Mayor and City Council prepared by Judith and Hal was distributed to the Board for review. Comments were solicited and the **draft will be completed with Denise's assistance**. Options for presenting the report to the Mayor and City Council were discussed including **extending an invitation to them (mindful of quorum rules) for a visit at the Museum where it can be presented in person**.

**Museum Director's Report—Andrew Connors**

- 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Albuquerque Museum.
- Presented copies of Palace of the Governors book to each board member.
- Casa San Ysidro activities have been very successful.
- Japanese American exhibition has also been a huge success.

**Foundation Report—Emily Blaugrund Fox**

- New hires:
  - Mandy Edwards, Membership
  - Eric Parker, Program Associate (ArtsThrive)
- ArtsThrive dinner is Oct. 17; Gala is Oct. 19.
- Working on memorial gifts from docent donations
- Batten House: renovating the entrance to the library and selling items difficult to maintain with an auction house to boost endowment

**Curator Reports**

Josie Lopez, Curator of Art

- Other museums have been visiting the Albuquerque Museum

- Sharing with Boston Art Museum, Denver Museum of Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art and others. The Albuquerque Museum collections are being noticed by other museums in the US.
- eMuseum: continuing to add items to online database
- Changes in sculpture garden: refreshed and rearranged sculptures

Rebecca Prinster, Assistant Curator of History

- Courage and Compassion: Our Shared Story of the Japanese American World War II Experience exhibition continues to attract visitors.
- Dec. 7 opening of Images of Albuquerque exhibition in the Keleher Gallery (photos between 1966 and 1972).

Elizabeth Becker, Curator of Education

- So far, 42 bookings at Casa San Ysidro and 50 at the Museum – all Magic Bus tours.
- Received grant from Jane Henson Foundation for programming and youth programming.
- Grant from Aroha Philanthropies (\$40k over two years) to develop hands-on creative programs regarding learning opportunities for age 55 and older adults.
- Memoir writing workshop 8-week class August and September.
- Chatter concert series 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary – developing their concerts around exhibitions; attendance has doubled this year.

**Other Reports**

Denise Crouse, Communications Manager

- Media support continues to be outstanding with great coverage about upcoming exhibitions.
- Design Magazine interview with Albuquerque Museum Exhibitions Designer Stephen Hutchins; she will get copies of the magazine for us or digital copies to share.
- Engaging the public through Facebook (16,000 followers), Twitter (4,500 followers) and Instagram (2,500 followers).

**Election of Officers for 2019-2020 Board of Trustees**

The following slate of officers was presented by Judith:

Chair: Pamela Weese Powell  
 Vice-Chair: Beverly Bendicksen  
 Secretary/Treasurer: Helen Atkins

Hal made a motion to approve the slate of officers for 2019-2020 with a second by Wayne. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjourn @ 12:39 pm**

**NEXT MEETING: Weds. 9 October @ 11:30 am to 1 pm in the ABQ Museum Conference Room**