



MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Date: **Wednesday, November 15, 2023**
Time: **10:30 AM – 1:00 PM**
Location: **Smith Crystal Gallery**
Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Ali Moiin, Ann Berman, Blake Ellis, Bonnie Larson, Christine Provost, Damon Porter, Eugene Gargaro, Hassan Jaber, Jason Tinsley, Joanne Danto, Judith Pritchett, Kimberley Wiegand, Lane Coleman, Lorna Thomas, Marsha Philpot, Michael Simcoe, Nancy Mitchell, Paula Silver, Ralph Gerson, Rhonda Welburn, Nicole Eisenberg, Richard Brodie, Robert Jacobs, Thomas Guastello, W Fair Radom, Charley Jackson, Denise Brooks-Williams, Dina Richard, Sonia Hassan, Mohammad Qazi, Takashi Omitsu, Andrew Camden, John Stroh, Thomas Sidlik, Charles Anderson, Dave Meador, Elaine Driker, George Johnson, Jean Hudson, Dexter Mason, Alan Schwartz

Absent: Bryan Barnhill, Charles Boyd, Christine Giampetroni, Cynthia Ford, David Larsen, Hubert Massey, John Lewis, Lawrence García, Mary Culler, Matthew Lester, Padma Vattikuti, Renata Seals, Tony Saunders, Victoria Rogers

Others Present: Ruth Rattner, Phil Gilchrist, Paul Butcher, Tiff Massey, Swarn Rajpal, Marsha Gershenson, Anthony Smith, Ayinde Zuri, Colleen Clinton, DaMora Turner, Elliott Broom, Gavin Lynch, Jim Storm, Juana Williams, Jennifer Snyder, Jessica Carreras, Judith Dolkart, Julie McFarland, Kate Spratt, Katie Pfohl, Melissa Peña, Nettie Seabrooks, Nina Sapp, Rachael Goodwin, Salvador Salort-Pons, Susie Corker

PROCEEDINGS

Call to Order

Eugene A. Gargaro, Jr., called the hybrid meeting of the Board of Directors of the Detroit Institute of Arts to order at 10:39 a.m. A quorum was in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: It was moved, supported and carried to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2023, Board of Directors meeting.

GOVERNANCE & NOMINATING REPORT

Bonnie Larson presented the candidates for re-election and term-limited Board members rotating off at the end of this year. Bonnie also presented 2024 slate of officers, Committee Chairs, Governance & Nominating Committee, new Board candidates, Honorary, and Emeritus candidates.

The end of this year concludes Bonnie's three consecutive terms of service and the Governance & Nominating Committee proposed to extend her service for an additional year as the Transition Officer.

Motion: It was moved, supported and carried to approve Bonnie Larson's additional year of service as Chair of Governance & Nominating Committee and as the Transition Officer.

Candidates for Re-Election for a Third Term

1. David P. Larsen

Candidates for Re-Election for a Second Term

2. Christine Provost
3. Hassan K. Jaber
4. Jason E. Tinsley
5. Judith Pritchett, Ph.D.
6. Lane Coleman
7. Marsha L. Philpot
8. Mary Culler
9. Nancy A. Mitchell
10. Paula F. Silver
11. Rhonda D. Welburn

Motion: It was moved, supported and carried to approve the 2024 Candidates for Re-Election.

2024 Board of Directors Officers Slate

Chairman	Lane Coleman
Chair Emeritus	Eugene A. Gargaro, Jr.
Co-Vice-Chairs	Ralph Gerson and Cynthia Ford
Secretary	Marla Donovan
Transition Officer	Bonnie Larson

Motion: It was moved, supported and carried to approve the 2024 Officers Slate.

Proposed Class of 2024

1. Charles Dunlap
2. Julie Matuzak
3. Lori Singleton
4. Marla Donovan
5. Shirley Kaigler

Motion: It was moved, supported and carried to approve the proposed Class of 2024

Honorary & Emeritus Candidates

Diana Golden	Honorary
Sue Mosey	Honorary
Nicole Eisenberg	Emeritus
Eugene A. Gargaro, Jr.	Chair Emeritus

Motion: It was moved, supported and carried to approve the 2024 Honorary & Emeritus candidates.

2024 Committee Chairs

1. Audit & Finance Committee – Tony Saunders
2. Collections Committee – Richard A. Brodie
3. Development Committee – W Fair Radom, Co-Chair, Eugene A. Gargaro, Jr.
4. Education & Interpretation Committee – Christine Giampetroni, Co-Chair Christine Provost
5. Executive Committee – Lane Coleman
6. Compensation Committee – Lane Coleman
7. Governance & Nominating Committee – Bonnie Larson
8. Human Resources Committee – Marsha Philpot
9. Public Affairs Committee – Paula Silver

Motion: It was moved, supported and carried to approve the 2024 Committee Chairs.

2024 Governance & Nominating Committee

1. Bonnie Larson, Chair
2. Cynthia Ford, Vice-Chair
3. David P. Larsen
4. Elaine C. Driker
5. Eugene A. Gargaro, Jr., *Chair Emeritus*
6. Jason Tinsley
7. Judith Pritchett
8. Lane Coleman
9. Lawrence T. García
10. Trudi Wineman

Motion: It was moved, supported and carried to approve the 2024 Governance & Nominating Committee roster.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Salvador Salort-Pons provided an overview of the Operations Dashboard, an update on the Endowment and announced a major gift.

I. A special thanks to our 2023 Gala Chairs

- A. Yvonne Fisher
- B.Carolynn & Aaron Frankel
- C. Nicole George & Chris Thomas
- D. Tatiana Grant-Saunders & Tony Saunders

II. Operations Dashboard review

III. Gifts

- A. Paul Butcher and Bill Camp, \$3.6 Million
- B. Frances and Kenneth Eisenberg and Family, \$12 Million

IV. DIA Now – Campaign for the DIA Endowment Honoring Mary Anne and Eugene A. Gargaro, Jr.

V. Art Acquisitions, Year-End Gifts, Deaccessions, and Loans

Judith F. Dolkart presented on the works for consideration.

A. Purchase Considerations

1. German artist, *“The Rooster’s Crow” Automaton Clock*, ca. 1585
2. Massimiliano Soldani, *The Death of St. Joseph*, executed by 1729
3. Rashaun Rucker, *The Stretching*, 2022
4. Rashaun Rucker, *Stalled*, 2022
5. Rashaun Rucker, *I Hit More Than I Missed*, 2021
6. James Abbott McNeill Whistler, *Chelsea Bridge and Church*, 1871
7. James Abbott McNeill Whistler, *Fumette*, 1858
8. Edouard Vuillard, *Jeux d’enfants*, 1897

9. Eugene Tapahe, *Remember Our Sisters*, MMIW, no date

B. Auctions

1. Gabriele Münter, *Kochel, Snowy Landscape with Houses*, 1909
2. Mohamed Melehi, *Wilde*, 1963
3. Cecilia Beaux, *Portrait of Edward C. Biddle*, 1887

C. Gift Considerations

One Gift of Vicki Howard

1. Manufacturer Miri Iranian Knots, *Miri Tabriz Carpet with Rameshgar Design*, ca. 2006
- Ten Gifts of Andrew L. and Gayle Shaw Camden

1. Don Hong-Oai, *Drying Cloth*, 1970
2. Don Hong-Oai, *Meandering on the River, Vietnam*, 1969
3. Don Hong-Oai, *At Play, Tianzi Mountain, 1986*, 1986
4. Don Hong-Oai, *Playing with Hoops, Vietnam*, 1972
5. Don Hong-Oai, *Playing in the Waves, America*, 1982
6. Kuba, African, *Box with Lid*, 1900-1950
7. Kuba, African, *Basket*, 1900-1950
8. Bamileke, African, *Stool with musicians*, 19th century
9. Yoruba, African, *Arugba Shango (bowl carrier)*, early 20th century
10. Landuman, African, *Mask*, early 20th century

One Gift of Ralph and Erica Gerson

1. Tiffany Glass and Decorating Company, *Vase*, ca. 1895

One Gift of Janis and William Wetsman

1. Attributed to Ursula von Rydingsvard, *Untitled*, 2001. [1 of 2]
2. Attributed to Ursula von Rydingsvard, *Untitled*, 2001. [1 of 2]

One Gift of Larry Warsh

1. Wang Qingsong, *Our Life is Sweeter than Honey*, 1997

One Gift of Burton Aaron

- A. cameron clayborn, *False Start*, 2021

D. Silverman Collection

252 Accessioned Gifts See board materials for a full list.

56 Non-Accessioned Gifts See board materials for a full list.

E. Art Loans

F. Deaccession Update

G. NAGPRA Deaccessions

1. Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska – Objects of Cultural Patrimony (7)
2. Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska – Unassociated Funerary Objects (4)
3. Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians – Notice of Inventory Completion – MACPRA Consultation – Funerary Objects (2)

H. Reattributions

I. Auxiliary Travel

1. FMCA – Mexico City (Mexico City, Mexico, February 6-10, 2023)

Motion: It was moved, supported and carried to approve Salvador's report as presented and indicated in the board packet.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Julie McFarland provided a Tri-County update

- Free General Admission – We are tracking 300K visitors in 2023, with a total of \$2.8 Million since the beginning of the millage.
- School Program – We expect to hit 600K students by the end of the school year.
- Senior Program – 170 tri county senior groups. 5400 individuals reserved.
- InsideOut – Celebrating 14th with nearly 200 pieces in the community.

We closed out the annual Ofrenda exhibition (6-week run /+39,000 attendees).

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Elliott Broom presented the project scope and budget for the proposed capital projects in the Schwartz Galleries of Prints and Drawings, which include replacing air handlers 7 & 8 and updating the fire detection and protection system.

Motion: It was moved, supported and carried to approve the proposed budget.

FINANCE REPORT

Kate Spratt, CFO, delivered the financial update.

2023 FY Audit Results

- Plante Moran has issued an unmodified opinion (highest level of assurance) on the financial statements, stating that:
 - The statements present fairly the financial position of the DIA
 - The DIA's analysis for accounting entries is appropriate
 - Reasonable judgments and consistency have been applied
 - Financial Statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear
 - Strong cooperation and communication between the DIA and PM
- No audit findings reported.
- The audited financial statements will be posted to the DIA's website and copies are available from the accounting department upon request

ENRICHMENT

Artist Tiff Massey presented a brief overview of her work and vision for the DIA install scheduled for Spring 2024.

AUXILIARIES

- Founders Junior Council – Dexter Mason, President. Thanks to Gene and Mary Anne for their support of the auxiliary. Goals for this year include deepening relationships with other board members and auxiliary board members; and collaborating with other auxiliary groups to strengthen initiatives.
- Friends of Modern and Contemporary Art – Andrew Camden, President, reported that membership is growing every quarter. They have plans to celebrate the Tiff Massey installation with the artist herself and the FMCA membership in May 2024. They are also planning a trip to Mexico City in February 2024.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Fair Radom, Development Committee Chair, thanked everyone for their support and participation in the Gala.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

Motion: It was moved, supported and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Rachael Goodwin.