



MUSEUM OF THE ALEUTIANS

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Minutes for regular Board Meeting, September 13, 2021

5:15 pm on Zoom.us

*The Museum of the Aleutians shall collect, preserve, and share
the rich cultural legacy of the Aleutian Island Region.*

Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 5:18pm

Roll Call and Recognition of Visitors.

Board Members:

Present: Ann Nora Ehret, Suzi Golodoff, Mary Heimes, Anthony Lekanof, Shayla Shaishnikoff,
and Sandra Moller

Absent: Erin Reinders

Staff: Virginia Hatfield and Karen Macke

Visitors: No Visitors

Changes to agenda: Lekanof moved to approve the agenda; Golodoff seconded. Agenda approved unanimously

Approval of minutes. Lekanof pointed out corrections to the minutes - changing his name for Sharon Linds; Golodoff moved to accept the minutes with these corrections and Heimes seconded, minutes were approved unanimously

Financial report: Moller moved to accept the financials as presented and Lekanof seconded

Staff Report: Hatfield gave the staff report

Board discussed having the auction in person and the majority agreed it would be safest to do a virtual auction. Macke talked about her work in collections and the inventory process, pointing out the issues with “found in collections” items. Lekanof asked if the Museum has been threatened with litigation regarding “found in collections” issues. Macke said it has happened to other Museums but she does not anticipate that happening with MOTA’s collections. She talked about the Russian Orthodox Museum objects in our collections and the need to get their ownership established. Lekanof mentioned Thomas Rivas and Alexis Trader with the Diocese in Alaska and that he would help us contact them.

Old Business

Strategic Planning: Moller and Hatfield are still working on the draft and hope to have a draft at the October meeting.

New Business

MOTA Board Members: Ann Nora Ehret, Seat: Public-at-Large (2021), Suzi Golodoff, Seat: Ounalashka Corporation (2022), Mary Heimes (Vice-President), Seat: Public-at-Large (2021), Anthony Lekanof, Seat: The Aleut Corporation (May 2023), Seat: Sandra Moller (Secretary), Seat: Public-at-Large (May 2022), Erin Reinders (Treasurer), Seat: City of Unalaska (2023), Shayla Shaishnikoff (President) Seat: Qawalangin Tribe (2021)



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Collections Committee: The Collections Committee met in September to discuss the donation of art by Vijgen. The committee voted to accept this artwork.

Board of Directors 2021 Seat reappointment: The board discussed the process for re-appointment of the board of director seats. Golodoff reminded the board that the bylaws state that the Founding Members can change or keep the director as they prefer. The board should alert them that the seats have come up. Public seats are appointed by the board. This is the first time since the board amended the bylaws that the elections have come up. The board will put up notices in public places 1 month before elections and see if there are applicants; Shaishnikoff mentioned this was new to her; Ehret said it is healthy to have turn over on the board and that the board should have elections. Ehret also mentioned that Foraker recommended input from non-board members and perhaps non-board members could serve on committees; Golodoff said she was unsure of how to proceed; Shaishnikoff said advertising is good; Moller said the founding members should get a letter for their re-appointment from their organizations and that the board should advertise for the public seats and also agreed that turnover was a good thing; Golodoff thought she had a poster that the board could use for advertising. Shaishnikoff asked if Hatfield or Heimes could send a letter to the Qawalangin Tribe regarding her re-appointment. We will plan for this to happen in December.

Date and time of next meeting. October 11, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Zoom

Public Comments: none

Adjournment: 6:47 pm

Director:

Mary J. Heimes

Date:

10/23/21

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