

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Minutes of the Trustee Orientation
Wednesday, February 17th, 2016: 11:00am to 4:00pm
Claiborne Robertson Room

Presiding: William A. Royall, Jr.

There were present:

William A. Royall, Jr., President
Michael J. Schewel, Executive Vice President
Dr. Monroe E. Harris, Jr., Vice President
Dr. Betty Crutcher
Kenneth M. Dye
Sara O'Keefe
Dr. Judith Niemyer
W. Birch Douglass III

By Invitation:

Alex Nyerges, Director
Stephen D. Bonadies
Dr. Lee Anne Chesterfield
Jody Green
Laura Keller
Claudia Keenan
Cameron O'Brion
Hossein Sadid
Michael Taylor
Kimberly Wilson

I. WELCOME AND MORNING SESSION

President Bill Royall welcomed the group and thanked them for attending. He remarked that serving on the VMFA Board of Trustees is an incredible and unique opportunity and includes access to behind the scenes experiences such as today's activities. He indicated that the board members should be honored and proud to be a part of the institution's history.

Director Alex Nyerges also welcomed the group and spoke about VMFA's mission. He also included a brief history of the VMFA and an introduction to the VMFA's five Division Heads in his remarks.

Director of Museum Planning Dr. Lee Anne Hurt Chesterfield reviewed the VMFA's strategic plan and address upcoming Trustee travel opportunities to Beijing and Oslo for VMFA exhibitions.

Cameron O'Brion, Assistant Attorney General, then gave an overview of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for the Trustees.

Dr. Michael Taylor, Chief Curator and Deputy Director for Art & Education, briefed the Trustees on future plans for his division, including an overview of upcoming exhibitions.

II. AFTERNOON SESSION

During lunch, Laura Keller, Assistant to the Secretary of the VMFA Foundation, provided a tutorial on Huddle, a platform used by the VMFA for sharing information before Trustee meetings.

Stephen Bonadies, Chief Conservator and Deputy Director for Collections & Facilities Management, then detailed the major activities of his division which was followed by a tour of the galleries, storage, library, and conservation studios.

After the tour, Chief Financial Officer Hossein Sadid detailed the VMFA's budget and audit plans for the Trustees.

Kimberly Wilson, Deputy Director for Human Resources, highlighted her newly created division, noting that they are focusing on staff and communication across the VMFA.

Finally, Deputy Director for Resources & Visitor Experience Claudia Keenan reviewed the breakdown and major activities of her division.

President Bill Royall remarked that this was a really great day for Trustees and said he learned a lot through the process. There being no further business, the orientation meeting was adjourned.

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