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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, December 17, 2004, 3:30 p.m.

Conversation Hall, City Hall, Philadelphia

***In Attendance:** Lorena Boylan, Academy of Natural Sciences; Bruce Laverty, Athenaeum of Philadelphia; Eric Pumroy, Bryn Mawr College; Elsa Atson, Chemical Heritage Foundation; Joan T. Decker, City of Philadelphia; Edward Morman; College of Physicians of Philadelphia; Terry Snyder, Hagley Museum & Library; David Moltke-Hansen, Historical Society of Pennsylvania; John Baky, LaSalle University; Ruth Hughes, Library Company of Philadelphia; Karl Krueger, The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia; V. Chapman-Smith, National Archives; Janet Evans, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society; Danial Elliott, Philadelphia Museum of Art; Margery Sly, Presbyterian Historical Society; Derick Dreher, Rosenbach Museum & Library; Thomas Whitehead, Temple University; Timothy Murray, University of Delaware; Michael Ryan, University of Pennsylvania; Lynn Dorwaldt, The Wagner Free Institute of Science; Gary Kulik, Winterthur Museum & Library; Laura Blanchard, PACSCL Staff (nonvoting).*

***Not Represented:** American Philosophical Society; Free Library of Philadelphia; St. Charles Borromeo; Swarthmore College; Villanova University.*

David Moltke-Hansen welcomed PACSCL members, who then enjoyed a presentation and tour of Conversation Hall and the Mayor's Reception Room conducted by Greta Greenberger, followed by a presentation on the City's geographic information system by Joan Decker and colleagues.

Minutes. The minutes of the September 15 meeting were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's report. Upon motions duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Treasurer's report and proposed 2005 budget, incorporated here by reference, were accepted.

New Member. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, with Derick Derher recusing himself on grounds of his membership on both boards, the membership application of the Abraham Lincoln Foundation of the Union League of Philadelphia was accepted.

Nominations for Executive Committee and Officers. Although the bylaws have no specifications for interim appointments to the executive committee as they relate to terms of service, it was suggested that appointments spanning more than a year be counted as a full term and appointments of less than a year not be counted as a term. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried it was

RESOLVED, that Executive Committee members whose appointments are of less than a year shall be eligible to serve two full elected terms in their own right.

Edward Morman, chair of the nominations and governance committee, reviewed the composition of the current executive committee. David Moltke-Hansen, chair, is eligible to stand for election for a second term. Robert Kieft, secretary, and V. Chapman-Smith, at large, both appointed members, now eligible to stand for elections for their first terms in their own right. Gary Kulik's first term expires March 2005; as he is leaving Winterthur, a new candidate must be sought. Anyone interested in standing for election for any of the eligible positions was encouraged to contact Edward Morman.

Reports. The encouraging signs on PACSCL's three funding proposals from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the William Penn Foundation were reported. Robert Kieft reported on efforts to establish a presence at the Modern Language Association; V. Chapman-Smith and Laura Blanchard reported on the National History Day and One Book One Philadelphia programs, respectively. Information on all three initiatives was included in the board packets circulated prior to the meeting.

Associate Memberships. It was suggested that this issue be visited again. The matter was referred to the Nominations and Governance Committee, which will report back to the membership at the March meeting.

Strategic Plan Review. The executive committee reported that it considered the strategic plan and concluded that no changes were necessary at this time. The plan will be reviewed again in June.

Fund-Raising. The need to increase PACSCL's operating budget was generally recognized. Two strategies were proposed. The first is a year-end voluntary assessment suggested as \$100 per PACSCL member, supplemented by individual contributions. The second is a 2005 solicitation to corporate donors in the Philadelphia area. The Executive Committee will take charge of the 2005 solicitation, which will be timed to follow the favorable publicity relating PACSCL's grant activity and which will be themed to the creation of the Greater Philadelphia Research Collections Network, with its contributions to scholarship, heritage tourism, and civic life. The possibility of an antiquarian book fair was also briefly discussed but no action was taken.

Next meeting: The next meeting will take place at The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Wednesday, March 16, 3:30 p.m. It will be followed by a reception and talk by John Baky, LaSalle, and Gary Kulik on the theme "Beyond the Book: Memory and Creative Representations of the Viet Nam War" as part of the One Book, One Philadelphia program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Kieft
Secretary

