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Smithsonian Institution

Office of General Counsel

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

April 27, 2022

RE: Your Request for Smithsonian Records (request number 48727)

This further responds to your request, received by this Office on June 23, 2017, for “a copy of the meeting minutes from the National Museum of the American Indian Board of Trustees, during the time period 2012 to present.” (Request Number 48727). On April 13-14, 2021, you agreed to narrow the scope of request number 48727 to meeting minutes from the National Museum of the American Indian dated January 1, 2012-December 31, 2015. This letter also responds to your request, dated March 6, 2022, asking for “meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees of the National Museum of the American Indian for meetings during the years 2012-2014.” The Smithsonian responds to requests for records in accordance with Smithsonian Directive 807 – Requests for Smithsonian Institution Information (SD 807) and applies a presumption of disclosure when processing such requests. The policy is posted on our website at <http://www.si.edu/OGC/Records-Requests>.

On August 18, 2021, the Smithsonian released to you 19 pages of material constituting minutes of meetings of the National Museum of the American Indian Board of Trustees in 2015. At that time, we informed you that the minutes you requested for 2012-2014 NMAI Board of Trustee meetings were not available in electronic format, and the Smithsonian was unable to search for physical records while teleworking, as noted on our SD 807 website, <https://www.si.edu/ogc/records-requests>. In response, you asked that we process your request for the 2012-2014 meeting minutes when Smithsonian employees had access to the physical records.

Enclosed are 20 pages of material, constituting minutes of meetings of the NMAI Board of Trustees in 2012 and 2013. Please be advised that certain information has been redacted from the enclosed documents consistent with SD 807. Pre-decisional deliberative information has been redacted consistent with SD 807 under Exemption 5. Additionally, personal information, such as donor-identifying information, has been redacted consistent with SD 807 under Exemption 6, where disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of a third party with no overriding public interest.

A records search was conducted for minutes of NMAI Board of Trustee meetings in 2014 and no responsive documents were located.

This concludes the Smithsonian's response to your request. Thank you for your interest in the Smithsonian.

Best Wishes,



David Larson
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures

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FINAL

**NMAI Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
February 9-10, 2012
Washington, DC**

Board attendees: Haunani Apoliona, Manley Begay, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Roberta Conner, Philip Deloria, Lucille Echohawk, John Ernst, George Gund, Richard Kurin, Andrew Lee, Byron Mallott, Marshall McKay, Brian Patterson, Brenda Toineeta Pipestem, Ronald Solimon, Jose Zarate, Patricia Zell

Other attendees: Clarence Jackson, NMAI Council of Elders, Margot Ernst, NMAI-NY Board of Directors, Joan and Marx Stern, NMAI National Council.

NMAI Staff: Kevin Gover, Machel Monckerkit, Cameron McGuire, David, Penney, Jane Sledge, Tim Johnson, John Haworth, Kelly Bennett, Angela Leipold, Alena Chalan

Chair Roberta Conner called the meeting to order at 9:30am and welcomed meeting attendees. Alena Chalan called roll which established a quorum. Chair Conner then introduced Clarence Jackson, NMAI Council of Elders member, who provided an opening prayer.

The Board approved the October 2011 meeting minutes unanimously before moving into executive session with the Director.

After the executive session, Board Chair Roberta Conner delivered her Chair report. She thanked out-going Chair Randy Willis for his service and welcomed members from the New York Board of Directors and National Council. She then provided an overview of the meeting agenda and actions items. She also reported she would be participating in the American Association of Museums Advocacy day on February 26. Finally, she asked that her report be sent to the Boards electronically.

NMAI Director Kevin Gover delivered his report, he reported on the plans to hosts an Inaugural Ball He called on Board members for assistance [REDACTED] Exemption 5

[REDACTED]. Discussion occurred about [REDACTED] Exemption 5

[REDACTED]. Director Gover then spoke on the Smithsonian Enterprises. He provided updates on the Shop/Café planned for New York and that an RFP would be ready soon. He also reported that the Coffee shop for the Mall museum would be opening relatively soon. Director Gover provided and updated on working with Native vendors and that the NMAI staff would reach out to potential vendors at Reservation Economic Summit (RES) conference. Finally, Director Gover reported on the Tribal Museum Directors

meeting held at the Mall museum in late January. He noted that there was a lot of interest in partnering with the NMAI and that it would be good to hold another meeting. Until then NMAI would explore adding web-links to the tribal museum on the NMAI website.

Richard Kurin then provided an update on the Smithsonian's budget and the ground breaking of the African American History Art and Culture Museum.

Chair Conner then began the discussion on committee structure and membership at which time the Council of Elders was discussed. The discussion included Exemption 5

The Governance Committee was assigned to review the original Council of Elders Document and provide updates at the next meeting. The Board then discussed the charters of the committees and decided that each committee would review and recommend changes their charters by the next meeting.

The meeting recessed for committee meetings and reconvened the following morning at 8:30am at which time Haunani Apoliona taught Trustees sufficient Hawaiian language to collectively offer a traditional Hawaiian prayer song.

Brenda Toineeta Pipestem discussed the repatriation appeal process. She provided background information and referred to the GAO report. She noted Exemption 5

They decided it would be best if the Vice- Chair and Chair of the Budget and Policy Committee sit on the repatriation appeal committee which then requires that persons holding the those posts recuse themselves from Trustee's repatriation deliberations and voting to ensure their neutrality and objectivity. The Board further discussed the process and it was decided approved the recommendation. Exemption 5

John Ernst and a Representative from Steege Thompson discussed the NMAI Case Statement. The Board reviewed the statement and offered recommendations for edit. Overall, the Board Exemption 5

Cameron McGuire asked the Board to send more comments and edits to him. The development committee will review the case statement at their next meeting and he hopes to distribute the final statement at the August meeting. John Ernst then reported the

Development Committee did not have any action items but discussed the Inaugural Ball and the case statement.

Ronald Solimon reported that the Governance Committee discussed board nominations and re-appointments, the committee's charter, and board committee assignments. Based on the committee's discussions, Ron presented the following motions for full board approval:

Motion: to re-appoint **Exemption 6** to the NMAI Board of Trustees for an additional three-year term.

Motion: to appoint **Exemption 6** to the NMAI Board of Trustees for a three-year term effective January 1, 2013.

Motion: to approve the committee membership list as amended.

After discussion, all motions were approved unanimously by the full board. Ron then reported that the committee would review their charter by the next meeting. A new roster of committee members will also be distributed. Ron issued a call for nominations for the Board on behalf of the committee. The committee is specifically interested in individuals involved in technology, the financial industry, collectors and native scholars/studies.

Philip Deloria reported that the Collections and Scholarship Committee discussed their charter, the collection plan, digitization of the collection and archives, and a request for a deconstructive analysis. He reported the committee would review their charter and the collection plan between meetings and report at the next meeting. Finally, he reported the committee had one motion in reference to the deconstructive analysis request by **Exemption 6**. He provided background information on the request and then presented the committee's motion to approve the request. The board approved the motion, with one board member who opposed and one who abstained.

Freda Porter reported that the Budget and Policy Committee reviewed **Exemption 5**. She reported the committee also discussed **Exemption 5**. Finally, Freda reported that the committee discussed the **Exemption 5**. Full board discussion occurred on the Identity Policy after which, the full board voted and approved revocation of the policy. The Board also asked that Director Gover **Exemption 5**.

Chair Roberta Conner called for old business items. Under old business the board discussed committee reports and their importance in providing the history of the board especially in

regards to repatriation. The membership of the Council of Elders was discussed. As a result of this discussion, **Exemption 6** was nominated and unanimously approved to be a member of the Council. Director Gover was asked to follow-up with **Exemption 6**. Ron Solimon on behalf of the Governance Committee reiterated the call for additional Council of Elder nominations.

Under new business, the Board discussed the August 13-14 Board meeting in Ignacio, CO. The board also asked that an updated Board and staff contact list be distributed to all trustees along with a clean copy of the repatriation appeals process and committee listing. The Board then discussed the orientation of new trustees and training needs. Finally the Board discussed the campaign and representing the museum at different national conferences and meetings. A list of meetings/conference was formed and Board members should let staff know if they will be attending those meetings.

The Board went into executive session and adjourned.

FINAL

NMAI Board of Trustees Meeting - August 13, 2012
Sky Ute Resort
Durango, CO

Board Attendees:

Haunani Apoliona, Manley Begay, Roberta Conner, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, John Ernst, Catherine Fowler, Fred Hoxie, Andrew Lee, Marshall McKay, Brian Patterson, Brenda Toineeta Pipestem, Freda Porter, Ronald Solimon, Lynn Valbuena, Jose Zarate, Patricia Zell, Robert Leopold for Richard Kurin

Chair Roberta Conner called the meeting to order at 8:32a and asked Manley Begay to provide an opening blessing.

Board Secretary Lynn Valbuena called roll and established a quorum with seventeen board members present.

Chair Bobbie Conner noted that minutes from the February meetings would be approved at the November meeting along with the August minutes.

The meeting moved into executive session with the Director at 8:48am, and resumed at 9:59am.

Chair Roberta Conner provided a summary of the Board of Regents retreat she attended with Brenda Toineeta Pipestem and said that there would be a follow-up meeting to the retreat in October. She also reported on the June Executive committee meeting in Oklahoma City.

Director Kevin Gover provided his director's report. He reported that he was traveling the past couple of weeks and visited nine reservations, a tribal museum and a national park. He had a good visit at the Navajo Nation Museum. He also reported on his speech at Pembroke University and noted that there Exemption 5. He also thanked Freda Porter for assisting in the arrangement of his speech and for Exemption 6. Director Gover then reported that both the DC and NY museums had a 100% increase in visitors. He then talked about the summer programming and the different festivals hosted by tribes and embassies, the National Education Initiative, and way-finding for both Museums.

Further discussion ensued regarding programming and tribal festivals. Exemption 5
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Exemption 5. Kevin also reported that the NMAI is working with the SI Folklife when the festival will be by the museum.

Director Gover reported on the upcoming retirement of two exhibits team members and the resignation of the archivist. He also reported on NMAI's needs in the scholarship unit and that David Penney is inquiring about the cost of a mid year scholar. He then noted that the SI Latino Center has a program that will pay for a Latino curator for period of 3yr that after which NMAI will resume the pay costs. Finally he discussed the need for another Latino archeologist to ensure coverage to fulfill scholarship

needs in that area and his hopes to have one or two new staff members in the scholarship unit by next summer.

Jane Sledge then presented her IT presentation. She discussed the different IT resources at NMAI and Office of the Chief Information Office (OCIO), the overall OCIO significant budget, policies/applications and infrastructure, mobile strategy, responsive design, NMAI Systems—supported by NMAI IT staff, NMAI IT costs for all three facilities, IT needs now and future needs.

A discussion on IT then occurred. Jane Sledge noted that the biggest challenge looking forward is reaching tribal schools and communities with limited broadband or poor no internet access. Andrew Lee commented on the use of cell phones, and the biggest challenge would be staying ahead of technology. He offered to help organize a trip for Jane and Kevin to go Silicon Valley and meet with Google and reported that Jackie Johnson was arranging for tribal leaders to visit Google during NCAI in October. The Board then asked that in upcoming trustee nominations we look for a technologist to help with ideas to push technology needs. Further discussion ensued on how technology could be used during the campaign. Manley Begay asked if NMAI could use technology in language recovery. Director Gover noted that NMAI didn't have the capacity or expertise to lead the charge but could possibly be a portal to sites offering those resources.

Morning break occurred.

After the break, Chair Bobbie Conner introduced Lynn Brittner and Nathan Strong Elk of the Southern Ute Museum, and Tamicka Good Tracks Southern Ute Council member. They thanked the Board for visiting the Southern Ute and hope to continue future collaborations.

Angela Leipold then provided updates to the afternoon schedule.

John Ernst delivered the development report. He reported the committee had no actions items but discussed the draft case statement and the Circle of Dance benefit scheduled for October 4 in New York. John yielded the floor to Cameron McGuire who reported on the increase in visitor numbers at both museums. He also reported the committee discussed the committee charter and would do further review for the November meeting. Finally, Cameron reported that Angela Leipold briefed the committee about NMAI's Inaugural Ball and Exemption 5

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The meeting recessed for lunch. After lunch, Ron Solimon reported on the Governance committee. Ron reported the committee had several actions; the first being the appointment of new trustees. Ron then presented the following motion from the committee to the Board:

Motion from Governance committee to nominate [REDACTED] Exemption 6 to the Smithsonian Board of Regents for appointment to the NMAI Board of Trustees beginning January 2013.

After discussion regarding the candidates the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Ron then presented the committee's next motion:

Motion from the Governance Committee to re-elect Roberta Conner, Marshall McKay, and Lynn Valbuena to the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary respectfully; and to reappoint Ronald Solimon, Chair of Governance Committee; Philip Deloria, Chair of Scholarship and Collections Committee; Brenda Toineeta Pipestem, Chair of Repatriation Committee; John Ernst, Chair of Development Committee and to appoint Patricia Zell, Chair of Policy and Budget Committee, for the year 2013.

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Ron then reported the committee reviewed the draft resolution of the Council of Elders, and decided to change the name to Circle of Elders. He also said the committee will further identify ways for the Circle of Elders to work with the Board, and opened the floor for nominations to the Circle of Elders. Nominations should be sent to Kevin and staff.

Ron then reported the committee discussed their charter and will have a draft for board review at the November meeting. The committee also discussed the board's self evaluation and evaluation of the Director; the orientation process of new trustees; and upcoming board vacancies and renewals for 2014. Ron then asked the Board to assist in identifying new board candidates and the committee would also look at the National Council and NY Board for potential candidates.

Finally, Ron reported the committee reviewed the NMAI NY Board bylaws and decided that Director Gover will continue work with NY Board to refine the bylaws for presentation at the November or February meetings. John Ernst also asked Trustees to submit any potential candidates for the NY Board to him.

Freda Porter reported on the Policy and Budget committee. She reported that they reviewed and revised the committee charter; and presented the revised charter for Board approval. The Board approved the charter after additional comments from Board Chair Roberta Conner

Exemption 5

Freda also reported the committee discussed

Exemption 5

The committee agreed to

Exemption 5

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Exemption 5

Freda then reported that the committee had a lengthy discussion on the Identity Policy

Exemption 5

Catherine Fowler then reported on the Scholarship and Collections committee. She reported the committee did not have any action items but the committee discussed incoming and outgoing loans,

and noted that loan activity was heavier than in previous years. As a result of the higher loan activity, the committee felt that a criteria need to be established for evaluating loans and their benefit to Native communities. The committee wanted to go on record that they fully support loans to institutions with reciprocal partnerships and when there is a benefit to Native people. Kay then reported that the NMAI is way ahead of other SI museum in terms of collection digitization however, collections still need to do more. The collections group would like to improve their records to include more knowledge. The committee recommended to staff that they capture this knowledge during consultations, visiting delegations, exhibition planning.

Finally Kay reported the committee reviewed their charter and goals. She noted the charter will be completed for review in November and the committee had the following goals 1) to Exemption 5

[REDACTED], 2) to Exemption 5 [REDACTED], 3) to Exemption 5 [REDACTED], 4) to Exemption 5 [REDACTED].

Brenda Toineeta Pipestem then asked for an update on Exemption 5 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He then noted further updates will be provided at the next meeting.

Brenda Toineeta Pipestem reported on the Repatriation committee and noted the committee did not have a quorum. She also reported committee members present discussed Exemption 5 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She also reported the committee discussed the NMAI's response to GAO/Congress (the report can be found on NMAI's website). [REDACTED] Exemption 5 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Brenda then noted that an intern did a report on the history of repatriation and action items which will be made available at the November meeting. Finally, Brenda conveyed that the committee had a lot of upcoming work for November and asked for volunteers to serve on the committee to ensure that a quorum is established. Exemption 6 [REDACTED] volunteered to serve on the committee and Exemption 6 [REDACTED] volunteered to serve as an alternate committee member, when necessary, to establish a quorum.

Meeting dates for October 2013 were discussed under old business. Chair Roberta Conner mentioned Exemption 6 [REDACTED]

As there was no new business, the meeting concluded, staff were excused and the Board went into executive session. The meeting adjourned after this session.

**NMAI Board of Trustees Meeting
February 7-8, 2013
NMAI Mall Museum
Washington, DC**

Attendees:

NMAI Board of Trustees: Roberta Leigh Conner (Chair), Bill Anoatubby, Manley Begay, Margaret Brown, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Brenda Child, Philip J. Deloria, Lucille Echohawk, John Ernst, Catherine Fowler, Andrew Lee, Marshall McKay, Lance Morgan, Brian Patterson, Brenda Tioneeta Pipestem, Gregory Pyle, Ronald Solimon, Lynn Valbuena, Jose Zarate, Patricia Zell, Richard Kurin, Secretary Wayne Clough

NMAI - NY Board: Margot Ernst, Valerie Rowe, Benita Potters, Stephen Friedman, Lance Lindblom, Antonio Perez

NMAI National Council: Leslie Wheelock, Greg Smith, Joan and Marx Sterne

NMAI Staff: Kevin Gover, Machel Monenerkit, Jane Sledge, Cameron McGuire, David Penney, Tim Johnson, Angela Leipold, Kelly Bennett, John Haworth, Kerry Boyd, Alena Chalan, Lucia DeRespinis

Board Chair Bobbie Conner called the meeting to order at 1:45pm on Thursday, February 7. Board Secretary Lynn Valbuena called roll and confirmed that a quorum was established. Chair Conner then noted that approval of the minutes would occur under old business and that the Board needed to approve the proposed 2013 Committee Membership prior to committee meetings. After review and discussion, the Board approved the committee list with the following edits: 1) Margaret Brown would serve on the Scholarship and Collections as well as the Repatriation Committee, 2) Philip Deloria would serve on the Repatriation Committee, 3) Lucille Echohawk and Brian Patterson would serve on the Repatriation Committee as alternates, and 4) Brenda Tioneeta Pipestem would serve on the Development Committee.

After approval of the committee membership the meeting broke into committee meetings.

The meeting and committees recessed for the day at 5:30pm to participate in the symposium reception and to attend a dinner to honor recently retired Board members.

The meeting resumed at 8:00am on Friday, February 8 with an executive session with Director Gover followed by a blessing for the launch of the National Campaign. After the blessing, the meeting resumed with remarks from Smithsonian Secretary Wayne Clough.

Secretary Clough thanked Director Gover for his leadership and the Board for their service; and welcomed new Board members. He then acknowledged the recent passing of Board member [Exemption 6]. He reported on different key highlights within the Smithsonian. Clough noted that Tom Cole was recently appointed to the Board of Regents, that the Maya Angelou at the NMAI was a huge success, and that the attendance at the NMAI was up. He discussed, the Mascots Symposium. Secretary Clough also discussed the Smithsonian Campaign, the Smithsonian consortia, and different projects that incorporated Native knowledge and research such as the Recovering Voices project and Reporting from Indian Country web portal. The Secretary also discussed diversity within the Smithsonian workforce; he discussed education and noted that two Smithsonian staff serve on the President's Interagency Working Group on Indian Education; and finally he reported on the budget and sequestration

Chair Conner thanked Secretary Clough for his remarks and his time, and then asked him about the honoring of Senator Inouye. Secretary Clough had a positive response and hoped that there would be a joint effort in honoring the Senator's legacy.

Chair Roberta Conner delivered her report. She gave "kudos" for the successful execution of the NMAI Inaugural Ball and thanked Board members for their support during the tough month of August. She then noted the October SI Campaign meeting was cancelled so she did not have any updates. She then discussed the previous day's Mascot's symposium, and thanked the Director and staff for taking a bold step outside the box to present one of Indian country's most vexed topics. Further discussion occurred on the mascots symposium and other topics affecting Indian country and how those topics can be given a voice at the museum. Many ideas were exchanged and it was decided the issue would be further discussed at the June Executive Committee meeting.

Director Gover then delivered his report. He provided an update on [Exemption 5] and findings of the [Exemption 5]. He also reported he was

[Exemption 5]

As there was no big discussion or questions, the meeting continued with committee reports.

John Ernst reported the Development Committee did not have any action items. He conveyed the committee received an update on Advancement from Cameron McGuire and a membership presentation from David Saunders. He then reported the committee reviewed the timeline for anniversary events and reviewed the committee's charter. John then noted that the committee would send their charter to the Executive Committee for review and approval at

their June meeting. Finally, John reported that the committee discussed the Campaign and potential naming opportunities.

Philip Deloria reported that the Collections and Scholarship Committee did not have any action items, but that the members had received an introductory presentation by David Penney, Jane Sledge, and Anne McMullen on the collection and scholarship, and the ways these missions are integrated. He then said the presentation helped new committee members get up to speed on the committee, and provided a basis for the committee's discussion of two items: the revision of the committee charter and the development of concrete goals for the committee. He then reported that the committee would meet via teleconference before the June Executive Committee meeting to work in-depth on their charter and goals. Once complete, Phil will send the charter and goals to the Executive Committee for review and approval.

During the Collections and Scholarship committee reports, Jane Sledge and Machel Monenerkit provided a quick update on the **Exemption 6** acquisition.

Brenda Toineeta Pipestem reported that the Repatriation Committee discussed **Ex. 5**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Brenda presented the following repatriation cases and committee motions:

Exemption 5


[REDACTED]

After review and discussion, the Board approved.

Exemption 5

[REDACTED]

Exemption 5



After review and discussion, the Board approved.

Exemption 5



After review and discussion, the Board approved.

Before presenting the final two repatriation cases, Brenda reported that the Repatriation Committee [REDACTED] Exemption 5 [REDACTED], for full Board approval. She then presented the following committee motions:

Repatriation Committee Motion to [REDACTED] Exemption 5 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Exemption 5



After discussion, the Board approved.

Repatriation Committee motion to

Exemption 5

a. Culturally Unaffiliated Human Remains

Exemption 5

b. Culturally Unknown Human Remains

Exemption 5

After discussion, the Board approved.

After the approval of the Repatriation Policy edits, Brenda presented last two repatriation cases for board approval:

Exemption 5

After review and discussion, the Board approved.

Exemption 5

Exemption 5



After review and discussion, the Board approved.

Brenda also reported the committee reviewed their charter and discussed committee goals. She said the committee would further review and edit both items, and would present them to the Executive Committee for review and approval at their June meeting. Finally, she reported that Exemption 5

Exemption 5 Brenda also requested that Exemption 5. After a quick discussion, the Board decided to include copies of the repatriation cases, via a CD, in the full meeting materials.

Patricia Zell reported the Policy and Budget committee had one action item for Board approval. She reported the committee discussed the Heye Foundation Endowment and its support of Collections Information and then presented the following resolution from the committee:

“The Board of Trustees of the National Museum of the American Indian authorizes the expenditure of \$300, 000 from the Heye Foundation Endowment to improve collections information, and thus achieve digitized documentation consistent with contemporary standards, and make more information available on the Collection Search website.”

The Board unanimously approved the resolution and expenditure.

Patricia also reported the committee discussed the [redacted] Exemption 5 [redacted]. The committee agreed to hold a teleconference in between meeting to further discuss the policy. She then reported the committee discussed [redacted] Exemption 5 [redacted]. Further discussion occurred on this topic. Patricia then reported the committee discussed [redacted] Exemption 5 [redacted]. Lastly, Patricia reported that the committee will meet and review [redacted] Exemption 5 [redacted].

Ronald Solimon reported the Governance Committee discussed [redacted] Exemption 5 [redacted]. He also reported the committee [redacted] Exemption 5 [redacted]. Based on their discussions and committee work, Ron reported the committee had several action items; the first being the appointment of a new trustee. He then presented the following motion from the committee to the Board:

Motion from the Governance Committee to appoint [redacted] Ex. 6 [redacted] to the NMAI Board of Trustees for an initial three-year term effective immediately. Ron explained that [redacted] Ex. 6 [redacted] would fill the vacant position left by [redacted] Ex. 6 [redacted], who rescinded his board appointment. After discussion, the full board unanimously passed [redacted] Ex. 6 [redacted]'s nomination.

Ron then reported the committee decided not to fill the vacant position left open due to the recent passing of Board member, [redacted] Ex. 6 [redacted], Exemption 5 [redacted].

Ron presented the committee's motion to re-appoint S. Haunani Apoliona, Brian Patterson, and Brenda Toineeta Pipestem to the NMAI Board of Trustees for an additional three-year term, effective January 1, 2014. After discussion the Board unanimously approved the re-appointment of Brian and Brenda; and unanimously approved the re-appointment of Haunani pending follow-up, by Ron with Haunani, regarding her willingness to serve an additional term.

Ron reported that during the Governance Committee meeting, [redacted] Exemption 5 [redacted]. The Governance Committee agreed to honor Ben's request. Since the 2013 Committee roster was previously voted upon, Ron presented the Governance committee's motion to remove Ben Nighthorse Campbell from

Governance Committee to serve on the Policy and Budget Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ron then presented the committee's motion to approve the edits of the Governance commit to the membership criteria of the Circle of Elder's as follows:

1. Exemption 5




2.

The Board unanimously approved the edits.

Ron then reported the committee reviewed the Operating Principles of the Board and that the committee presented a motion to approve minor edits to the principles as follows:

Exemption 5



The Board unanimously approved the edits.

Ron also reported the committee reviewed the NMAI NY Board of Director Bylaws and said the committee presented a motion to approve the Bylaws

Exemption 5

After reviewing the Bylaw and edits, the Board unanimously approved.

Ron then reported that the committee reviewed their charter and discussed goals; and would present them to the Executive Committee prior to the June meeting for further review and approval. Finally, Ron conveyed [Exemption 5]

Under old business, the February 2012 and August 2012 minutes were presented for approval. During discussion of the February 2012 minutes, Brenda Pipestem questions [Exemption 5]

[Exemption 5] Phil Deloria remembered [Exemption 5]

[Exemption 5] It was decided that the matter would be taken up at the next full meeting. After notation of minor edits, both were approved by the Board with four abstentions.

Under new business, the remaining meeting dates for 2013 were reviewed. Phil Deloria noted that he had a conflict with the August meeting. A discussion also occurred regarding the October meeting in Hawaii. Director Gover informed the Board that the October meeting would be longer than normal to encourage meetings and community engagement. Board members agreed to the longer meeting time and Director Gover said Alena would follow-up with Board regarding their schedules.

Lastly, the following 2014 date/locations for Board meeting were determined under new business. The dates and location coincide with NMAI Anniversaries.

- January 30-31, 2014 (Washington, DC/ Suitland, MD)
- September 18-19, 2014 (Washington, DC)
- December 4-5, 2014 (New York, NY)

The meeting went into an executive session of the Board; and adjourned after this session.

**NMAI Board of Trustees - Teleconference Meeting
August 13, 2013**

NMAI Board of Trustees attendees: Roberta Leigh Conner (Chair), Manley Begay, Margaret Brown, Brenda Child, Lynn Cutler, Philip J. Deloria, Lucille Echohawk, John Ernst, Catherine Fowler, Haunani Apoliona, Andrew Lee, Marshall McKay, Lance Morgan, Brian Patterson, Brenda Tioneeta Pipestem, Gregory Pyle, Ronald Solimon, Jose Zarate, Patricia Zell, Richard Kurin,

NMAI Staff attendees: Kevin Gover, Machel Monenerkit, Jane Sledge, Cameron McGuire, David Penney, Tim Johnson, Angela Leipold, Kelly Bennett, Alena Chalan,

SI Staff Attendees: Robert Leopold.

Chair Roberta Conner called the meeting to order at 10:07am; and Director Kevin Gover established a quorum.

Chair Conner delivered her report on the Smithsonian Advisory Board Chairs meeting with the Smithsonian Board of Regents. She reported the meeting focused on Exemption 5. She also reported that Exemption 5.

Finally, Chair Conner thanked Angela Leipold for ensuring the magazine Board list was updated; and asked board members to remember to submit the information and photos requested for identification and business cards to Angela as soon as possible.

Director Gover delivered his report. He reported that at the Secretary's July Smithsonian Director's retreat they discussed Exemption 5. He reported the Directors discussed Exemption 5. He informed the board that as a result of the Director's retreat, Exemption 5. Director Gover then reported that another outcome of the Director's retreat was the entire Smithsonian is under a 90-day hiring freeze. This had a big impact on the NMAI as several jobs vacancies were in the process of being filled. He then noted the hiring freeze would end at the beginning of the new fiscal year. He also reported the Smithsonian extended its strategic plan for an additional two year and thus the NMAI would extend its plans as well. Finally, Director Gover discussed Exemption 5.

Brenda Pipestem reported the Repatriation Committee held a two day retreat to work in depth on the Repatriation Policy; and that the policy would be ready for full Board review at the October meeting. She noted that the revised policy would be sent to the entire board with a cover letter noting the policy changes. She also reported that the Executive Committee held a teleconference vote on July to approve an addendum to repatriate items. She then reported there were not any actions items for this meeting but the committee would repatriation actions for approval in October.

John Ernst reported the Development Committee did not have any actions items. He also reported that the Campaign Cabinet, lead by Randy Willis, will have its initial meeting on Monday, August 19 in Santa Fe.

Philip Deloria reported the Collections and Scholarship committee had two motions for Board approval. The first motion was for the Board to approve the a destructive analysis request by Exemption 6, NMAI Mellon Fellow, who is currently researching and imaging Exemption 5 and requested permission to conduct destructive analyses on detached threads from two of the textiles (22/497 and 23/9073) as well as non-destructive testing on a larger set of items. Phil reported that the committee Exemption 5

The Board approved Ex. 6 request for destructive analysis. Phil then reported that the Director was previously delegated authority, by the Board of Trustees, to approve non-destructive analysis research requests and Director Gover approved Ex. 6 non-destructive analysis request. Philip then introduced the second motion from the Collections and Scholarship Committee to approve a destructive scientific analysis request by Ex. 6, Senior Research Scientist and Curator of North American Archaeology at the National Museum of Natural History, to analyze samples from Exemption 5

Exemption 5. Philip reported Ex. 6 research will illuminate how Exemption 5 and that Ex. 6 has been in contact with Ex. 6, the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Osage, who Exemption 5. Philip then noted that Exemption 5

The Board unanimously approved the request. Finally, Phil reported that the committee would present their charter for full Board approval at the October meeting.

After the Collections and Scholarship report a brief discussion occurred regarding Exemption 5. The Board fully agreed that Exemption 5

Exemption 5

Manley Begay reminded the Board members of meeting protocols and provided a brief prayer for the meeting. He talked about the recent passing of former board member [Exemption 6] and offered kind words in his memory.

Ronald Solimon reported the Governance Committee was not able to meet, prior to the teleconference, due to conflicting schedules and that the committee is working to identify candidates to fill five vacancies and that the committee will provide a slate of candidates at the October meeting. Finally he reported that the committee will present the revised bylaws at the October meeting for full board approval. Chair Conner then asked Angela Leipold and Cameron McGuire to assist Mr. Solimon in identifying times for a committee meeting.

Patricia Zell reported the Policy and Budget committee was not able to meet prior to the teleconference meeting but they are working on amending the committee charter and will have it ready for review and approval at the October meeting. Patricia then asked Kelly Bennett to provide updates on the federal and trust budgets.

After committee reports, the October meeting in Hawaii was discussed. Director Gover informed board members that Trustees Haunani Apoliona and Patricia Zell have been working to schedule potential meetings with native Hawaiian cultural institutions/offices, communities, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Patricia provided further details about meetings and Board members requested an updated itinerary of events to include travel and meeting dates, which Angela will provide when it becomes available.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52am.