

MONHEGAN HISTORICAL & CULTURAL MUSEUM ASSOCIATION, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING OF TRUSTEES (38th) & MEMBERS (37th)
AUGUST 19, 2021
1:00PM

MINUTES

(Pending formal approval at 2022 Annual meeting)

In attendance:

Officers: President, Edward Deci; Vice President & Secretary, Susan Bateson; and Treasurer, Elena Henry

Trustees: Adam Blumenthal, Dan Broeckelmann, Will Coleman, Laureen Gastón, Mary Kordak, Mandy Metrano, Jessica Nicoll – all in person; and Earle Shettleworth by Zoom

Staff: Director and Chief Curator, Jennifer Pye; and Curator of Exhibitions, Emily Grey

Trustee Candidates: Susan Danly, Lexi Krause, Jan Kornbuth, Laura Ligouri – all in person; and Stacie Crocetti by Zoom

Absent: Trustee James O’Gorman and prospective trustee Lance Prichard

Members: Linda Bean, Anne Burnett-Hidell, Steve Fuller, Bob & Penny Smith, and Bill & Margot Walker

A number of members also elected to join by Zoom.

Reports

President: Ed Deci

Ed acknowledged and offered his thanks to our two outgoing Board Trustees, now completing their two, 3-year terms: James O’Gorman and Earle Shettleworth. Ed then reflected on his decades of association with – and leadership of – the museum, his dedication to the cultural and artistic history of the island, and his pride and gratitude for how far the museum has come and that fact that it is poised for continued success and is sustainable well into the future. Ed also acknowledged many of the people in attendance – and the many unable to join us – and their contributions to the museum’s success.

Director: Jenn Pye’s full report is attached (see Attachment #1).

Jenn commented on several highlights from the past year, including the virtual programming, and acknowledged the contributions of many volunteers and staff.

James Fitzgerald Legacy:

Dan Broeckelmann’s full report is attached (see Attachment #2).

Dan commented on several highlights from the past year and acknowledged the contributions of many, and especially Bob Stahl, former director of the James Fitzgerald Legacy.

Financials:

Elena Henry’s full report is attached (see Attachment #3).

Elena commented on the financial reports (posted on the website) and the museum’s financial health.

Resource Development:

Susan Bateson commented on the 2021 season’s fundraising results to-date and the publicity report (both reports previously posted on the museum’s website). The museum is grateful for – and gives thanks to – its many members and visitors for their support of the organization.

Nominating & Governance:

1. Those in attendance approved the following:
2. Minutes from August 20, 2020 Annual Meeting of Member and the minutes from May 20, 2021 Trustees Meeting.
3. Election of the following officers for one-year terms: Adam Blumenthal, President; Susan Bateson, Vice President and Secretary; Dan Broeckelmann, Interim Vice President and Chair of the James Fitzgerald Legacy Committee (a committee of the Board); and Treasurer, Elena Henry. Officers are elected annually and have no stipulated term limits, pursuant to the museum’s bylaws.
4. Election of the following trustees: Stacie Crocetti, Susan Danly, Lexi Krause, Jan Kornbuth, Lance Prichard and Laura Ligouri. Trustees are elected for three-year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms of service.
5. A resolution to approve a 2021 Restatement of the organization’s Bylaws.
6. Susan read the following statement from the trustees:

The undersigned Vice President and Secretary of the Corporation hereby certifies that all trustees of the MONHEGAN HISTORICAL & CULTURAL MUSEUM ASSOCIATION, INC. consented to the adoption of the following resolutions:

Whereas, the Board of Trustees recognizes and honors:

- The extraordinary volunteer service, dedication, and commitment to the museum of Edward L. Deci;
- Ed’s long record of outstanding leadership of the museum and its board as both director of the museum (for 36 years) and president of the board (for 38 years); and
- Ed’s exceptional fundraising success to secure the long-term sustainability of the museum.

It is hereby resolved:

- a) The election of *Edward L. Deci as President and Director Emeritus* as provided in Article V, Section 10 of the bylaws under the terms provided in this section, *i.e.*, that Ed "shall serve at the discretion of the Board, without term and shall be invited to attend, in non-voting capacity, all meetings of the Board of Trustees;" and
- b) The reallocation of \$100,000 of retained earnings in the Association’s existing Permanent Endowment account to a new dedicated endowment account, named *“The Edward L. Deci Endowed Lecture Series,”* to support one or more annual lectures in Ed’s honor.

A copy of the certificate presented to Ed is attached. (See Attachment #4.)

Adam Blumenthal, the Museum Association’s new president offered closing remarks concerning Ed’s extraordinary contributions to – and leadership of – the museum over many decades. (See Attachment #5.) A long standing ovation for Ed followed.

We opened the meeting for questions or comments and then the meeting adjourned to the Trailing Yew for a community gathering to celebrate Ed at 2:20pm.

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See next page for additional notes.

Upcoming dates noted for Trustees' Calendars

- Quarterly meetings of Board by Zoom for **2022 Season** will be as follows: Third Thursday in November, February, and May (11/18/2021, 2/17/2022, and 5/19/2022)
- Opening Reception for 2022 Season: Sunday, July 3, 2022, 4pm
- On-Island Annual Meeting of Members and Board: Thursday, August 18, 2022, 1pm (this, too, is a "third Thursday")
- Committee meetings to be done telephonically on a schedule matched to priorities and activities

Attachments posted on Museum's Website in advance of the meeting:

1. Minutes from May 20, 2021 Trustees Meeting
2. Financial Reports
 - a. Balance Sheet as of 7/31/2021
 - b. Profit and Loss Statement through 7/31/2021
 - c. Annual Budget vs. Year-to-Date Actuals through 7/31/2021
3. 2021 Season Museum Fundraising Results (through August 2)
4. Publicity Report from Kristen Levesque, our PR Consultant (through early August)
5. Short Bios of our Trustee Candidates
6. Curator's Reports & Zoom Link
7. Minutes from August 20, 2020 Annual Meeting of Members
8. Restatement of Monhegan Historical & Cultural Museum Association Bylaws, approved by the Board of Trustees on May 20, 2021
9. Highlights of changes to Bylaws