

MACOMB COUNTY ART INSTITUTE AUTHORITY

Minutes  
April 24, 2018

At a meeting of the Macomb County Art Institute Authority held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Macomb County Administration Building, BOC Committee Room, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Members Present:

Stanley Simek, Chair  
Ed Bruley  
Jennifer Miller  
Rodney Tolbert  
Jennifer Callans  
Michele Kelly  
DiAnne Pellerin

Others Present:

Salvador Salort-Pons, Director, President and CEO, DIA  
Christine Kloostra, Executive Director, Marketing and Communications, DIA  
Dave Flynn, Executive Director, Public Affairs, DIA  
Jennifer Wild Czajkowski, Vice President of Learning and Audience Engagement, DIA  
Julie McFarland, Public Affairs Officer, DIA  
Donald Ritzenhein, Macomb County Representative to the DIA Board of Directors  
Lillian Demas, Macomb County Representative to the DIA Board of Directors  
Dr. Alesia Flye, Chief Academic Officer-MISD  
Victoria Marchione, Administrative Assistant to Deputy Lavers  
Jonathan Sollish, Intern, DIA

There being a quorum of the Authority present, the meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Dr. Callans, supported by Dr. Tolbert, to approve the agenda. THE MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Tolbert, supported by Mr. Bruley, to approve the February 6, 2018 minutes. THE MOTION CARRIED.

2017 PLANTE MORAN YEAR END AUDIT

Telephone conference with Steve Bodnar, Audit Manager and Dan Hart, In Charge, referencing communication required for the audit of the Art Authority. They are working on a bulk of the audit procedures. Going forward they will issue an opinion on the financial statements. Looking for various risks, specifically related to these financial statements. Focus mostly on ensuring tax collections are being remitted to the DIA in a timely manner. They will review accounting processes and internal controls. A budgetary schedule for year end 2017 was requested. No questions from the board regarding audit issues.

2017 PLANTE MORAN AGREED UPON PROCEDURES

Motion to receive and file the Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-upon Procedures. Motion was made by Ms. Miller, supported by Dr. Tolbert. THE MOTION CARRIED

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Report from the DIA Director, President & CEO, Mr. Salvador Salort-Pons:

The DIA has hired Jennifer Paoletti, Director of Exhibitions effective Monday April 30, 2018. This individual was recruited from the art institute in Chicago. Very exciting addition to the DIA. The baseball card exhibit has opened very strong. A 1968 Detroit Tiger exhibit is being held at the Detroit Historical Museum. A lot of people are supporting both exhibits, but there are many more who do not know these exhibits are running simultaneously. It was suggested to promote both with signage since they do complement each other. Star Wars – The Power of Costume, opens May 18 and has already generated a lot of interest and ticket sales. There is great progress being made in the opening of the Asian Galleries. The Fashion and Art Exhibit will open in December. The Anton Art Center is being prepared to display art from the DIA. Certain criteria such as environment, security, and temperature need to be met before this can happen. The statewide exhibition program is now full speed throughout the state of Michigan. The DIA is collaborating with the Manoogian Collection, who has lent some of their pieces. A grant was also received from a Chicago foundation. These exhibits will be in the tri-county area early 2020.

Public Affairs Update – Dave Flynn

Mr. Flynn announced that intern Jonathan Sollish has taken a job with the American Gastroenterological Association. Mr. Sollish has been very instrumental in building the community leaders list. The County Connection brochure was reviewed and will be distributed to over 300 county education municipal leaders. The DIA menu brochure was reviewed and lists various services at the DIA. A minimum quantity of 2000 have been printed. Input from members regarding additions/changes to the brochure were welcomed and changes will be made before mass distribution. Email Dave Flynn with any other suggestions. Community Engagement Report offered a review of the past 5 years at the DIA and will follow the same distribution list as the County Connection. Each city library will receive a copy as well.

On behalf of the DIA, Mr. Flynn thanked Stan Simek and DiAnne Pellerin for their dedication and years of service.

2017 Service Agreement Activity Review – Julie McFarland

Ms. McFarland presented and reviewed the following handout (attached)

2017 Arts Authority Report – Macomb County

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

Don Ritzenhein is working with Dave and Julie on public affairs. He has connected with the libraries and has supplied them with lists of upcoming events. The libraries will continue to promote the Star Wars – Power of Costume exhibit. Mr. Ritzenhein met with Steve Remias, President and Executive Committee Chair of Selfridge Community Council. He has asked if Mr. Salort-Pons would speak at their May 3 meeting.

Lillian Demas introduced Dr. Alesia Frye to speak. Dr. Frye provides access to the educators in Macomb County. Leadership groups met with instructional leaders to update them on DIA events and information. The districts discussed their experiences as well. Districts have also reached out to schedule summer opportunities for students. An annual kickoff retreat will be held at the DIA in August. Educators are hoping to identify programs directed to students of all levels.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Simek recently spoke with the Mount Clemens Rotary. The students love the museum but have a hard time finding the Weber Studio.

Mr. Simek commented on this being his last meeting and wished the organization well in the future.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Callans, supported by Ms. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 p.m. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**The next meeting date is August 28, 2018 at 4:00 pm.**

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