

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE ART STUDENTS LEAGUE OF NEW YORK, HELD APRIL 14, 2021, PURSUANT TO NOTICE DULY GIVEN, VIA INTERNET TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM).

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with President Robin Frank in the chair.

Board of Control (BoC) Members Present: Robin Frank, Beth Berns, Charlotte Bialek, Cathy Blake, Charles Sincero Chenet, Jack Gordon, Stephen Rosenthal, Jacquetta Szathmari, Charles van Horne, and Brian Zukauskas. Absent: Nelsena Burt-Spano, Michael Jacobs.

Also present: Michael Hall, Executive Director; Karen Gaines, CFO; Elizabeth Kingman, Director of Development; and Manager Thomas Tacik, taking minutes.

2. Mr. Charlie Georgalas and Mr. James Bell, of the League's investment management firm, Crewcial Partners, proceeded to give a presentation reporting on the performance of The League's investment portfolio. Also present for the presentation were members of the Investment Advisory Committee, Mr. Tony Scotto and Mr. Fred Hinkley.

Upon conclusion of the presentation by Crewcial Partners, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Control resumed.

President Robin Frank acknowledged the accomplishments of CFO Karen Gaines over the past year and thanked Ms. Gaines for her hard work on behalf of The League.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting of the BoC, held March 17, 2021, having been circulated to the Board Members, were approved as amended.
4. **Certificates of Completion:** There were no Certificates of Completion for approval.
5. **Membership Reinstatement Requests:** There were no requests for membership reinstatement for approval.
6. **President's Report:** President Robin Frank reviewed recent developments, including:
 - Successful application for a new Payroll Protection Program loan
 - Reopening of classes and registration numbers
 - Discussion of registration trends
 - Presentation of the "Faces of the League" exhibition on The League's Facebook page
 - Displaying Calder works from the Permanent Collection
 - Progress of the Cinqué exhibition
 - Discussion of acquiring collection management software to organize the Permanent Collection and archives
 - Discussion of creating a video interview archive of notable instructors
 - Installation of new gates on the 58th Street entrances to the building

7. **Executive Director's Report:** Executive Director Michael Hall provided a departmental report to the Board or Control.

8. **Committee Reports:**

Finance: Committee chair Beth Berns reviewed the committee's schedule and reported on recent activities.

Programs: Vice President Charlotte Bialek reported on behalf of committee Chair Nelsena Burt-Spano, inviting Board members to an upcoming committee meeting on April 27th to discuss the programs budget.

Constitution Reform: Committee Chair Vice President Charlotte Bialek discussed the upcoming Members Business Meeting and the presentation of new amendments to the By-Laws. Ms. Bialek called for the Board to endorse the proposed amendments to the By-Laws. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved endorsement of the amendments.

Collections: President Robin Frank presented a report on proposed acquisition to the Permanent Collection of 5 artworks by instructors and 5 works on paper by two past students. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved acquisition to the Permanent Collection of the artworks, as follows:

Instructor works accepted into collection:

- Mary Beth McKenzie, Grandmother & Child, 1974, lithograph. Donated in 2018 by Bobbi Adams.
- Hilda Terry D'Alessio, former League instructor. Pen and watercolor on paper, 16" x 14.
- Robert Bunkin, Costa Vavagiakis, 2008, Acrylic on canvas, 18 x 18 inches (unframed)
- Jack Faragasso, Woodstock Honeymoon Cabin. 1974, oil on canvas, 8.5 x 11.5" (17 x 19.75" framed)
- Dan Gheno, Nightmare Triptych, oil on canvas, side images 60" x 72", middle 60" x 40" (Strip framed)

Student works accepted into collection:

- Marvin Franklin, Studio Five (Gheno Class), watercolor, 23" x 29, framed. (Offered donation by Dan Gheno.)
- Elizabeth Crittenden, Figure Study-Female Nude, Charcoal on paper, 24.5" x 19"
- Elizabeth Crittenden, Figure Study-Male Nude I, Charcoal on paper, 24.5" x 19"
- Elizabeth Crittenden, Figure Study-Male Nude II, Charcoal on paper, 24.5" x 18.5"
- Elizabeth Crittenden, Figure Study-Male Nude III, Charcoal on paper, 24.5" x 18.5"

Development: Committee Chair Jacquetta Szathmari reported on recent discussions with Director of Development Elizabeth Kingman, and announced that the next committee meeting would take place in May.

Building: Committee Chair Stephen Rosenthal discussed the need for a special meeting to develop a master planning process for building expansion. Mr. Rosenthal went on to provide updates on current building projects, including HVAC duct cleaning, re-testing of air balancing, and research for renovation to studio lighting. Mr. Rosenthal reported that there was a noticeable difference in the quality of ventilation in the building. Also discussed were a review of the office layout, building expansion, and an exterior survey to be conducted when construction scaffolding is removed.

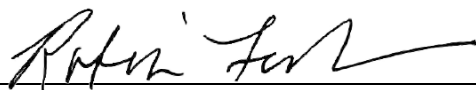
Member Outreach & Communication: Committee chair Brian Zukauskas reported that the committee was preparing the next edition of "Notes from the Board" for distribution. Mr. Zukauskas thanked Board members for their contributions to "Notes," and went on to discuss creation of a member survey to assess members' opinions about a return to in-person classes. There followed a discussion regarding vaccination of returning students and staff.

There were no further committee reports.

9. **New Business:** President Robin Frank noted the distribution to all current Board of Control members of the following Board-approved policies: Whistleblower, Conflict of Interest, and Document Retention.

CFO Karen Gaines noted that these policies will be reviewed by attorney Joshua Nathan.

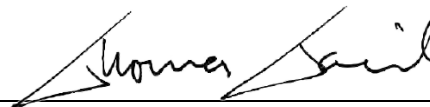
There being no further business, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Robin Lechter Frank, President

5/12/2021

Date



Thomas Tacik, Staff Member (Taking Minutes)

5/12/2021

Date