

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE ART STUDENTS LEAGUE OF NEW YORK, HELD SEPTEMBER 28, 2022, PURSUANT TO NOTICE DULY GIVEN, VIA INTERNET TELECONFERENCE (ZOOM).

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. with President Robin Frank in the chair.

**Board of Control (BoC) Members Present:** Robin Frank, Marcie Bronkar, Yoko Cohen, Stephen Durkee, Jack Gordon, Jack Howard-Potter, Fran Jacobs, Harriet Lester, Jonathan Spies, Charles van Horne;

Absent: Jacquetta Szathmari

Also present: Michael Hall, Artistic/Executive Director; Robert Telenick, Director of Programing; Kathleen Hayes, Chief Financial Officer; Elizabeth Kingman, Development Director; Anastasia Gudko, Development/Membership Manager and Assistant Secretary, taking minutes.

Artistic/Executive Director Michael Hall introduced Anastasia Gudko, Development/Membership Manager, to the Board of Control.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting of the Board of Control, held June 8, 2022, were approved.
3. **Membership Reinstatement Requests:** The following reinstatement requests were approved:

Eleanor Adam	Brian M Lipperd
Gina Albano	Svetlana Rabey
Ezra Cohen	Ruben Ramos
Lillian Bayer	Evelyn Ray
Suzanne Drapeau	Nidia Taboada
Ava Gonda	Richard Weinstein
Steven Hutchison	Gail Williams
Maggie Law	

4. **President's Report:** President Robin Frank reminded about **upcoming elections and the new BoC voting structure that will take effect on December 7<sup>th</sup>**. There will be nine members voted onto the Board by the members. The three officers and six Board members. Three Board members will be voted on for one-year terms and three will be voted on for two-year terms. The President and Vice Presidents are voted on yearly. The change was a result of trying to keep continuity for the staff and the League.

President Frank announced the new committees' structure to better address the Capital Funds distribution and planning for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There will be no requirements on the number of committees BoC members serve on, but it was suggested that each member should be active in one of those they feel they can make the most difference in helping the League. The following changes to the committees was proposed:

- A. Finance;
- B. Development and Membership - now combined;
- C. The 150th which includes Strategic planning;
- D. Capital Fund Committee – is now combined with the building committee;
- E. Collections Committee.

President Frank shared that the League is working on the Harvey Dinnerstein Legacy and actively identifying the work for future donations to museums and cultural institutions.

President Frank addressed the Board with the proposal to **lift the vaccine mandate** effective November 1, 2022. Each instructor will have the option of requiring masks; this will be posted in the class description. President Frank then called for a resolution to follow the CDC guidelines and lift the vaccination mandate effective November 1, 2022.

Resolution: Effective November 1, 2022, the League will no longer require proof of vaccination from students, instructors, staff, or visitors to enter the League's building.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the resolution was approved. Board member Jack Howard-Potter opposed the resolution.

#### 6. Executive Director's Report:

Artistic/Executive Director Michael Hall introduced Kathleen Hayes, Director of Finance, to the Board of Control and shared the news that in September, Dr. Ksenia Nouril joined the League as Gallery Director, Curator of Exhibitions & Programming, Phyllis Harriman Mason Gallery.

Director Hall updated the Board on improvements in the Information Technology department that were made possible thanks to the great work of Md Jarjis Awal, Senior Manager of Information Technology. Server and firewall upgrades were made, a new cloud solution was introduced, an inventory of online subscriptions was reviewed and examined, and a new phone provider contract was signed – all resulting in significant budget savings.

Mr. Hall mentioned that the library was recently reopened. He added that it is a wonderful and well-maintained space on floor 2 ½ and suggested stopping by to see it.

#### 7. Committee Reports:

*Development:* Director of Development Elizabeth Kingman shared that the preparations for the Gala are in full swing and there is great interest from supporters who purchased dinner tables and tickets. The event is scheduled for November 7 and will take place at the Museum of Modern Art. The two honorees of the event are Faith Ringgold, League alumna and Seeds of the League Advisory Board member, and Susan Donoghue, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, an integral partner for our Seeds of the League and Works in Public programs. Additionally, the 2022 Gala will feature a live performance by Simone Dinnerstein, presented in honor of her uncle, legendary League instructor and artist Harvey Dinnerstein, who passed away earlier this year.

Ms. Kingman share information about the upcoming cultivation events:

- 09/29, *VIP Donor Event* at Berry Campbell Gallery, 6 pm
- 10/27, *VIP Member/ Donor Early preview* of *We Fancy* at the League Gallery, 5 pm
- 12/05, *VIP Member/ Donor preview* of Holiday Art Show at the League Gallery, 5 pm

Board member and Development Committee Chair Marcie Bronkar thanked Elizabeth for the splendid work in preparation for the Gala and added that she invited all League members to join the 1875 Society which unite people who included the League in their estate plans.

Finance: Committee Chair Vice President Charles van Horne congratulated Kathleen on joining the League and complimented her on setting a high standard of work. Ms. Hayes shared that her priorities and goals are to make financial reporting more transparent and accessible, emphasizing departmental budgets.

Programs: Director of Programs Robert Telenick reported registration numbers and informed the Board about the department's desire to bring back more in-person workshops. Mr. Hall added that lately the expense of models for classes was reviewed, resulting in more efficient utilization of resources. Mr. Telenick shared that the department also analyzed enrollment patterns and trends to decide if changes would need to be introduced at the beginning of 2023.

Collections: *There was no committee report.*

Building: Committee Chair Jack Gordon shared that, by the end of September, the BoC expects to receive the building preservation reports from the architects. This document will reveal information about the state of the exterior of the building.

Member Outreach & Communications: *There was no committee report.*

Strategic Planning:

Committee Chair Stephen Durkee reported that the committee will evaluate current League affairs and will bring strategic topics to discuss to the upcoming Members Business Meeting on October 26, 2022.

8. New Business:

President Frank called for a resolution to appoint Anastasia Gudko to the role of the Assistant Secretary to the Board of Control.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the resolution was approved

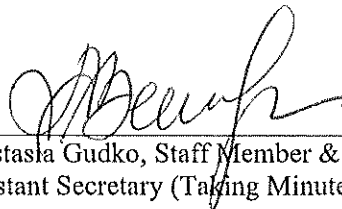
There being no further business, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Robin Lechter Frank, President

10/19/2022

Date:



Anastasia Gudko, Staff Member & Assistant Secretary (Taking Minutes)

10/19/2022

Date: