

**MINUTES
JOINT MEETING OF TRUSTEES
ELIZABETH MORSE GENIUS AND CHARLES HOSMER MORSE FOUNDATIONS**

January 17, 2022

A joint meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Elizabeth Morse Genius and Charles Hosmer Morse Foundations was held on Monday, January 17, 2022, at 1:00 P.M. by video conference.

Notice of the meeting was given to all Trustees and Members of the Board in accordance with the Bylaws.

Trustees attending

Harold A. Ward, III, Chairman & President	Theodore E. Stebbins, Jr.
Richard O. Baldwin	Richard M. Strauss
Mary W. Christian	R. Michael Strickland
Susan F. McKean	Leila E. Trismen
Charles C. Ogden	Douglas A. Woodman
Sandra M. Ogden	
Randolph J. Rush	<u>Also attending:</u>
Ann M. Saurman	Bonnie C. Hubbard
Lewis I. Sharp	Laurence J. Ruggiero

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the planning for the future of Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art (Museum). The Trustees had been provided access to a large amount of materials from the Foundation's records relating to its history and the wishes of its founder. The following views were among those expressed by members:

Discussion Points:

- Honor the McKean's vision; the tone and feeling of the Museum should continue.
- Keep Museum's unique scale while changing to stay essential; consider best way to accomplish this.
- The Museum must maintain the continuity of its art, example, the best of Tiffany.
- Recognize and preserve the historical perspectives of the Museum.
- Continue to incorporate Mr. McKean's labels.
- Continue Mrs. McKean's vignettes and incorporate historical objects from permanent collection.
- Continue Mr. McKean's wish to honor the Museum's benefactor, Charles Hosmer Morse, and not fund-raise.
- Follow Mr. McKean's policy of "don't do anything you cannot afford, work within means."
- Consider setting up an acquisition fund and encourage community support for acquisitions.
- To capture the spirit and knowledge of the Museum, have the current Director create documents that new Trustees, Directors and staff can easily use as reference.

- Clarify and summarize current videos and documentation to use as a base for guidance. The current Director is the ideal person to do this. Important to do this now.

Consensus: Get the information and documentation in more usable form. The Director is the ideal personal to coordinate this project and should include the Trustees and staff in this project. Have something to present to Trustees in six months. No formal action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was recessed.

Approved,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harold A. Ward, III".

Harold A. Ward, III
Chairman & President