

Annual Meeting of the Corporators & Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 4pm

Davis Auditorium, Michele and Donald D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts Minutes

- I. Welcome- Cynthia Campbell, Chairperson**
 - a. Cynthia Campbell welcomed Corporators to the meeting and thanked them for attending. She introduced herself as the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.
- II. Approval of the Minutes of Annual Meeting, September 13, 2023**
 - a. Cynthia Campbell asked for a motion to approve the minutes as found in the meeting materials. Hands were raised for a motion and second. The motion was unanimously approved.
- III. Opening Remarks - Kay Simpson, President & CEO**
 - a. FY24 year had outstanding numbers for attendance. It was our second-highest attended year since the COVID-19 pandemic, just trailing behind FY23 attendance statistics.
 - b. In the late fall of 2023, the Springfield Museums were honored to receive reaccreditation status from the American Alliance of Museums. Thank you to all staff, Trustees and committee members for being supportive and dedicated to our mission.
 - c. The Dr. Seuss license plate campaign hit its goal of 700 sign-ups to get the license plates on the road through the RMV in the early spring of 2024. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the campaign.
 - d. The Springfield Museums were thrilled to receive a large grant of \$800,000 from the Art Bridges Foundation to support a new program "Free First Wednesdays," allowing visitors to come for free on the first Wednesday of every month until 2027.
 - e. The Museums was a recipient of another Springfield Preservation Trust award for the work done at the Dr. Seuss House.
 - f. There have now been eight consecutive years of surpluses on the budget.
 - g. Through our partnership with the Smithsonian Institution, the Museums is displaying the outdoor exhibition "Habitat" on the Quadrangle and other areas of campus, featuring large sculptures with didactics to read about the outdoors and its inhabitants.
 - h. According to the Americans for the Arts Economic Calculator, since 2017, the Springfield Museums have had a whopping \$132 million dollar impact on the local economy.
 - i. In 2025, the Springfield Museums will re-open the Live Animal Center as "Living Waters" after it's dramatically upgraded through a combination of public and private funding.
 - j. The Dinosaur experience in Dinosaur and Tolman Halls will be upgraded with funding, starting within the next year.
 - k. The History Museum will also be reshaped through an extensive reimagining, focusing on human-centered examples in history.
 - l. Thank you to the entire staff of the Springfield Museums for your dedication every day to the mission and values of the institution.
- IV. Year In Review Video**
 - a. Cynthia Campbell introduced the Year in Review

video. This video highlighted all the great achievements the Springfield Museums accomplished over the past year.

V. Financial Report

- a. Samuel Hanmer, Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the Financial Report for the Fiscal Year.

VI. Election of Corporators and Trustees- Mark Keroack, MD, Chair of the Governance Committee

- a. Mark began by thanking those in the Committee for their hard work this past year:

- Cynthia Campbell
- Augustine Kim, Esq.
- Melinda M. Phelps, Esq.
- Glenn Welch

- b. Election of Corporators - The full list was included in the meeting materials.

- i. A motion was made and seconded by the raising of hands to accept the nomination of the list of Corporators. The motion was unanimously approved.

ii. Trustee Nominations

- iii. Trustees Re-nominated for a 2nd three-year term:

- Lydia E. Martinez- Alvarez
- John M. O'Brien III
- Richard E. Ryall
- Glenn S. Welch

- iv. Trustees Re-nominated for a 3rd three-year term:

- Francis J. Cataldo, Jr.

- v. Trustee Emeriti:

- Robin Wheeler

- vi. A motion was made and seconded by the raising of hands to approve the nominations and re-nominations to the Board of Trustees. The motion was unanimously approved.

VII. Other New Business

- a. With no new business to attend to, Cynthia Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn the Corporator portion of the meeting. This motion was approved and seconded with the raising of hands. The motion was unanimously approved.

Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Corporators were invited to attend.

- I. Election of Officers and Committees – Cynthia Campbell, *Chairperson***
 - a.** Cynthia Campbell called the meeting to order.
 - b.** Mark Keroack, MD, Chair of the Governance Committee, presented the nominations for the officers of the Board of Trustees and committee members.
 - c.** Cynthia Campbell asked for a motion to accept the slate of officers and committee members, it was made and seconded by the raising of hands. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - d.** Mark Keroack, MD welcomed the incoming Trustees and Committee Members.