

**ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
August 8, 2017, 1:30 a.m.  
ISM-Research & Collections Center  
1011 E. Ash St. Springfield, IL**

**MINUTES**

**Attending:** Chair Dr. Lorin Nevling, Vice Chair Mr. Leo Welch; Board members Ms. Beth Shadur, Dr. David Sokol, Mr. Roger Taylor, and Mrs. Rosemary Winters; ISM Staff Director Dr. Michael Wiant and Executive Assistant to the Director and Interim Director of Visitor Services Ms. Karen Everingham; DNR staff member Mr. Chris Young; and the American Alliance of Museum's Accreditation Review Team Mr. James Gilson and Dr. Mark Tullos.

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Lorin Nevling called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

**II. Roll Call, Introductions, and Welcome to AAM Team**

Dr. Nevling asked Ms. Karen Everingham to call the roll. She did so and a quorum was present. Dr. Nevling welcomed the team to the meeting. He noted that the primary purpose of the Board's special meeting is to talk with the AAM team regarding the Museum's Accreditation Review. Dr. Nevling noted the passing of Dr. George Rabb. He added he was a tremendous advocate for the Museum and would be greatly missed. The memorial service for Dr. Rabb is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Brookfield Zoo.

**III. Discussion Regarding the Museum's AAM Accreditation**

Dr. Nevling noted that the Museum Board is established by State Statute and is composed of 12 members that are confirmed by the Illinois State Senate. As such, the Museum Board is subject to the "Open Meetings Act" and is required to notify the public of its meetings and record minutes. He added that the Museum Board is a hybrid of a governing and advisory board. He said he hoped that the Museum would be assessed against the accreditation standards, rather than the Illinois State Museum of the past. He noted that the current staff have endured much and have performed heroically.

He noted he would ask the Board to go into Executive Session and then turn the meeting over to the AAM Accreditation Team. He asked that those present keep in mind that the team's time is limited. Mrs. Rosemary Winters moved to go into Executive Session, Mr. Leo Welch seconded, and the motion carried. The Board went into Executive Session at 1:55 p.m.

The Board returned to regular session at 2:45 p.m.

**IV. Director Search**

Mr. Roger Taylor reported that fewer than twenty resumes were received for the Director position, of those, only nine were considered qualified. Prioritization of those is underway. Dr. Nevling appointed two additional members, Ms. Susan White of the Society Board and, in light of Dr. George Rabb's passing, Dr. Brian Anderson, to the Director Search Committee. Dr. David Sokol made a motion to confirm the appointment, Ms. Beth Shadur seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**V. New Business**

Dr. Nevling appointed Mr. Taylor as the new chair of the Personnel Committee to replace Dr. Rabb and added Dr. Sokol as a member. Ms. Beth Shadur made a motion to confirm the appointments, Mr. Taylor seconded, and the motion carried.

**VI. Adjournment**

Dr. Nevling asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Taylor moved to adjourn and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

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Dr. Lorin Nevling, Chair Date

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Dr. Brian Anderson, Secretary Date