

**LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Wednesday, October 20, 2021 – 1:30 PM, CT  
Via Video Conference (Zoom)**

**Meeting Minutes**

- Members Present:** Mary C. Coulon, *Interim Chair*, Kim Abramson, George A. Hero III, Fairleigh Cook Jackson, Florence M. Jumonville, Brian King, Christen Losey-Gregg, David Christopher Tidmore
- Members Absent:** Suzanne Gonce Perlis
- Board Members:** William Wilton
- Advisors Present:** Charles Chamberlain, Ph.D.
- Advisors Absent:** Anne Strachan
- LSM Staff Present:** Steven Maklansky, Michael McKnight, Polly Rolman-Smith, Karen Leathem, Ph.D., Tom Strider, Kira Kikla, David Kunian, Wayne Phillips, Sarah-Elizabeth Gundlach, Claudia Kheel, Anna Cahill, Amy Lutz

**Guests:**

**A quorum was present.**

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**Call to order**

Chair, Mary Coulon called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

**Adoption of Minutes from April 28, 2021**

Christopher Tidmore made a motion to adopt the minutes from the Collections Committee of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Kim Abramson.

It carried unanimously.

**Collections Committee Action Items**

**Proposed Donations to the Permanent Collections**

80 gifts were added to the Carnival, Maps & Manuscripts, Music, and Visual Arts collections. Highlights include: a Spanish Colonial document signed by Charles V of Spain, 1798, donated by Jack B. McGuire; and a group of portraits of Jazz musicians painted by Frederic Brown, given by Nikki Soich. A set of crown jewelry worn by Pearl Wight, Queen of Carnival, 1907; and a photograph of Annie Turner Howard, Queen of Carnival, 1884; donated by Linda Feringa; will be featured in the upcoming LSM

exhibition celebrating the landmark 150th year of the Rex Organization.

Fairleigh Jackson made a motion to accept all donations.  
Seconded by Christopher Tidmore, the motion carried unanimously.

**Purchases:**

The Louisiana Museum Foundation made numerous historical Carnival purchases through the Rex 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition Fund including one of the earliest known Rex documents, a “ducal Proclamation” issued to a founding member, Cuthbert Slocumb in 1872.

A motion to approve purchases was made simultaneously by Brian King and Christopher Tidmore.  
Seconded by Florence Jumonville, it carried unanimously.

**Purchase Ratifications:**

The museum used funds gained from deaccessions to purchase a quilt by Clementine Hunter and two doors from Dixie’s Bar of Music, 204 St. Charles St. location, c. 1939.

A motion to approve was made by Christopher Tidmore.  
Seconded by Brian King, it received unanimous approval.

**Proposed Deaccessions from Permanent Collection**

8 objects from Music, 1 from Decorative Arts, and 109 from Visual Arts were determined to be unrelated to the museum’s mission or were duplicates. David Kunian and Claudia Kheel made presentations. These objects are scheduled to be formally deaccessioned.

Christopher Tidmore made a motion to approve the deaccessions.  
Fairleigh Jackson seconded.  
Approval was unanimous.

**Conservation Treatment**

One notification of conservation treatment was presented in committee. A crown worn by Pearl Wright, Queen of Carnival, 1907 is being repaired by Anders Art Conservation.

**Outgoing Loans**

Seven outgoing loans were proposed for exhibition at Hermann Grima & Gallier Historic Houses, Newcomb Art Museum, Ogden Museum of Southern Art [Prospect 5], Jackson Barracks, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Louisiana State Archives, and Old State Capitol.

Kim Abramson made a motion to approve the outgoing loans.  
Mary Coulon seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Notification was given for the loan of a quilt from the Demonstration Collection to the Office of Julie Chapman, DCRT.

### **Outgoing Loan Extensions**

The Committee voted to approve a 3-year extension for 29 objects, currently on loan to Jackson Barracks. The Committee also approved a 3-year extension of the Crawford Riddell Armoire loan to Rosedown Plantation Historic Site.

Christopher Tidmore made the motion to approve the extensions.  
Christen Losey-Gregg seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

### **Incoming Loans**

Committee members were notified of loans made to three LSM exhibitions: *Sports Hall of Fame, New Inductees*, Natchitoches; *A Century on Harmony Street: The Kohlmaier Cabinetmakers of New Orleans*, Cabildo; and *Rex: The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the School of Design*, Presbytere.

### **Old Business**

In the June meeting, Steven Maklansky asked the Committee to discuss a revision of the Collecting Statement, included in the Collections Management Policy. Last updated in 2019, he requested that a new draft be created for the next board meeting. Maklansky introduced a new draft for consideration in the recent meeting.

### **New Business**

The committee asked for language reflecting the process of adding new advisors. A related excerpt from the Collections Manual was sent to members (Oct.21, 2021).

### **Attachment**

Deaccessions from Permanent Collections

Christen Losey-Gregg made a motion to close the meeting. Kim Abramson seconded.  
**The meeting was adjourned at 4:02pm.**