



TO: Cultural Education Committee

FROM: Mark Schaming 

SUBJECT: Appointments to Regents Advisory Council on Museums

DATE: June 6, 2018

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

Does the Board of Regents approve of the Commissioner's recommendation to appoint two new members to fill vacancies on the Regents Advisory Council on Museums?

Proposed Handling

This item is before the Cultural Education Committee for discussion and will go before the Board of Regents for approval.

Procedural History

At the January 2012 meeting the Board supported the creation of an eleven-member Regents Advisory Council on Museums to advise the Board and Department. The Regents Advisory Council on Museums is appointed pursuant to 8 NYCRR 3.12(a)(4). Members serve up to a five-year term by appointment of the Commissioner with approval by the Board of Regents.

Background Information

Members of the Regents Advisory Council on Museums offer advice and consultation on issues of policy and service pursuant to the Board's statutory mandate to operate the State Museum and oversee museums across New York State. The Advisory Council is supported by staff from the Office of Cultural Education and the Deputy Commissioner of Cultural Education acts as the convener and chair of the council.

Current members of the council include:

- Kate Bennett, President of the Rochester Museum & Science Center
- Suzanne LeBlanc, President of the Long Island Children's Museum
- Sara Pasti, Director of the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz
- Paul S. D'Ambrosio, President and CEO of the Fenimore Art Museum
- Cecilia Esposito, Director of the Plattsburgh Art Museum
- Daniel Slippen, Vice President of Government Relations of the American Museum of Natural History
- Jan Ramirez, Chief Curator of the National September 11 Memorial Museum
- Joe Lin-Hill, Deputy Director of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery
- Elizabeth Dunbar, Director of the Everson Museum of Art
- Kris Wetterlund, Director of Education and Interpretation of the Corning Museum of Glass

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the Commissioner's appointments.

The Commissioner recommends the following appointments:

Meg Ventrudo, Executive Director of the Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art be appointed to a five-year term through June 30, 2023.

Peter Jemison be appointed to a five-year term through June 30, 2023. Mr. Jamison is an artist, filmmaker, curator, writer, and community leader. Peter Jemison's (Heron Clan, Seneca) artwork is in collections at major museums across the United States including the Denver Art Museum, National Museum of the American Indian, and most recently, the Whitney Museum. As a respected leader in his community, Jemison served as Chairman of the Haudenosaunee Grand Council Standing Committee on Repatriation and continues to work with museums on behalf of Haudenosaunee communities. He was an advisor on the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian and has worked to help establish and develop the Ganondagan State Historic Site located in Victor, NY as a National Historic Landmark, the only New York State Historic Site dedicated to a Native American theme. Mr. Jamison advises on the care and maintenance of the Rock Foundation's archaeology collection housed at the Rochester Museum and Science Center.