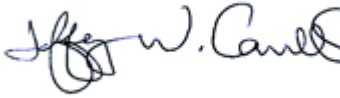





TO: Cultural Education Committee
FROM: Jeffrey Cannell 
SUBJECT: Appointment of a new State Paleontologist
DATE: June 8, 2015
AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Regents approve the appointment of Dr. Lisa Amati as the State Paleontologist?

Reason for Consideration

The State Paleontologist position was vacated by Dr. Edward Landing in December, 2014. An extensive, national search for a new State Paleontologist has been conducted, resulting in a recommendation to appoint Dr. Lisa Amati.

Procedural History

Education Law section 235 requires that the Board of Regents appoint the State Paleontologist and that the State Paleontologist be a member of the staff of the State Museum.

Background Information

Dr. Lisa Amati, joined the Museum's staff in May of 2015 as Curator of Paleontology. She received her B.S. from the University of Wyoming, M.S. from Kent State University, and Ph.D. the University of Oklahoma. Most recently, she served on the geology faculty of SUNY Potsdam, where, since 2010, she has held the title of Associate professor. Her research is focused on the paleontology of New York with a concentration on trilobites.

Recommendation

I recommend that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Dr. Lisa Amati as State Paleontologist.