



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY,
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TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Jeffrey W. Cannell
SUBJECT: Reappointment of Harold Holzer to the Board of the
Archives Partnership Trust
DATE: April 5, 2011
STRATEGIC GOAL: Goals 4 and 5
AUTHORIZATION(S):

SUMMARY

Issue for Consent Agenda

Reappointment of Harold Holzer to the Board of the Archives Partnership Trust.

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute (L1992, Chapter 758, Archives Partnership Trust Act).

Proposed Handling

This item will come before the full Board at the April meeting for decision.

Procedural History

The New York State Archives Partnership Trust Act gives the Board of Regents four (4) appointments to the Trust Board. The other Regents appointments are: Ms. Barbara A. Brinkley and Dr. Kimberly Gilmore. Mr. Holzer is being proposed for a reappointment to a three-year term.

Background Information

The Archives Partnership Trust is a 501(c)(3), public benefit corporation for the sole benefit of the New York State Archives. The Trust provides private funds, services and support to sustain the excellence of the State Archives, particularly in the areas of education, public programs and preservation to ensure that one of New York's most valuable cultural assets is available for future generations. The Trust is governed by a Board of leading citizens, appointed by the Governor, Legislature and the Board of

Regents. It is requested that the Regents reappoint Harold Holzer to a three-year term beginning on April 5, 2011.

Harold Holzer, of Rye, New York, is Senior Vice President for Communications at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He is also one of the country's leading authorities on Abraham Lincoln and the political culture of the Civil War era. He is a prolific writer and lecturer and served as co-chair of the United States Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, appointed by President Clinton in 2000, and co-chair of the New York State Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, appointed by Governor Pataki in 2006. Mr. Holzer is also honorary chair of the New York Committee on the Civil War Sesquicentennial. Mr. Holzer has been instrumental in making the public events of the Trust successful fundraisers. He has not only obtained the services of historians Doris Kearns Goodwin, Michael Beschloss and Henry Lewis Gates, C-SPAN founder Brian Lamb, and actors Richard Dreyfuss and Sam Waterston to appear in our public programs, but has generously offered to personally participate in these programs. Mr. Holzer also served as lead historian for the Archives' sponsored *The Union Preserved Civil War Symposium* and co-edited two books on New York and the Civil War published by the Archives Partnership Trust. Mr. Holzer was first appointed by the Regents in 2007.

Recommendation

The Regents should approve the reappointment of Harold Holzer to the Board of the Archives Partnership Trust.

Timetable for Implementation

Immediate.