

# Proceedings of the Board of Regents Meeting held on January 29, 1990

Extracted on Mar-29-2024 03:57:43

The Smithsonian Institution thanks all digital volunteers that transcribed and reviewed this material. Your work enriches Smithsonian collections, making them available to anyone with an interest in using them.

The Smithsonian Institution (the "Smithsonian") provides the content on this website (transcription.si.edu), other Smithsonian websites, and third-party sites on which it maintains a presence ("SI Websites") in support of its mission for the "increase and diffusion of knowledge." The Smithsonian invites visitors to use its online content for personal, educational and other non-commercial purposes. By using this website, you accept and agree to abide by the following terms.

- If sharing the material in personal and educational contexts, please cite the Smithsonian Institution Archives as source of the content and the project title as provided at the top of the document. Include the accession number or collection name; when possible, link to the Smithsonian Institution Archives website.
- If you wish to use this material in a for-profit publication, exhibition, or online project, please contact Smithsonian Institution Archives or transcribe@si.edu

For more information on this project and related material, contact the Smithsonian Institution Archives. See this project and other collections in the Smithsonian Transcription Center.

### SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

## SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

January 29, 1990

# [[Underlined]] REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE [[/Underlined]]

The Executive Committee held a telephone conference on December 20 in which a unanimous recommendation emerged regarding the siting of the Extension of the National Air and Space Museum (for which see below in these summary proceedings.) The Committee also met on January 8, 1990, to review the agenda proposed for the January 16, 1990 letter disclosing interests in land near Dulles Airport and the establishment of light rail service linking Dulles with downtown Washington. Mr. Adams raised for discussion a number of items he brought up again at the meeting of the Board (see the Secretary's Report, below).

Turning to the Financial report, Miss Leven explained how the Institution was able to reach the goal of \$13.3 million (or 5% of the total trust fund operations) in its working capital by the end of the fiscal year 1989. Nonetheless, certain Trust revenue estimates made in 1988 for the fiscal year 1990 appear to be unrealistic when viewed against actual 1989 performance. It was noted that, while the 1990 budget may still lack an adequate degree of firmness, the Secretary is asking his managers to review current budgets, trust fund and Federal alike, for opportunities to reduce spending by 3% and by 7%. It was the Executive Committee's view that the Secretary is prudent in asking his staff to operate with a balanced budget. Mr. Jameson added that, in the light of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings cuts, water and sewer payments, and the absorption of pay increases, it will not be possible to afford summer evening visiting hours with this year's Federal appropriations. The Development Office will be soliciting support for this popular program from corporate sponsors.

The Executive Committee considered favorably the preliminary proposal for enhanced development activities with funding from endowment funds or those funds previously earmarked for additions to endowments. The Committee encouraged the Secretary to talk with selected members of the Board and others who might lend special expertise to the proposed [[underlined]] ad hoc [[/underlined]] Committee on Planning and Development. The Committee and suggested that a similar session should be held at the meeting of the Board.

# [[underlined]] PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS [[/underlined]]

It was proposed that the Bylaws of the Board of regents be amended to make clearer the authority of the Secretary to execute certain official documents. It was emphasized that this is in no way intended to augment or diminish the existing authority of the Secretary, or affect the Institution's present internal requirements and procedures for approval of major projects, expenditures, or sales by the Board of Regents. In accordance with Section 1.02 of the Bylaws, it was suggested that these proposed amendments be brought

#### EXPTERMENTAL DESTRICTIONS

#### STREAM PROCESSES OF THE BOARD OF RECENTS

January 29, 1990

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee bel6 a belephone conference on December 10 to which a unanimous recommendation energed regarding the aiting of the Execution of the Sational Sir and Space Massian (for which see below in these number proceedings). The Committee also not on Jermany 10, 1890, to review the agenda yelopated for the Jermany 19 westing of the Board. Hr. Achesus incredued his Jensary 19, 1890 letter disclosing inversets in land mean fulles Airport and the contabilitation of tight rest service inclining pulses with doctrown Vashington. Mr. Adams raised for discussion a number of items be brought up again at the mosting of the Baard (see the Secretary's Espect, below).

Terming to the Financial Report, Miss levem explained how the Institution was able to reach the goal of \$13,3 million (or 5% of total trust feed specialized) in its working capital by the and of fincal year 1989. Meastheless, cartain frost rewares estimates unde in 1988 for fiscal year 1989 absorbed to be unrealisate when wiesed against actual 1989 performance. It was need that, while the 1990 beinger may with lack as adequate degree of firmware, the measterny is sating his mesagers to review current beingets, event fund and Paderal alles, for operatualized or reduce specifing by Na and by Ns. It was the Executive Committee's wise that the Secretary is product in sating his staff to operate with a believed beings. Nv. Lamanon added thee, in tight of the Grams-Rodman-Bollings robe, water and never payments, and the absorption of pay increases, it will eat be possible to afferd senses exeming visiting hears with this year's Federal appropriations. The Development Office will be satisfating sequent for this popular progress from emporate spennors.

The Executive Committee considered favorably the preliminary preparal for shimned development equivities with funding from environment funds or those funds previously extracted for additions to endowments. The fundation encouraged the Secretary to talk with selected members of the Sound and others who might lead epochal supertime to the proposed alpha, Committee or Florring, and Development. The Committee also held an essentive sension with the Securetary on matters of organization and suggested that a similar sension should be held at the meeting of the Secure.

### PROPOSED AMERICANT TO THE BYLANG OF THE BOARD OF RECENTS

It was prepared that the Sylace of the Beard of Regrets be assented to make clearer the authority of the increasing to execute sertain official decements. It was emphasized that this is in we say intraded to support or distingly the emissing authority of the Secretary, or affect the Institution's present internal requirements and presentant for approval of major projects, expenditures, or sales by the Beard of Engine. In accordance with Section 1.02 of the Sylace, it was segmentated that there proposed assentants be brought

Proceedings of the Board of Regents Meeting held on January 29, 1990 Transcribed and Reviewed by Digital Volunteers Extracted Mar-29-2024 03:57:43



The mission of the Smithsonian is the increase and diffusion of knowledge - shaping the future by preserving our heritage, discovering new knowledge, and sharing our resources with the world. Founded in 1846, the Smithsonian is the world's largest museum and research complex, consisting of 19 museums and galleries, the National Zoological Park, and nine research facilities. Become an active part of our mission through the Transcription Center. Together, we are discovering secrets hidden deep inside our collections that illuminate our history and our world.

Join us!

The Transcription Center: https://transcription.si.edu
On Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SmithsonianTranscriptionCenter

On Twitter: @TranscribeSI

Connect with the Smithsonian Smithsonian Institution: www.si.edu

On Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Smithsonian

On Twitter: @smithsonian