

**CALVERT MARINE MUSEUM
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Calvert Marine Museum Board of Governors was held on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 in the Harms Gallery, CMM Exhibition Building.

PRESENT: Stephen Clagett, Jack Fringer, Amy Lorenzini, Joanna Yakaitis, Randy Barrett, Claude Dickinson, Capt. Jason Hammond, Charles Jackson, Mark MacDougall, Don McDougall, Dixie Miller, Robert Pfeiffer, Frank Taylor, Dr. John Weigel

ABSENT: Marianne Harms, Mike Hart, Scott Sanders

STAFF: Sherrod Sturrock, Jeff Murray, Vanessa Gill, Pam Paterson, Roxie Welch, and Kathleen Porecki.

Ms. Sturrock called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Sturrock read the Board of Governors slate of officers for 2019.

- President - Steve Clagett
- Vice President - Jack Fringer
- Treasurer - Joanna Yakaitis
- Secretary - Amy Lorenzini

With no objections to the nominations, Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. McDougall and carried to approve the slate of officers as presented. Ms. Sturrock turned the meeting over to Judge Clagett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Judge Clagett asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. **Mr. Taylor made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller and carried to approve the Board of Governors Minutes of October 24, 2018.**

INTRODUCTIONS

Judge Clagett introduced Charles Jackson and Dr. Weigel and welcomed them to the board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Sherrod Sturrock

Ms. Sturrock reported that the museum closed out 2018 beating out the attendance record set in 2017 by 1.4% with a total visitation of 87,275. Anjelica Eitel has filled the Communications and Marketing position. Cindy Smith retired January 18, and Kathleen Porecki filled her position. We backfilled Kathleen's position with Gypsy Stephenson, who comes to us from the county procurement office.

Site Master Plan

Delegate Jerry Clark has filed a bond bill for \$250,000, which Speaker Busch is supporting, to pay for the design of the paleontology center. It was cross-filed by Senator Jack Bailey and supported by Senator Mike Miller. There is a matching amount of the county capital improvement budget to pay for design of the infrastructure. A representative from the board will be asked to testify for the bond bill in Annapolis.

Paleontology

On Friday, January 11, we had a highly successful event to celebrate *The Paleontology and Geology of the Calvert Cliffs*, Volume I, published by the Smithsonian Press and authored by Stephen Godfrey

Justification for Director of Education

We provided justification to the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners for a new county position: Director of Education. There was a 43% increase in overall attendance between 2005 and 2018, and a 382% increase in participation in educational programs. Statistics underscore our need for the director of education position. Education is the only department that does not have its own full-time director.

BOG FINANCIAL REPORTS – Roxie Welch

Covered during the Calvert Marine Museum Society Board of Governor's Meeting.

REVIEW STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – Steve Clagett

New committee assignments:

Chip Jackson – Budget & Finance

Dr. John Weigel – Development

BOG COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governmental Relations – Randy Barrett

Mr. Barrett advised the board invite the BOCC to the museum to show them how funding was spent for the Phase II renovation, update them on the Site Master Plan, and secure their support for the next four years. We have three new commissioners we need to bring up to speed: Tim Hutchins, Kelly McConkey, and Buddy Hance. Invite them back when the renovation is complete.

Volunteers – Bob Pfeiffer

As a board member, you are a volunteer. Submit your volunteer hours for the time you spend in board meetings, committee meetings, and doing the board's work. We will ask a volunteer to go through past minutes and audit the hours.

Volunteer hours show a decline, due to the museum closing.

OLD BUSINESS

Phase II Update – Jeff Murray

Demolition should be complete by the end of this month. Projects we will open to the public on March 1 and have a grand opening on May 1. During the closure, staff has made other changes. The Skates and Rays exhibit was updated, and the outside bump-out area has been removed. We cleaned the Megalodon and installed new lighting. Work continues in the Solomons History area and we updated lighting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ethics Requirement – Sherrod Sturrock

Ethics Training is a state mandated requirement. You cannot serve on a board if you do not complete it. The Ethics Committee will come to the museum and do a training for board members during or after one of our scheduled meetings.

As this was Capt. Jason Hammond's last board meeting, the board thanked him for his help during his tenure and wished him well.

With no further business of the Board of Governors, Mr. Pfeiffer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yakaitis and carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:41 p.m.