

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

Meeting of the Trustees Special Collections Committee
Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 8:30 a.m.
Boston Public Library, McKim Building, McKim Ante Room
700 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
William Stoneman, Committee Chairman
- II. Review and Approval of Minutes of September 25, 2014 Meeting (Attachment 1)
William Stoneman, Committee Chairman
- III. Exhibition Loan Policy and Procedures
Amy E. Ryan, President
 - A. Boston Public Library Exhibition Loan Policy Approved by Boston Public Library Board of Trustees at January 13, 2015 Trustee Meeting (Attachment 2A)
 - B. Boston Public Library Procedures for Outgoing Loans (Attachment 2B)
- IV. Collections of Distinction
Laura Irmsher, Chief of Collections Strategy, Susan Glover, Keeper of Special Collections, Jane Winton, Curator of Prints, Sean Casey, Reference Librarian,
 - A. Review of Criteria and Existing Collections of Distinction¹
 - B. Review of Collections of Distinction Candidates / Phase 3 Proposed Collections
 - i. Proposed Collection of Distinction Candidate: Louis Prang and Company (Attachment 3)
VOTED: “that, the Boston Public Library Trustees Special Collections Committee recommend to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, that Louis Prang and Company be Identified as a Boston Public Library Collection of Distinction.”
 - ii. Proposed Collection of Distinction Candidate: Nathaniel Bowditch Collection (Attachment 4)
VOTED: “that, the Boston Public Library Trustees Special Collections Committee recommend to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, that The Nathaniel Bowditch Collection be Identified as Boston Public Library Collection of Distinction.”

¹ As provided in BPL Collections of Distinction documentation to be made available at meeting.

- iii. Proposed Collection of Distinction Candidate: Joan of Arc Collection (Attachment 5)

VOTED: “that, the Boston Public Library Trustees Special Collections Committee recommend to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, that Joan of Arc Collection be Identified as a Boston Public Library Collection of Distinction.”

- iv. Proposed Collection of Distinction Candidate: West Indies and Haitian Civilization Collection, 16th – 20th Century (Attachment 6)

VOTED: “that, the Boston Public Library Trustees Special Collections Committee recommend to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, that the West Indies and Haitian Civilization Collection 16th – 20th Century, be Identified as a Boston Public Library Collection of Distinction.”

- V. Review and Approval of New Acquisitions
for Reporting to Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston
(Appendix B: Special Collections Acquisition by Purchase/Deaccession Process, Boston Public Library Collection Development Policy – Attachment 7)
Susan Glover, Keeper of Special Collections, Jane Winton, Curator of Prints
Karen S. Shafts, Assistant Keeper of Prints

- A. Review and Approve for Purchase two states of Mary Cassatt’s George Moore (ca. 1880), presented at September 25, 2014 Meeting (Attachment 8)

VOTED: “that, the Boston Public Library Trustees Special Collections Committee approves the purchase of two states of Mary Cassatt’s *George Moore* (ca. 1880).”

- B. Review and Approve for Purchase binder of photographs entitled Constantinopel (sic) and Athens by James Robertson and Felice Beato. (Attachment 9)

VOTED: “that, the Boston Public Library Trustees Special Collections Committee approves the purchase of binder of photographs entitled Constantinopel (sic) and Athens by James Robertson and Felice Beato.”

- C. Review and Approve for Purchase Photographs of Egypt by Wilhelm Hammerschmidt. (Attachment 10)

VOTED: “that, the Boston Public Library Trustees Special Collections Committee approves the purchase of Photographs of Egypt by Wilhelm Hammerschmidt.”

- VI. Review and Recommendation to Purchase New Acquisitions
to Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston
Susan Glover, Keeper of Special Collections, Jane Winton, Curator of Prints
Karen S. Shafts, Assistant Keeper of Prints

- A. Review and Recommend to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, approval to accept The Nancy Webb Collection (Attachment 11)

VOTED: “that, the Boston Public Library Trustees Special Collections Committee recommends to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, the acceptance of The Nancy Webb Collection.”

- B. Review and Recommendation to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, the purchase of Camille Pissarro's Paysage sous bois, à l'Hermitage (Pontoise), presented at September 25, 2014 Meeting (Attachment 12)

VOTED: “that, the Boston Public Library Trustees Special Collections Committee recommends to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, the purchase of Camille Pissarro’s Paysage sous bois, à l’Hermitage (Pontoise).”

- VII. Review and Approval of Pending Loan Requests for Recommendation to Boston Public Library President, Pursuant to Exhibition Loan Policy (Objects Valued at Less than \$50,000)
Susan Glover, Keeper of Special Collections

- A. Approval to Loan one (1) object to Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 25 Evans Way, Boston, MA 02115 for period March 12, 2015 to September 7, 2015 for purposes of *Jean-Michel Othoniel: Secret Flower Sculptures*. (Attachment 13)

VOTED: “that, pursuant to the terms of the Exhibition Loan Policy, the Boston Public Library Trustees Special Collections Committee recommends that the President of the Boston Public Library approve the Loan of one (1) object to Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 25 Evans Way, Boston, MA 02115 for period March 12, 2015 to September 7, 2015 for purposes of *Jean-Michel Othoniel: Secret Flower Sculptures*.”

- B. Approval to Loan fifteen (15) objects to University Art Gallery, University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth, 715 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 for period April 16, 2015 to May 1, 2015 for purposes of *Working Women Artists and Modern American Visual Culture, 1885-1940*. (Attachment 14)

VOTED: “that, pursuant to the terms of the Exhibition Loan Policy, the Boston Public Library Trustees Special Collections Committee recommends that the President of the Boston Public Library approve the Loan of fifteen (15) objects to University Art Gallery, University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth, 715 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 for period April 16, 2015 to May 1, 2015 for purposes of *Working Women Artists and Modern American Visual Culture, 1885-1940*.”

- C. Approval to Loan five (5) objects to The Davis Museum at Wellesley College, 106 Central Street, Wellesley, MA 01481 for period September 16, 2015 to December 20, 2015, for purposes of *The Krieg Cycle: Kathe Kollwitz and World War I*. (Attachment 15)

VOTED: “that, pursuant to the terms of the Exhibition Loan Policy, the Boston Public Library Trustees Special Collections Committee recommends that the President of the Boston Public Library approve the Loan of five (5) objects to The Davis Museum at Wellesley College, 106 Central Street, Wellesley, MA 01481 for period September 16, 2015 to December 20, 2015, for purposes of *The Krieg Cycle: Kathe Kollwitz and World War I*.”

VIII. Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2015-2016

William Stoneman, Committee Chairman

- Thursday, May 28, 2015, 8:30 a.m. (**Note new date*)
- Thursday, September 24, 2015, 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday, February 11, 2016, 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 19, 2016, 8:30 a.m.
- All Meetings to be held in McKim Building, Commonwealth Salon

IX. New Business

William Stoneman, Committee Chairman

X. Adjournment

William Stoneman, Committee Chairman

Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston
Jeffrey B. Rudman, Chairman; Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, Vice Chair,
Zamawa Arenas, Laura DeBonis, Carol Fulp, John Hailer
Paul A. La Camera, Dennis Lehane, Byron Rushing

President, Amy E. Ryan
Clerk of the Board, Deborah A. Kirrane

This is an open meeting. The public is welcome to attend.

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