

**Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan
Board of Trustees Fourteenth Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 21, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Tuffy Cross, Ann Diamond, Margaret Henschel, Steve Lappan, Chris Lombardo, Don MacMaster, Michelle Miller, Gregg Resnick, Dan Stevens, Judy Suszek, Kristin Werth and Carol Witherbee (New Member, Janet Young)--also Christine Witulski, Executive Director

Absent: Mike Ableidinger, Anne Belanger. Claudia Chapman and Jim Johnson

Called to Order: President, Steve Lappan called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m.

Minutes: Gregg Resnick moved to accept the minutes from the June 23, 2015 meeting. Carol Witherbee supported. Motion carried.

President's Report: President Steve Lappan highlighted the past year.

- Budget--the revenue is up and expenditures down slightly from budget projections. Second year the Museum will have a surplus at year end.
- Katherine V--after almost a thousand hours of volunteer work, the project is near completion. The Committee and volunteers have done an outstanding job!
- Fine Arts--The Dahli Exhibit will be up until October after which time the American Print Makers Collection will be on display. The Committee is right on target with their goals.
- Planetarium--A contract has been signed for a \$240,000 Planetarium upgrade from analog to digital and the second payment has been made. The Museum Capital Campaign is currently at the 77% mark toward a goal of \$500,000 for the Planetarium upgrade and maintenance afterward as well as new exterior signage.
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Election of Trustees: Nominating Chair Carol Witherbee, presented the following nominated candidates to the Membership for a vote: Mike Ableidinger, Jim Johnson, Kristin Werth and Janet Young.

Dan Stevens made a motion to accept the nominated candidates to the Board of Trustees. Margaret Henschel supported. Motion Carried.

Bylaw Amendment: Dan Stevens gave an overview of the following Bylaw Amendment.

Proposed Amendment to By-Laws of Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan, Inc.

Article VI, Section 2 of Bylaws of the Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan shall be amended to read as follows: (Underlined words will be added; ~~stricken~~ words are existing language that will be deleted.)

Section 2 – Election and Terms of Office.

- A. The Board of Trustees shall elect officers for a term of one year at ~~the May or June~~ its October or November meeting. The officers will take their respective ~~office offices~~ office offices on ~~July~~ January 1 of each year. A person must serve on the Board of Trustees for a minimum of one year to be eligible to serve as an officer. Officers will serve no more than two consecutive terms in a particular office, unless otherwise stated. However, the Board of Trustees at its October or November meeting may vote to extend the tenure of any officer for an additional one year term if it finds that it is in the best interests of the Museum
- B. The First-Vice President shall automatically succeed to the office of President when that office becomes vacant. The Second Vice-President automatically succeeds to the office of First Vice-President when that office becomes vacant and then to the office of President. ~~However, at the discretion the Board of Trustees at its May or June board meeting may vote to extend the tenure of any officer for an additional one year term if it finds that it is in the best interests of the Museum.~~
- C. The immediate Past-President will serve on the Executive Committee for one year providing s/he remains on the Board. If the Past-President's Board term expires at the end of his/her Presidency, the Board may extend the term for one year for purposes of fulfilling this provision. If the term of any officer extends beyond that officer's Board term, the Board term of that officer shall be extended until his or her term as an officer ends.

Temporary Subsection:

- D. The terms of the officers in office on June 21, 2016, are extended to December 31, 2016.

This subsection expires January 1, 2017."

Dan Stevens made a motion to accept the Bylaw Amendment.
Ann Diamond supported. Motion Carried.

Adjournment: The Annual Membership Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted by Michelle Miller, Acting Secretary