TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

Meeting of the Trustees Special Collections Committee
Thursday, May 7, 2015, 8:30 a.m.
Boston Public Library, Norman B. Leventhal Map Center Conference Room
Central Library, 700 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

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AGENDA

I. Welcome
William Stoneman, Committee Chair

II. Remarks and Review of Notes of September 25, 2014 Meeting (Attachment 1)
Amy E. Ryan, President

III. Collections of Distinction
Laura Irmscher, Chief of Collections Strategy

A. Review of Criteria and Existing Collections of Distinction[1]

B. Review of Collections of Distinction Candidates / Phase 3 Proposed Collections

i. Proposed Collection of Distinction Candidate: Louis Prang and Company (Attachment 2)
Jane Winton, Curator of Prints

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 3)
Sean Casey, Reference Librarian, Special Collections

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."

iii. Proposed Collection of Distinction Candidate: Society of Arts and Crafts, Boston Record (Attachment 4)
Eve Griffin, Curator of Fine Arts

VOTED: "that, the Boston Public Library Trustees Special Collections Committee recommend to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, that Society of Arts and Crafts, Boston Record be Identified as Boston Public Library Collection of Distinction."

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

IV. Review and Recommendation of The Nancy McIvor Webb Trust to the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston Pursuant to Appendix B of Boston Public Library Collection Development Policy (Attachment 5)
Karen S. Shafts, Assistant Keeper of Prints

VOTED: "that, the Boston Public Library Trustees Special Collections Committee recommend that the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, accept The Nancy McIvor Webb Trust Bequest of Drawings and Prints, together with the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000), pursuant to the terms of the Nancy McIvor Webb Trust, Amendment 1, section A(b) and the terms of the Boston Public Library Collection Development Policy."

V. 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 6A)

B. Boston Public Library Procedures for Outgoing Loans (Attachment 6B)

VI. Review and Approval of Pending Loan Request for Recommendation to Boston Public Library President, Pursuant to Exhibition Loan Policy (Objects Valued at Less than $50,000)
Karen S. Shafts, Assistant Keeper of Prints

A. 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 7)

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.*"

VII. Report on Approved Loan Requests, Pursuant to Exhibition Loan Policy (Objects Valued at Less than $50,000)
Amy E. Ryan, President

A. Approval of 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 of 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.*

VIII. Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2015-2016
William Stoneman, Committee Chairman

- 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 Chair

X. Adjournment
William Stoneman, Committee Chair

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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