



**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

February 2, 2018

DRI Las Vegas Campus, Rooms 181 / 182  
755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119

**Trustees Present:**

Roger Wittenberg, Chair  
Mark Bruce, Vice Chair  
Kristen Averyt  
Linda Brinkley  
Mark Bruce  
John Entsminger  
Michael Fagen  
Robert Gagosian  
Tom Gallagher  
Michael Lynch  
Janet Lowe  
Lauren Fletcher  
Michael Prescott  
Tina Quigley  
Stephanie Tyler  
Richard Offerdahl  
Leonard LaFrance  
Jens Peter Clausen  
Chuck Creigh  
Srikant Reganti  
Elise Zoli  
Missy Young  
Ory Zik

**Fellows Present:**

Tom Willison

**Trustees Absent:**

Soraya Aguirre  
Holger Liepmann, Secretary  
Ken Ladd, Treasurer  
Ted Dake  
Pat Egan  
Richard Ditton  
Joe Guild  
Javier Saenz

Ian Rogoff  
Terry Van Noy  
Lauralyn McCarthy  
Gayle Crowell

**Guests and Staff Present:**

Jim Thomas  
Lawrence Buja  
Amanda Rookey  
Chris Ipsen  
Justin Broglio  
Debra Coleman  
Dawn Coots  
Brian Speicher  
Iris Stewart  
Sarah Bousman  
Kumud Acharya

**Call to Order:**

Chair Wittenberg called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. PST with a quorum. Tom Gallagher informed the Board of the passing of Trustee John Worthington. Tom Gallagher proposed the creation of an endowment to be created in John Worthington's name. The DRIF Board of Trustees mission statement was read. The minutes of the October 13, 2017 were reviewed. No public comment.

***A motion to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2017 meeting of the DRI Board of Trustees was made by Leonard LaFrance, seconded by Stephanie Tyler. The Board unanimously approved.***

**Executive Committee – Roger Wittenberg, Chair**

Chair Wittenberg began by commenting on the exciting year DRI has going forward and how much he is looking forward to seeing what develops in the coming year.

**Development Committee –Robert Gagorian, Chair**

Robert Gagorian expressed his goals as Development Committee Chair, and shared the directions he would like to see the development efforts go.

**Board Governance Committee – Tina Quigley / Mark Bruce, Chair**

Mark Bruce provided an update on the committee by introducing Tina Quigley as the new Board Governance Chair. Mark welcomed and introduced the new Trustees to the Board.

**DRI Research Foundation Treasurer's Report/Finance and Investment Committee – Kenneth Ladd**

Roger Wittenberg reported for Ken Ladd.

***A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Tom Gallagher, seconded by Tina Quigley. The Board unanimously approved.***

See Treasurer's report and financials for full detail. Tom Gallagher requested reminders to go out to the Trustees regarding their dues obligation. Roger Wittenberg will look into developing the letter.

**President's Report – Dr. Kristen Averyt, President, DRI**

Dr. Averyt provided a presentation on DRI metrics which included research highlights, organizational updates, strategic directions, state support, capital and maintenance improvements, Nevada Medal and the Innovation Research Program. Chair Wittenberg added additional information regarding the success of the Nevada Medal event. A proposal to discuss alternatives to the Nevada Medal event was brought forward for consideration. Chair Wittenberg also put forth a request to the Trustees to meet the Board membership dues obligation.

**Desert Research Corporation – Brian Speicher/Roger Wittenberg**

Roger Wittenberg and Brian Speicher provided an update on the DRC and the efforts of the DRC to bring the research of DRI to outside community businesses based on their common interests. Brian also reported on several for-profit ventures currently being considered.

**Audit Committee Report – Roger Wittenberg**

Roger will send the audit report to Trustees via email.

**New Business**

Tom Willison commented on the possibility of increasing the number of Fellows on the Board. Tom Gallagher suggested having an annual Fellows dinner to help in this effort; Tom Gallagher and Tom Willison will work with Tina Quigley to get this started. Tina suggested having the dinner at the FAST facility. Tom Gallagher and Tom Willison to form a committee to continue with the Fellow recruiting efforts.

Roger Wittenberg brought forth the idea of video conferencing the Board meetings moving forward, versus having a call in number. Trustees would be asked to attend the Board meeting at either the Las Vegas or Reno campus with video conferencing between the two.

Timely payment of Trustee dues was also discussed. The topic of collecting dues and how to best communicate unpaid dues was brought forward. Robert Gagosian made a recommendation that Chair Wittenberg draft a memo articulating the time frame for dues payment with amounts, based on when the Trustee joined the Board.

Mark Bruce brought forth the idea of having the Board meetings at different community locations in either Reno or Las Vegas. Tesla was brought up as an example.

Dr. Averyt presented an agenda item be considered for action at the next Board meeting regarding property located in North Las Vegas that is up for sale that was donated to the Board by the Mackey Foundation.

**Public Comment**

Dr. Lawrence Buja expressed his excitement with joining DRI and how much he is looking forward to working with the Board.

**Roger Wittenberg adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.**