

Pennsylvania Abolition Society  
Board of Managers and Annual Meeting Minutes  
April 26, 2012, 12:00 noon, Philadelphia Foundation offices

*Approved by the Board of Managers, November 1, 2012*

In attendance: Laura Blanchard, Phil Lapsansky, Cindy Little Lynann Wescott, Theopolis Fair, Charles Richard, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Walton C. Burwell, David Jenkins Morrison, Patricia Wilson-Aden, V. Chapman-Smith

The minutes were approved and the business manager's report, which included a brief financial report, accepted. Theopolis Fair asked about the progress toward filing a Decennial Report with the PA Department of State; Laura Blanchard replied that she had asked the Philadelphia Foundation if PAS could use their address.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the records management and retention schedules were approved.

In the course of reviewing the work plan and schedule it was agreed that the Board of Managers needs a separate retreat to discuss governance issues and strategic planning. V. Chapman-Smith offered to host the meeting.

Grant review. Attendees were pleased to be able to review the applications online in advance. The review committee recommended, and the members accepted, the following disbursements:

African American Museum	Passport to Culture Summer Youth	\$2,000
ArtReach	Celebration of African-American Arts	\$2,500
Chester Fund for Education and the Arts	Core Arts Academic Enrichment, Chester-Upland	\$5,000
College of Physicians of Philadelphia	Civil War Hospital Day (U. S. Colored Troops)	\$2,000
Ethical Humanist Society	Camp Linden Summer Camp	\$500
Library Company of Philadelphia	Program in African American History	\$4,000
Moonstone Arts Center	Martin R. Delaney and the Politics of Identity	\$1,500

Philadelphia History Museum at the Atwater-Kent	Conservation of African American Quaker Dolls	\$2,000
TOTAL		\$19,500.00

To prevent any appearance of conflict of interest, the review committee of Cynthia Little and Patricia Wilson-Aden was supplemented by Laura Blanchard and Emma Lapsansky-Warner for the evaluation of the two proposals from the African American Museum and the Philadelphia Museum of History, given that Little and Wilson-Aden are each on staff at one of those institutions.

In addition to approving disbursements for grants, it was agreed that PAS should be actively seeking public recognition from its grantees. Subsequent award letters will carry the requirement that publicity for awardees' programs include donor recognition and that copies of publicity materials be forwarded as part of the final report. The member guide and records management / retention policies were approved as written.

Upon discussion, and upon motions duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following slate of officers and members for the Board of Managers was accepted:

President: Walton C. Burwell  
Vice President 1: Christopher Densmore  
Vice President 2: Philip Lapsansky  
Secretary: V. Chapman-Smith  
Treasurer: Cynthia Little  
Managers: Zelbert Moore, Jean Moore, and Charles Woodson  
Immediate Past President: Theopolis Fair

It being noted that Manager Phillip Lapsansky would be retiring from his position at the Library Company of Philadelphia after 41 years of service. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried (with Lapsansky abstaining), it was

RESOLVED, that the gratitude of the Pennsylvania Abolition Society for the work of Philip Lapsansky in furthering the causes of African American history and education be recognized and celebrated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Blanchard for the Secretary