

Special Meeting of Board of Trustees

Muscatine Art Center, April 6, 2026

Present: David Meloy, Mark Post, Diana Tank, Mark Butterworth, Kathy Haltmeyer, Vince Lawson, Mark Seaman (by phone).

Absent: Becky Schmertman

Visitors: Barb Christensen, Stephanie Romagnoli (H.R. Muscatine City)

Mark Seaman opened meeting at 2:00 pm and first welcomed Barb Christensen to the meeting and then provided a short background summary on impending budget cuts to MAC and Melanie Alexander's resignation leaving MAC without a Director.

Stephanie Romagnoli reported the Director's position for MAC was now posted on the city job site. Katy Loos volunteered to post the position on job sites at the Iowa Museum Association and American Alliance of Museums and possibly on other related sites.

Lynn Bartenhagen stated she was willing to help cover part of the Director's duties but cautioned she wasn't familiar with everything the departed Director did. Of special importance might be certain grants that have filing and reporting deadlines.

Katy Loos current registrar/curator, worked with the Director in planning and implementing exhibits. The Director managed the financing. Katy suggested relying more on in-house exhibits in future to save money.

Mark Butterworth encouraged the Board to look at new ways to raise money such as looking into acquiring the ability to take credit card payments, soliciting sponsorships and investigate increasing the hotel/motel tax.

Barb Christensen shared how much she cared about MAC and its staff. She is willing to help but had questions about what she could do and how much time it would take. Because of other commitments she was not interested in helping full time but could serve more on a contractual basis.

Mark Post moved and Kathy Haltmeyer seconded that meeting adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote.

Vince Lawson, Secretary

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