

HSM Annual Meeting Agenda (By Zoom)
Monday, December 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.: Lucinda Cockrell, President

- Welcome message and call to order

7:10 p.m.: David Stameshkin (acting Secretary) calls for a vote on the 2021 annual meeting minutes previously distributed via e-mail.

7:12 p.m.: Diane Palmeri, Treasurer, highlights finances in 2022 to date

7:17 p.m.: Ellery Foutch (current Vice President) will present the following:

- Thanks and tribute to outgoing trustees (Silvia Gonzalez)
- Introduce new trustees and 2nd term trustees (call for a vote to approve)
- Introduce changes to the slate of trustee officers (call for a vote to approve)

7:30 p.m.: Stephanie Skenyon, Executive Director, presents a “Year in Review”

7:50 p.m.: Lucinda Cockrell introduces the speaker, Christopher Ilstrup

7:55 p.m.: Christopher Ilstrup presents “Humanities in the Heart of the Community” (30 minutes) followed by Q & A led by Ellery Foutch (15 minutes)

8:40 p.m.: Lucinda Cockrell concludes the meeting by:

- Thanking speakers and members
- Presenting announcements
- Formal adjournment

Minutes of HSM 2022 Annual Meeting

President L. Cockrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance for their support of the Museum. She was proud of the the house cleaning done this past year to accommodate new faces on staff, and the work done to organize files of decades past that have added to our museum archives many brochures, flyers, posters, advertisements of events and programs, and more produced by and pertaining to the history of the Sheldon Museum itself.

She applauded the remarkable and praiseworthy work of the staff, and introduced them: Stephanie Skenyon, Executive Director; Mary Manley, Associate Director; Eva Garcelon-Hart, Archivist, Stewart-Swift Research Center; Allison LaCroix, Collections Manager; Mary Caron, Bookkeeper; Suzanne Douglas, Museum Shop specialist; and Sarah Stahl, Museum Shop Manager. She asked those present to join her in thanking this staff and all the other wonderful and numerous volunteers at the Museum and SSRC who are vital to the ongoing functions and service of this important institution.

Next, President Cockrell recognized the 2022 Officers and members of the Board of Trustees, who have been especially hard-working, conscientious, and giving during this busy and challenging year: Robert Black, President Lucinda Cockrell, Vice President Ellery Foutch, Mark Friis, Silvia Gonzalez, Kelly Hickey, Conor Marrinan, Treasurer Diane Palmeri, Secretary David Stameshkin, and Richard Wien. She also recognized the Honorary Trustees: Glenn Andres, Travis Beal Jacobs, Julie Peddie, John M. McCardell, Jr., and Cy Tall.

President Cockrell recognized Secretary Stameshkin, who stated that the 2021 annual meeting minutes had been distributed beforehand. He moved, and it was seconded, that if there were no corrections, that the minutes be approved as distributed/corrected. No corrections were brought forth, and so the motion passed.

President Cockrell presented the Treasurer's Report, in the absence of the Treasurer, Diane Palmeri. [The report is appended to these minutes.]

President Cockrell then called upon Vice President Ellery Foutch, who offered a tribute and thanks to Silvia Gonzalez, whose term on the Board was ending.

President Cockrell then recognized a Trustee who is assuming a 2nd three-year term, Ellery Foutch, and noted her outstanding work for the Museum. President Cockrell entertained a motion to approve the slate of Board members, i.e., Ellery Foutch, seeking re-election to second terms on the Board of Trustees. Secretary Stameshkin moved the approval, it was seconded and passed without objection.

President Cockrell asked Vice President Foutch to introduce the slate of new 2022 Board of Trustees members. Foutch noted that the bylaws state that the Vice President also chairs the Nominating Committee, and, as such, the Committee would now like to bring forward the slate of two nominees who will each serve a three-year term on the Board—Deborah Evans and Maggie Keith; and the non-voting student who will serve a one-year term on the Board—Anne Lofgren. Foutch noted that the bios of the three candidates were posted on the Museum's website and distributed by email. Vice President Foutch entertained a motion to approve the slate of nominees seeking election to the HSM Board of Trustees. Secretary Stameshkin so moved and the motion was seconded and approved without objection.

Vice President Foutch proceeded to present the following slate of officers that will be considered by the Board at its meeting that will immediately follow this meeting.

President - Lucinda Cockrell
Vice President – Ellery Foutch
Secretary – David Stameshkin
Treasurer – Diane Palmeri

Vice President. Foutch then introduced Executive Director, Stephanie Skenyon, who presented the Sheldon's year in review for 2022. [The complete presentation is appended to these minutes.]

President Cockrell introduced the guest Speaker for the evening, Christopher Ilstrup, as follows:

“We are indeed fortunate to have Christopher Ilstrup with us this evening as our annual meeting speaker. A native of Addison County, Christopher is executive director of Vermont Humanities, a position he has held since 2018. He previously served as a senior philanthropic advisor at the Vermont Community Foundation, has held leadership roles at the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, Outright Vermont and Rural Vermont and was the first Executive Director of the Pride Center of Vermont. He holds an undergraduate degree from Kenyon College, Master’s in Development Studies from the London School of Economics, and is recently the winner of the 2022 Plan of the Year awarded by the Vermont Planners Association. His talk tonight is ‘Humanities in the Heart of the Community.’ Please join me in welcoming Christopher.”

After Mr. Ilstrup’s presentation, Vice President Foutch led a Q & A with the speaker.

President Cockrell thanked the speaker for an inspiring talk, and the staff and all who made the evening possible. She made some final announcements:

- Please check our website for upcoming events and programs such as:
- Our popular Holiday Train Exhibit is back on track this year – ever popular and exciting – times and dates are posted on the website.
- While at the Museum, our exhibits are up through January 7, 2023, come see them: Artists in the Archives: Community, History & Collage; Addison County Collects; Sculptures of Perseverance: Ukraine-Inspired Carvings by Chuck Herrmann.
- You won’t want to miss ARTISTS IN THE ARCHIVES: WOMEN IN THE ARCHIVE free virtual webinar in connection with the Artists in the Archives exhibit on Wednesday, December 14th.
- Have fun visiting the Sheldon Museum during Midd Night Stroll in Middlebury and do your holiday shopping in our Museum Shop coming up on Thursday, December 8th and 15th.
- Our annual Raffle of miniature Christmas trees by nine local artists is happening now – make sure to check them out at the Museum or on our website and get your raffle tickets so you can win!

After the announcements, President Cockrell adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. and noted that only the Sheldon Board of Trustees will remain on Zoom for the election of officers.

Minutes of the Meeting of outgoing and incoming Executive Committee members and voting Board of Trustees to elect new officers

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Following the Annual Membership meeting

VIA ZOOM

President L. Cockrell called the meeting to order at 8:46 p.m. Those trustees in attendance were: L. Cockrell, E. Foutch, K.Hickey, R. Wien, R. Black, S. Gonzalez, and D. Stameshkin. A quorum was present.

Vice President and Chair of the Nominating Committee E. Foutch presented the slate of officers:

Lucinda Cockrell: President

Ellery Foutch: Vice President

David Stameshkin: Secretary

Diane Palmeri: Treasurer

Vice President Foutch moved to approve the slate of officers. It was seconded by R. Black, and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Stameshkin

Secretary

Attachments:

Report of the Treasurer

Report of the Executive Director