

MINUTES

WAR MEMORIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, December 8, 2005

The Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco met in regular session at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2005, in the Trustees' Board Room, War Memorial Opera House, President Bashford presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Bashford, Vice President Horn, Trustee Farrow, Trustee Moscone, Trustee Pelosi, Trustee Reynolds, Trustee Shultz, Trustee Tsakopoulos-Kounalakis;

Absent: Trustee Bechtle, Trustee Haas, Trustee Jarman.

Staff Present: Elizabeth Murray, Managing Director
Gregory Ridenour, Executive Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Bashford called for approval of the minutes of the November 10, 2005 regular meeting of the Board. On motion of Vice President Horn, seconded by Trustee Farrow, the minutes were unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Conclusion of Opera Fall Season: President Bashford reported that the San Francisco Opera concluded the fall portion of its 2005-06 season on Sunday, November 27, 2005. On behalf of the Board, President Bashford extended congratulations to the Opera for a tremendously successful and enjoyable fall season.

President Bashford also extended the Trustees' appreciation and best wishes to Pamela Rosenberg, who is leaving her post as General Director of the San Francisco Opera at the end of this month to join the Berlin Philharmonic as its Administrative Director. President Bashford acknowledged the significant contributions and artistic achievements made by Ms. Rosenberg throughout her five-year tenure as General Director, which greatly benefited the San Francisco Opera and its patrons.

President Bashford stated that David Gockley, former General Director of the Houston Grand Opera, will be joining the San Francisco Opera on January 1, 2006, as its sixth General Director, and noted that the Board is looking forward to working with Mr. Gockley in the coming year.

Opening of Ballet Nutcracker Season: President Bashford reported that the San Francisco Ballet will open its 2005 *Nutcracker* season on Friday, December 2, 2005, and will present 31 performances through December 28. On behalf of the Board, President Bashford extended best wishes to the Ballet for a successful *Nutcracker* season.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Rental Requests: Ms. Murray reported that rental requests as mailed to Trustees are routine and requested their approval. On motion of Trustee Farrow, seconded by Vice President Horn, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-43

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that the following rental requests are hereby approved:

LOUISE M. DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL

City Arts and Lectures Philip Seymour Hoffman Interview	February 19, 2006	\$2,000.00 vs. 10% \$4,000.00 maximum
Heritage Education & Festivals, LLC National Invitational Choral Festival	April 23 – 26, 2006	\$7,700.00

HERBST THEATRE

KQED, Inc. Barbara Sher Lecture	January 21, 2006	\$600.00
Social Dance Cultures El Pulso Femenino – El Corazon del Tango	December 15 & 16, 2006	\$1,200.00
NCLR Cris Williamson	January 28, 2006	\$600.00
CBS 5 Jefferson Awards for Public Service	January 17, 2006	\$600.00
Legal Services for Children Words, Wine & Wit	May 4, 2006 April 27, 2007	\$600.00 \$600.00
Filipina Women’s Network Rehearsal and Two Performances	February 25 & 26, 2006	\$1,550.00
Ananda Sangha Swami Kriyananda: The Essence of the Bhagavad Gita	June 3, 2006	\$600.00
The Wharton School Graduation Ceremony	May 6, 2007	\$600.00

Additional Rental Requests: Ms. Murray requested approval of additional rental requests as submitted. On motion of Trustee Farrow, seconded by Vice President Horn, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-44

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that the following additional rental requests are hereby approved:

LOUISE M. DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL

Another Planet Entertainment An Evening With Bill Maher	February 3, 2006	\$2,000.00 vs. 10% \$5,500.00 maximum
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HERBST THEATRE

City Arts & Lectures Justice Stephen Breyer and Jeffrey Toobin	February 6, 2006	\$600.00
Lyric Opera of Chicago Auditions	August 7, 2006	\$500.00
Midsummer Mozart Festival Classical Concerts	July 21 & 28, 2006	\$1,200.00
ABS-CBN Foundation Bayaning Filipino Awards	April 24, 2006	\$600.00

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Revenue, Appropriations and Status of Building Projects Reports for November 2005: Mr. Ridenour referred to the Revenue, Appropriations, and Status of Building Projects Reports for November 2005, and requested a resolution to approve housekeeping expenditures as submitted. On motion of Trustee Shultz, seconded by Vice President Horn, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-45

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that Purchase Order Nos. WM060199 through WM060240, and Revenue Transfer No. AT060275 are hereby approved.

REGULAR ITEMS

Election of Officers for 2006: President Bashford opened the floor to nominations for the offices of President and Vice President of the War Memorial Board of Trustees for 2006. Trustee Shultz nominated Wilkes Bashford for a second term for the office of President, and Tom Horn for a second term for the office of Vice President, of the War Memorial Board of Trustees for 2006. This motion was seconded by Trustee Farrow, and unanimously adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-46

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that nominations for the offices of President and Vice President of the Board of Trustees for 2006 are hereby closed; and further,

RESOLVED, That this Board unanimously elects Wilkes Bashford as its President and Tom Horn as its Vice President for calendar year 2006.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Corrales, Chair of the American Legion War Memorial Commission, advised the Board that the Commission held a special meeting on November 29, 2005, to consider the proposed renewal agreement approved by the Trustees on November 10. He stated that the Commission unanimously accepted the portion of the renewal agreement that had been discussed at the Trustees' November 10 meeting; however, the Commission was surprised at, and could not accept, the language in the "Renewal of Agreement" section which places a cap on payment amounts in future renewal negotiations. Mr. Corrales said he had written a letter to Ms. Murray reporting on the Commission's consideration and actions with regard to the proposed renewal agreement.

Ms. Murray acknowledged receipt of Mr. Corrales' letter, and noted that she had forwarded a copy of the letter to the Office of the City Attorney. She stated that the language in the "Renewal of Agreement" section is the exact same language contained in the original 1977 agreement and in all 11 previous renewals of the agreement. Ms. Murray stated that she is in the process of consulting with the Office of the City Attorney on this matter, following which she will respond to the Commission's letter and/or re-calendar the matter for further consideration by the Board of Trustees if necessary.

Wallace Levin, County Veteran Service Officer and Commander of American Legion Post 244, extended to the Board best wishes for a happy holiday season and New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Bashford adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Gregory P. Ridenour
Executive Secretary