

MINUTES
WAR MEMORIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, December 14, 2006

The Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco met in regular session at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2006, in the Trustees' Board Room, War Memorial Opera House, President Bashford presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Trustee Haas, Trustee Moscone.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Bashford called for approval of the minutes of the November 9, 2006 regular meeting of the Board. On motion of Trustee Farrow, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, the minutes were unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Bashford reported that Trustees have received a copy of a letter from Walter J. Haas, written on behalf of his mother, Evelyn D. Haas, requesting that she not be considered for reappointment to the War Memorial Board of Trustees upon the expiration of her current term in January 2007. In his letter, Mr. Haas states that it has been an honor and a privilege for his mother to serve on the Board of Trustees for the past 29 years, and that she has taken great civic and personal pride in having served during the administrations of six San Francisco Mayors. Mr. Haas, on behalf of his mother, extended best wishes to the Trustees and staff of the War Memorial. President Bashford said that the Mayor's Office has received a copy of this letter, and that the Mayor is sending a letter to Trustee Haas thanking and commending her for her many years of dedicated service to the community.

President Bashford recommended that the Trustees recognize, commend and honor Evelyn D. Haas for her distinguished and dedicated service to San Francisco and extend thanks and appreciation for her invaluable contribution as a member of the War Memorial Board of Trustees for the past 29 years. On motion of Trustee Shultz, seconded by Vice President Horn, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-40

Whereas, Evelyn D. Haas has for 29 years provided distinguished service as a member of the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco, serving under six consecutive Mayors of the City and County of San Francisco; and

Whereas, Evelyn D. Haas has also served the community as a Director of Children's Hospital, a Governor of the San Francisco Symphony, and a Trustee of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; and

Whereas, Evelyn D. Haas has demonstrated extraordinary generosity through her support of many public, cultural and charitable projects, attesting to her profound belief in the benefits of giving back to the community; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that it hereby thanks and commends Evelyn D. Haas for her 29 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the War Memorial Board of Trustees, and extends to her heartfelt best wishes on the occasion of her retirement from the Board of Trustees.

Conclusion of Opera Fall Season: President Bashford reported that the San Francisco Opera concluded the fall portion of its 2006-07 season on Sunday, December 10, 2006. On behalf of the Board, President Bashford extended congratulations to the Opera for a superb season.

Opening of Ballet “Nutcracker” Season: President Bashford stated that the San Francisco Ballet opens its 2006 “*Nutcracker*” season this evening and will present 30 performances through December 31. On behalf of the Board, President Bashford extended best wishes to the Ballet for a successful “*Nutcracker*” season.

War Memorial Budget for FY 2007-08: President Bashford reported that City department budget requests for the next fiscal year must be submitted to the Controller and the Mayor in mid-February 2007, and in order to meet this deadline, the Board must consider and approve the War Memorial’s budget request at the February meeting. President Bashford referred this matter to the Board’s Budget and Finance Committee and asked the Committee to meet during the next two months and provide recommendations to the full Board at the February meeting.

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 Trustee Reynolds, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-41

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

WAR MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE

Presidio Performing Arts Foundation 2007 Dancing Across Cultures	April 30, 2007	\$2,100.00
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HERBST THEATRE

Rrazz Productions Dionne Warwick	January 20, 2007	\$1,100.00
Loretta Giorgi Judicial Investiture Ceremony	February 15, 2007	\$500.00
California Academy of Sciences Conversations at the Herbst	January 23, 2007 February 28, 2007 April 30, 2007 May 8, 2007 June 6, 2007	\$3,150.00

San Francisco Performances David Carpenter, viola	January 9, 2007	\$630.00
San Francisco Jazz Festival Winter & Spring 2007	January 26, 2007 March 11, 17, 18, 31, 2007 April 1, 6, 7, 21, 2007 May 4, 6, 11, 12, 2007 June 15, 17, 2007	\$11,750.00
Tangerine Productions Dessa in Concert	June 30, 2007	\$1,100.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 06-42

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

HERBST THEATRE

Global Cultural Services Co., Ltd. Chuanyun Li, violin	April 8, 2007	\$1,100.00
Earplay 2007-08 Season	November 12, 2007 February 11, 2008	\$1,260.00

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Revenue, Appropriations and Status of Building Projects Reports for November 2006: Mr. Ridenour referred to the Revenue, Appropriations, and Status of Building Projects Reports for November 2006, and requested a resolution to approve housekeeping expenditures as submitted. On motion of Trustee Farrow, seconded by Trustee Reynolds, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-43

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that Purchase Order Nos. WM070276 through WM070313, are hereby approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance/Veterans Committees: Vice President Horn reported that the Budget & Finance Committee and Veterans Committee met in joint session on November 29, 2006, to consider the proposed renewal of the agreement between the War Memorial Board of Trustees and the American Legion War Memorial Commission.

Vice President Horn reported that the Committee reviewed the background and purpose of the original 1977 agreement between the Trustees and Commission and discussed the purpose and scope of the proposed renewal agreement. He stated that Committee members reviewed materials prepared by War Memorial staff, including a summary analysis of the Commission's income and expenditures for the last seven years and

staff's renewal proposal. The Committee also heard from Commission representatives, including Commission Chair Greg Corrales, Commission Secretary/Treasurer Vince Rios, and spokesperson Admiral Tom Brown.

Vice President Horn stated that following discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Board that it renew its agreement with the War Memorial Commission, providing for the following:

- A two year renewal term, from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008;
- Payment of total annual sums to the Commission of \$30,000, including annual payments of \$6,000 from the Museum of Modern Art and annual payments of \$24,000 from the War Memorial; and
- All other terms and conditions of the renewal agreement shall remain the same as the current two-year renewal agreement which expires on December 31, 2006.

Following discussion, and on motion of Vice President Horn and seconded by Trustee Shultz, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-44

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that it hereby adopts the report and recommendations of its Budget & Finance and Veterans Committees, and approves the renewal of the agreement between the War Memorial Board of Trustees and the American Legion War Memorial Commission for a two-year period from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008, with total annual sums to be paid to the Commission of \$30,000, comprised of \$6,000 from the Museum of Modern Art and \$24,000 from the War Memorial; the renewal agreement to be otherwise under the same terms and conditions as the two-year renewal agreement that will expire on December 31, 2006.

REGULAR ITEMS

Election of Officers for 2007: President Bashford opened the floor to nominations for the office of President of the War Memorial Board of Trustees for 2007. Trustee Shultz nominated Thomas E. Horn for the office of President, noting his experience, energy and enthusiasm, which he has demonstrated through his years of service as a member of the Board of Trustees. This motion was seconded by Trustee Farrow, and unanimously adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-45

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that nominations for the office of President of the Board of Trustees for 2007 are hereby closed; and further,

RESOLVED, That this Board unanimously elects Thomas E. Horn as its President for 2007.

President Bashford opened the floor to nominations for the office of Vice President of the War Memorial Board of Trustees for 2007. Trustee Jarman nominated Nancy Bechtle for the office of Vice President of the Board of Trustees for 2007. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reynolds, and unanimously adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 06:46

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board of Trustees for 2007 are hereby closed; and further,

RESOLVED, That this Board unanimously elects Nancy Bechtle as its Vice President for 2007.

President-Elect Horn extended his appreciation to the Trustees for this opportunity to serve as President of the War Memorial Board of Trustees and said he enthusiastically looks forward to working with the Trustees and staff during the coming year. President-Elect Horn acknowledged President Bashford for his outstanding

guidance and leadership during the last two years and extended to President Bashford the Trustees' sincere thanks and appreciation.

President Bashford stated that it was both an honor and pleasure to serve as President of the Board of Trustees for the last two years and said he looks forward to continue supporting the work of President-Elect Horn and Vice President-Elect Bechtle in 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Gregory P. Ridenour
Executive Secretary