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February 6, 2014

Audubon Nature Institute Board

Enclosed are the minutes of the February 5, 2014 meeting of the Audubon Nature Institute Board.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on

Tuesday, March 26

12 noon

Audubon Aquarium/Gulf Conference Room

Celebrating the Wonders of Nature

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of the Americas

Audubon Center for Research
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MOTIONS

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1. 2014 Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire

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A meeting of the Audubon Nature Institute Board was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. in the Presidents' Room at Audubon Zoo, Chairman Leslie Gottsegen presiding. A quorum was present and acting throughout the meeting.

The minutes of the November 19, 2013 meeting were unanimously accepted as distributed.

Finance Committee Mr. Rivarde, EVP and Managing Director of Uptown Facilities, reviewed the November 2013 Operating Budget:

November Operating Budget (in thousands)

	<u>2013 Actual</u>	<u>2013 Budget</u>	<u>2012 Actual</u>
Aquarium/IMAX/Park	5,343	4,483	4,740
Zoo/Park	(2,616)	(2,233)	(1,376)
Insectarium	(116)	(235)	(67)
Research Center	(754)	(450)	(149)
Total Operations	\$1,857	\$1,565	\$3,148

Nominating Committee Report Mr. Forman, President & CEO, on behalf of Committee Chair Marshall, reported that the Nominating Committee unanimously recommends the following slate of officers in 2014: Chairman Leslie Gottsegen, 1st Vice Chair Joe Jaeger, 2nd Vice Chair Chris Bardell, Recording Secretary Kate Werner, Corresponding Secretary Ronald Markham, Treasurer Vincent Palumbo, Parliamentarian Poco Sloss and Immediate Past Chair Stephanie Feoli (committee/Romig/Perry).

Mr. Forman further reported that there are two vacancies on the board, Luis Banos has resigned due to other commitments and Frances Fayard was appointed to the Audubon Commission. It is the unanimous recommendation of the Nominating Committee to the Audubon Nature Institute Board that Julie Quinn and Paul Fine fill the vacancies.

(committee/Rowan/Perry)

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Staff Reports

Mr. Forman spoke about the Audubon Millage Renewal which will be on the ballot for voters in Orleans Parish on March 15. He spoke about steps Audubon was taking to advertise the millage and showed branding videos that have been playing on local television. He emphasized the importance of the millage renewal and encouraged everyone to get the word out. Karyn Kearney, EVP & Managing Director of Downtown Facilities, reported that a fact sheet about the millage was being prepared and would be shared with all board members. Mr. Forman further reported that the Audubon Louisiana Nature Center groundbreaking took place on January 24th and the Alliance For Sustainable Wildlife groundbreaking on January 8th, both very exciting projects for Audubon.

Mr. Kurtz reported that a resolution was needed stating that the Audubon Nature Institute attests that the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire for Government Agencies was presented to and adopted by the governing body, by request of Louisiana Legislative Auditor, Daryl G. Pupera, CPA, CFE.
(Kupperman/Jaeger/Unanimous)

Mr. Rivarde gave a quick update on construction projects at the Zoo noting that the sea lion pool should be completed by the end of the summer. He also reported that the new ropes course is currently out to bid and the boat cruise project should be soon. He further reported that Audubon Park now has 14 solar powered emergency phones throughout the park.

Ms. Kearney gave an update on downtown projects stating that Caribbean improvements are near completion with a target opening date of March 7th. She then reported that the Aquarium will be offering a new premium experience called the Mayan Dive in the next couple of months. She further reported that wharf repairs should be completed as soon as the river water level subsides.

Phillip from the Education Department presented to the board a chinchilla named Coleco.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Katharine B. Werner
Recording Secretary

In attendance: Bardell, Gottsegen, A. Hooper, Jaeger, Kupperman, Markham, Palumbo, Perry, Rice, Romig, Rowan, Smith, Sloss, Werner, Westfeldt

Excused: Adams, Charpentier, Colhoun, Feoli, French, Heebe, D. Hooper, Le Clercq, Marshall, Pannu, Tiller, Wisdom