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February 11, 1976

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Honorable Claiborne Pell
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

The Trustees Committee of the American Association of Museums is holding a special meeting in Washington on Friday, June 4, immediately following the annual meeting of the AAM. The topics for discussion are federal legislation and federal financing which affect museums. The meeting will be held in the Senate, Room S-207.

The Trustees Committee, as representatives of the governing bodies of the more than 1200 member institutions of the AAM, are extremely interested in the views of the congressmen who have been leaders in comprehending the problems of museums and offering support. We would be very grateful if we could hear your thoughts on these topics which are of vital importance to all trustees.

Could you take time from your busy schedule to speak to us for about twenty minutes between 10:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on Friday, June 4? We expect an attendance of approximately 75 to 100 trustees. We would be very pleased if you could join us for luncheon, also to be held in S-207, following the adjournment at 12:15. If you will be available, I shall ask Mrs. Jane North, Trustees Committee Coordinator, to call your office and confirm the exact details.

A preliminary schedule of the AAM Annual Meeting is enclosed; an outline of the Trustees Program is on the second page. The final program for the Trustees Committee meeting will be published in March in the AAM Trustees Newsletter, and Mrs. North would appreciate having a biography and photograph of you for that issue.

Your presence will contribute greatly to the success of our meeting, so I shall hope for an affirmative response. Warm regards.

Sincerely,

George C. Seybolt /jwn

George C. Seybolt, Chairman
Museum Trustees Steering Committee

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE*
AAM ANNUAL MEETING, WASHINGTON, D.C.
"Threshold To The Third Century"

MAY 30 – JUNE 3, 1976

(ICOM Committee Meeting, Thursday, June 3)

(Trustees Committee Meeting, Friday, June 4)

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PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

Corcoran Gallery of Art
 Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection
 Folger Shakespeare Library
 Library of Congress
 Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University
 Museum of African Art
 National Gallery of Art
 National Trust for Historic Preservation
 Smithsonian Institution:
 Anacostia Neighborhood Museum
 Archives of American Art
 Freer Gallery of Art
 Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
 National Collection of Fine Arts
 National Air and Space Museum
 National Museum of History and Technology
 National Museum of Natural History
 National Portrait Gallery
 National Zoological Park
 Renwick Gallery
 Office of Elementary and Secondary Programs
 Office of Exhibits Central
 Office of Museum Programs
 Smithsonian Libraries
 Traveling Exhibition Service
 The National Archives
 The Phillips Collection
 The Textile Museum

SATURDAY, MAY 29 – SUNDAY, MAY 30

Meetings of Special Interest Committees at Sheraton Park Hotel

Regional Council	Saturday, May 29, 2-5 p.m.
Regional Representatives	Saturday, May 29, 7:30 p.m.
Computer Programming	Sunday, May 30, afternoon
Curators	Sunday, May 30, afternoon
American Association of Youth Museums	Sunday, May 30, afternoon
(Others to be scheduled)	

SUNDAY, MAY 30

Registration	Sheraton Park Hotel	9 a.m.-9 p.m.
AAM Council Meeting	Sheraton Park Hotel	10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Exhibitors Reception	Sheraton Park Hotel	7-9 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 31

General Session Sheraton Park Hotel 9 a.m.-12 noon

Opening Ceremony: Welcomes by Joseph Veach Noble, President of AAM, and S. Dillon Ripley, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution

Address: Speaker to be confirmed

Remarks: Paul Perrot, General Chairman of AAM Annual Meeting

Speakers: Rep. John Brademas (D.-Indiana)
 Others to be announced

1:30-4:30 Topic Sessions at Hotel

Small Museums – Open Session

Curators – Open Session

2:00-5:00 "Washington Museums at Work"

(Bus transportation will be provided)

2-3:15 The Education Departments of 9 Washington Museums will hold participatory programs for delegates. *Limited Sessions*** (Repeated on Wednesday) **Note: This session will last from 2-5 p.m. at Anacostia Neighborhood Museum.**

2-3:15 Conducted visits to Registration departments in several museums. *Limited Sessions***

3:30-5 Behind-the-scenes open house in designated museum departments.

Evening – Receptions at National Museum of Natural History and National Museum of History and Technology

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

9 a.m.-12 noon General Session Sheraton Park Hotel

Addresses:

Sir John Pope Hennessy, Director, British Museum
 S. Dillon Ripley, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution
 AAM Annual Business Meeting
 Joseph Veach Noble presiding
 Adoption of new constitution

1:30-4:30 Topic Sessions at the Hotel

Museum Education – Open Session

Registration – Open Session

2:00-5:00 "Washington Museums at Work"

(Bus Transportation provided)

2-3:15 Exhibitions Preparation programs will be presented in 9 museums. *Limited Sessions*** (Repeated on Thursday)

2-4:15 Panel Sessions on "Collecting in the 21st Century" at the Hirshhorn Museum, the Museum of History and Technology and the Museum of Natural History. Panels will deal separately with the problems of collecting for art, history and science museums.

Moderators: Evan Turner, Director, Philadelphia Museum of Art; Thomas Vaughan, President of American Association of State and Local History; Kenneth Starr, Director of Milwaukee Public Museum.

3:30-5 Behind-the-Scenes Open House in designated museum departments.

4:30-6 Association of Science Museum Directors annual meeting (*members only*) Museum of Natural History.

5:00-7:00 p.m. Reception at the Freer Gallery

6:00-8:00 p.m. Reception at the Museum of African Art

*Specific times and speakers subject to change.

**The number of participants in these sessions will be limited. You may register for these when you arrive at the hotel.

7:00-9:00 p.m. **AAM/ICOM Reception in honor of Luis Monreal** (*members only*) – A & I Building

9:00-11:00 p.m. **Reception at Hirshhorn Museum**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

9 a.m.-12 noon **General Session Sheraton Park Hotel**

Speakers:

Hon. Nancy Hanks, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts

Hon. Ronald Berman, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities

Other speakers to be announced.

1:30-4:30 **Topic Sessions in the Hotel**

Women's Caucus – Open Session

Computers in Museums – Joint Meeting of the Data Coordinating Committee and Museum Computer Network

Security – Open Session

Museum Membership Programs – Open Session

Traveling Exhibitions—Open Session

2:00-5:00 **“Washington Museums at Work”**

(*Bus Transportation provided*)

2-3:15 The Education Departments in 9 museums will hold programs. (Repeat – see Monday's program). *Limited Sessions***

2-3:15 Conducted visits to Conservation Labs in Washington Museums. *Limited Sessions***

3:30-5 Behind-the-Scenes Open House in designated museum departments

7:00-10:00 **Reception at Corcoran Gallery**

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

9 a.m.-12 noon **General Session Sheraton Park Hotel**

Speakers: Hon. Guyford Stever, Chairman, National Science Foundation – “Science and the Arts as a Living Experiment”

Thomas Vaughan, President, American Association of State and Local History

Luis Monreal, Secretary-General, International Council of Museums

AAM/ICOM Annual Meeting

Moderator: Paul Perrot, Vice-Chairman AAM/ICOM

1:30-4:00 **Topic Sessions at Hotel**

Conservation – Open Session sponsored by the American Institute for Conservation, the National Conservation Advisory Council, and the ICOM Committee on Conservation. Chairman: Robert Feller

American Association of Youth Museums—Open Session

Shops and Merchandising in Museums – Open Session

Video-Audio Communications – Open Session

2:00-5:00 **“Washington Museums at Work”**

(*Bus Transportation provided*)

2-3:15 Exhibitions preparation programs will be presented in 9 museums. *Limited sessions.*** (Repeat from Tuesday)

2-3:15 Research Facilities. Libraries and Archives of Washington Museums will present on-site programs. *Limited sessions.***

3:30-5 Behind-the-Scenes Open House in designated museum departments

Evening – Reception at National Gallery of Art to preview bicentennial exhibition, “The Eye of Thomas Jefferson”

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE PROGRAM

(*This is in addition to program scheduled for all AAM Members*)

Thursday, June 3

5:00 p.m. Reception followed by dinner. Place to be announced.***

Friday, June 4 Day will be spent on Capitol Hill

8:30 Bus departs hotel for Capitol Hill

9:30 Trustees Committee Business Meeting (*Members only*)

Chairman: George C. Seybolt

Speakers: Joseph Veach Noble, President, AAM
Richard McLanathan, Director, AAM

10:30 Program on legislation and administration with representatives of government and museums (Details in next Trustees Newsletter).

12 noon Sherry and Discussion

12:30-2 Luncheon at the Capitol***

2:00 Trustees Committee reconvenes

3:00 Trustees adjourn to visit their own congressmen. (*Please make appointments in advance.*)

4:30 Bus departs for Sheraton Park Hotel

***Cost included in Trustees fee

SPECIAL FEATURES OF AAM MEETING

Small Museums Exchange

This popular feature of last year's meeting is being repeated on a larger scale in 1976. Throughout the week of the convention it will provide an opportunity for small museum staffs to meet and discuss mutual problems and exchange ideas. Suggestions for discussion topics, information, publications, bibliographies to be presented in the Exchange should be sent immediately to: *Cindy Sherrell, Director of Museum Services, Texas Historical Commission, P. O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas, 78711.*

Special Interest Committees (formerly Affinity Groups)

Those wishing to have a room for a meeting should contact Cindy Sherrell immediately at the address above.

Counseling Services will be available throughout the meeting from staff of the NEA, NEH, HEW, National Science Foundation, National Museum Act Grants Administration, and the Accreditation Commission of the AAM.

Ad Hoc Rooms

Two or three rooms will be available throughout the convention for groups wishing to have impromptu meetings. Room will be assigned during the convention on request. No advance reservations.

Display of Traveling Exhibitions