



**San Francisco Zoological Society ("SFZS"):
Annual Meeting of Members and Election of Board of Directors**

September 19, 2023

2 p.m.

Osher Great Hall, Lurie Education Center
San Francisco Zoo & Gardens

Attendees:

Officers: Ed Poole, Esq.; Tanya Peterson, Esq.; Melinda Eisenhut-Dunn Ed Oates and Vince Grubbs (CFO).

Guests: SFZS Docents, Members, and employees of the San Francisco Zoological Society.

Election of SFZS Directors

SFZS Board Chair Ed Poole presented the following slate of nominees for the Board of Directors:

For a three-year term ending September 2026: Alex Beckman, Kerry Deichen, Melinda Eisenhut-Dunn, Toni Freitas-Krajcar, Julia Heidmann, Margaret Hauben, Doug Magowan, Kelly Phair McCarthy, Joan Murphy, Marie-Claude Nadeau, Mark Roberts, and David Thomason.

Poole thanked the following, non-renewing members for their service: Tim Bailey, Alexis Krivkovich and Steve Morris.

In addition, Poole announced that the following members have been elected to Emeritus status: Melissa Ma and Elizabeth Philips Minick.

Chair Poole then stated that, as the Society has 23,000 members of record and the number of persons nominated to serve as directors is not more than the number of directors to be elected, pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Society's Bylaws, the nominated directors have been elected.

Nomination of SFZS Officers

Chair Poole presented the nomination of SFZS officers. The nominees are: Edward Poole for Chair of the Board of Directors; Melinda Eisenhut-Dunn for Vice-Chair; Ed Oates for Secretary and Vice-Chair; Chief Executive Officer Tanya Peterson; and Chief Financial Officer Vince Grubbs. **MSA**

“State of the Zoo”

CEO Tanya Peterson welcomed and thanked all of the attendees for supporting SF Zoo & Gardens and provided a presentation on the past fiscal year. She reviewed highlights from the year, such as winning the “EBBIE” award for Sustainability from the SF Chamber of Commerce, to challenges including the stormy winter weather. She reported on DEIA achievements, such as the “Leadership Fellows” programs for teens, and new experiences for members, including the popular “Sunset Fridays” summertime after-hours programming. She discussed new artwork, refreshed animal habitats and new faces at SF Zoo, including a jaguar, a gray fox, a lioness and Przewalski’s horses. She noted that part of the SFZS Strategic Plan was to feature conservation zones throughout SF Zoo, as well as highlight the 14 Critically Endangered species that are part of SF Zoo’s collection. Lastly, she announced that Phase One of the Lipman Family Madagascar Center had opened with a multi-level fossa exhibit and replica Baobab tree with invertebrate exhibits located inside. (PPT)

City and Exhibit Updates:

ED2 International architect Frank Fung provided a presentation on ongoing and current construction projects at SF Zoo. He discussed how the closure of the Great Highway would impact SF Zoo as well as the City’s upcoming changes to Sloat Boulevard. He provided an update on the Lipman Family Madagascar Center and noted that permits for Phase Two had been obtained and would include a Lemur Forest viewing area, Tortoise Habitat and an Educational Amphitheater. Lastly, he reported on a proposed concept for a Jaguar exhibit, which would be located at the former sea lion pool. (PPT)

DEIA Update:

Lamar Harris-Walker, VP of Security & Belonging, discussed SF Zoo’s Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) efforts. He noted that SF Zoo works to engage both a diverse audience and provide programming to support a diverse coalition of community partners. He reviewed a variety of outreach initiatives, on-site and off-site events, and the impact on local communities. (PPT)

Education Department Update:

Robin Wu, VP of Education & Community Engagement, provided an update on recent education programming, including the successful Summer Zoo Camp with over 1500 participants from Pre-K – 6th grade enrolled. She also discussed the summer “Leadership Fellows” teen volunteer program, in which 62 participants of diverse backgrounds learned about Zoo Careers, while getting hands-on experience.

Comments from Members:

SF Zoo Member Richard Rothman inquired about the potential to open the Zoo at Sloat & 48th Avenue as an entrance and the steps to becoming a SFZS Board Member.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING AT 2:43 p.m.