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Asian Art Commission – Ethics Committee
Friday, September 6, 2013, 2:00 - 3:00 pm
4th Floor Executive Conference Room
Asian Art Museum, 200 Larkin Street, San Francisco, California

Present:  
Alexander D. Calhoun, Chair  
Selina Gaw Cha  
Anthony Sun

Absent:  
Jane Chang Tom

Others Present:  
Laura Allen  
Kim Bush Tomio  
Laura Hathhorn

Call to Order
Chair Alexander D. Calhoun called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m., a quorum being present.

Minutes from the September 6, 2012 Ethics Committee meeting were approved.

Mr. Calhoun introduced a discussion regarding an upcoming exhibition involving a loan from an individual: *Navigating the Floating World: Artworks from the John C. Weber Collection* (February 20 – May 10, 2015). Mr. Calhoun called on Museum Services Director Kim Bush Tomio to review Section 8.0 (Loans) of the museum’s Ethical Stewardship and Collections Management Policy governing exhibitions involving loans from individuals, highlighting two important policy items related to the proposed exhibition: (i) the purpose of the exhibition is to further the purposes and activities of the museum, and (ii) the museum shall retain control of the selection of objects, their presentation and the way the show is presented. It was also noted that the exhibition is not intended to enhance the value of the collection so that the owner could profit thereby. Mr. Calhoun called on Curator of Japanese Art Laura Allen to provide background on the collector and the exhibition. Following lengthy discussion, the committee unanimously acknowledged that the proposed exhibition from a loan from Mr. Weber was in compliance with the museum’s Ethical Stewardship and Collections Management Policy, and granted approval in that regard.

Public Comment – Members of the public were invited to address the Commission on items that were within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Asian Art Commission Ethics Committee. The public may address the Committee for up to three minutes and the chair may limit total testimony to thirty minutes.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.