



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

July 27, 2020
The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), and pursuant to section 4 of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities Act, effective October 21, 1975 (D.C. Law 1-22; D.C. Official Code § 39-203), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

Ms. Maria Hall Rooney
32nd Street NW
Washington, DC 20015
(Ward 4)

for appointment as a member with experience in arts and humanities organizational administration or governance of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities, for a term ending June 30, 2023.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the experience of Ms. Rooney, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Muriel Bowser".

Muriel Bowser


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To confirm the appointment of Ms. Maria Hall Rooney to the Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Commission on the Arts and Humanities Maria Hall Rooney Confirmation Resolution of 2020".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the appointment of:

Ms. Maria Hall Rooney
32nd Street NW
Washington, DC 20015
(Ward 4)

as a member with experience in arts and humanities organizational administration or governance of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities, established by section 4 of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities Act, effective October 21, 1975 (D.C. Law 1-22; D.C. Official Code § 39-203), for a term ending June 30, 2023.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.



Executive Office of the Mayor - Office of Talent and Appointments
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Maria Hall Rooney



Ms. Rooney, has more than 25 years of experience in the field of fine arts, with an expertise in producing educational multimedia programs for museums and historic sites. In collaboration with artists, museum directors, curators, and educators, she's produced over 200 mixed media programs for both students and adults. Her productions have received numerous industry awards from the National Association for Interpretation and the Association of Partners for Public Lands. Her clients have included the Smithsonian Institution, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, and the National Gallery of Canada among many others.

In addition to Ms. Rooney's work with Discovery Communications and Antenna Audio, she has served as Registrar for the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, overseeing their fine arts, prints, and manuscripts collections. Prior to that, she worked at the Philadelphia Museum of Art in their 20th Century Art Department as Exhibition Researcher.

Through her years of involvement in the arts community, Ms. Rooney has developed a broad vision of the arts and museum fields, a facility for communicating creative concepts in a compelling and approachable way, and an infectious enthusiasm for arts education. She volunteers for a number of cultural and community-focused organizations throughout the District, and is committed to the goal of making art accessible to everyone.

A Ward 4 resident, Ms. Rooney obtained a Bachelor of Arts in History and Art from Hamilton College.



Maria Hall Rooney

IDS, LLC, Washington, DC

2009 to present

PRINCIPAL of multi-service consulting firm providing a wide range of communication and education services in the fine art field.

With over 25 years of experience in the museum and art worlds, expert advisory, consultation and communication services include: multimedia educational programs, exhibition interpretation, lectures and education for adults and children; grant proposals and press releases.

Discovery Communications/Antenna Audio Tours, Silver Spring, MD/San Francisco, CA

1997 to 2009

DIRECTOR OF CREATIVE MANAGEMENT/ LEAD PRODUCER / PROJECT MANAGER

- Collaborated with curators and educators of over 100 major museums and historic sites throughout North America to translate exhibition goals and content into over 200 compelling and award-winning educational programs.
- Directed all aspects of writing, editing, and producing multimedia projects.
- Cultivated and furthered relationships with clients including: the Philadelphia Museum of Art, The J. Paul Getty Museum, the Smithsonian American Art Museum, the National Gallery of Canada, the Cleveland Museum of Art.
- Directed recording sessions with celebrity narrators and museum Directors.
- Conducted interviews and script walk throughs with curators, directed writers, edited tour scripts, conducted client presentations, created and managed production budgets, oversaw adherence to contract parameters and production schedules.
- Hired, trained, mentored, and managed department of four staff. Liaised with other department heads on interdepartmental policies and best practices. Supervised departmental workload and budgets.

Asset Management Groups, San Francisco, CA

1992 to 1997

Montgomery Asset Management, Solon Asset Management, Shad Run Investments, Securitas Capital

MUTUAL FUNDS MANAGER

- Managed all marketing, advertising, and communication projects for The Montgomery Funds, a nine-fund asset management company. Oversaw writing, design, and production of marketing brochures, quarterly newsletters, and collateral marketing materials. Wrote Chairman letters accompanying quarterly statements. Organized participation and represented company at industry tradeshows. Managed portfolio manager public speaking events, interviews and photo shoots. Supervised advertising and public relations projects and approved all ad copy, designs and press releases. Oversaw NASD filings. Co-managed customer service department of six staff.
- Organized and managed corporate events and company retreats for international investment firm. Researched, developed, and authored firm's corporate matching gift program.
- Oversaw shareholder accounting, firm expenses, and portfolio company information dissemination for Bay Area investment firm. Assisted in deal closings. Coordinated special events.

Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

1989 to 1991

ART COLLECTIONS MANAGER

- Supervised registrarial functions for Society's extensive collection of paintings and decorative arts, rare books, manuscripts and prints. Coordinated loans of Society's artwork for national and international museum exhibitions. Managed all requests for photographic reproduction. Supervised in-house photographer.

Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA

1988 to 1989

RESEARCHER, 20TH CENTURY ART DEPARTMENT

- Conducted research for museum's 1989 Man Ray Exhibition and 1992 Cy Twombly Exhibition.

AWARDS, HONORS AND ACHEIVEMENTS

National Association for Interpretation awards include First Place for the audio program at the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier, and Third Place for "Assignment Rescue" at the Jewish Museum.

Association of Partners for Public Lands First Place Award for the USS Arizona Memorial audio tour.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member American Association of Museums

Member National Trust for Historic Preservation

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, Accredited Professional
BA, History Major, Art History Minor - Hamilton College. Clinton, NY 1988

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the General Counsel to the Mayor

To: Ronan Gulstone, Steve Walker
From: Betsy Cavendish
Date: July 5, 2020
Subject: Legal sufficiency review of Resolutions nominating Maria Hall Rooney, Maggie Fitzpatrick, Carla Sims, Hector Torres, Stacie Lee Banks, and Quanice Floyd as members to the Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

This is to Certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced legislation and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-724-7681.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elizabeth A. Cavendish'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Elizabeth Cavendish