



TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: John King
SUBJECT: Appointment of Assistant Commissioner for the New York State Museum
DATE: February 13, 2012

AUTHORIZATIONS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Summary

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Mark Schaming to the position of Assistant Commissioner for the New York State Museum (NYSM)?

Reason for Consideration

Mark Schaming will bring to the Assistant Commissioner position extensive knowledge and experience in all areas of the NYSM. Mr. Schaming has twenty-four years experience in the NYSM working in various positions with his current role being Director of Exhibitions, Education and Public Programs. Over the years, he has directed the New York State Museum Exhibition Master Plan, organized the multi year exhibition, Great Art and Education Series and most recently secured funding for the *New York Remembers* statewide traveling exhibitions and *Reflecting on 9/11* at the NYSM. He has worked with scientists, archaeologists, historians, educators and artists throughout his career advocating for collections, interpreting research and developing major research and collection based exhibitions, educational and public programs. He has a thorough well-rounded understanding and knowledge of all areas and issues of the NYSM.

Proposed Handling

The Board of Regents will review Mr. Schaming's credentials and experience in Executive Session on February 13, 2012.

Recommendation

I recommend that you take the following action:

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Mark Schaming to the position of Assistant Commissioner for the NYSM effective February 15, 2012.