

# INTRODUCTION

## HONORABLE ANNE-IMELDA RADICE

I'd like to get underway because management of time is very, very important. And we have some treasures on the dais here and I want you to all hear them and also we're going to have a very interactive morning. Karen Brosius would tell you all about it. Thanks to the graciousness of the President's Committee On Arts And Humanities, we're able to have this event this morning. So, without further ado, I'd like to turn this over to Karen Brosius.

## KAREN BROSIOUS

I would like just, first of all, start up by introducing Mark Wright who is on my left and your right. Mark is working at the National Children's Museum and he's going to talk about the museum and the new directions in museums. Next, on his left is Melanie Huggins and she is currently the director of the Saint Paul Library and previously to that have worked at Charlotte And Mecklenburg in North Carolina. And to her left, of course, is our distinguished speaker Bob Dilenschneider. And then to his left is Rob Finlay who is a young entrepreneur and he's going to be here to talk about the importance of new leadership in museums and libraries.

Now, if you look at your program, you're going to see four questions. And these questions, which are on the cover sheet, have come out of a number of previous conversations that the Board of IMLS, the staff of IMLS, our panelists, have been involved with. And these are the questions that we would like to have guide our conversations today. In order to do that, we will also have two people on either side of these posts and they will have microphones available to them and what we'd like you to do is, after the presentation part of the panel has concluded, we would very much like you to either go up to these two individuals and they will have their microphones. If you would kindly identify yourself and share a conversation, a dialogue or question that you may have with the panel. That would be wonderful.

What we're going to do is start out with conversation and a presentation of approximately 10 minutes from each of our panelists from Rob, and then Mark, and then Melanie. And from then, that would be about 30 minutes. And then what we'd like to do is open this up to conversation and dialogue. And I understand that the library group had a marvelous conversation last night. And we want to make sure a lot of those conversations and, and information gets out in today's panel. One of the, the goals that we have today is really to think about how do we energize the next generation of people who work in museums and libraries and the trustees who care and guide those institutions. This is our goal today and I think that we're going to have some really stimulating conversation that will help us achieve that goal.

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