

Houston Philosophical Society Dinner and Lecture

Cohen House, Rice University

19 October 2017

6:00pm cocktails - 9:00pm close

At 7:00pm President Randal Hall welcomed the membership and invited the members to the meeting of the society and encouraged them to enjoy dinner.

At 8:00pm President Hall called the meeting to order. Guest introductions were made around the tables. President Hall announced that forms at the front desk included one for speaker suggestions and one for member nominations. He also reminded members that fall nominations were now closed and voting on new members will be held at the November meeting.

President Hall introduced the speaker and topic: “The Moody Center for the Arts” by Alison Weaver, Suzanne Deal Booth Executive Director.

Ms. Weaver reviewed the history of arts at Rice University, beginning in 1921 and progressing through today. There has been extensive artistic endeavors, including the Shepherd School of Music, theater and visual arts.

The Moody Center for the Arts was designed to be a facility dedicated to cross-disciplinary collaboration between the arts, sciences and the humanities. It is also an experimental space for fabrication and display, with equal emphasis on both. It is also a teaching space and a space for creative partnership with visiting artists and the Houston arts community.

The mission of the Moody Center is to foster inter-disciplinary conversation through the arts.

She reviewed the design of the building and how it is connected to Rice, despite the departure from the typical Rice architecture.

Ms. Weaver reviewed examples of artists, exhibits and joint collaborations between different disciplines that have occurred at the Center. She welcomed all to come visit the Center.

After questions from members, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.