



THE NATIONAL ARTS CLUB

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On the evening of February 16, 2012 the Board of Governors of the National Arts Club met and found that the Club's former president, O. Aldon James, Jr., John James, and Steven U. Leitner, committed conduct that is seriously prejudicial to the Club and which violates the rules and policies of the Club. This conduct was the subject of a Statement of Charges filed by certain members of the Club in August 2011, in accordance with the Club's By-Laws.

Based on this finding, the Board proceeded to consider whether to discipline Aldon James, John James and Steven Leitner, as it is required to do by the Club's By-Laws. After due consideration, the Board determined to expel Aldon James, John James and Steven Leitner from the membership of the Club. Such an action means that none of the three may enter the Club's member spaces, as a member or guest; have any other rights or privileges of membership in the Club; or serve on the Board of Governors or any Committee of the Club.

While we would not normally discuss individual member issues with the broader membership, we believe that the public nature of this matter, and our commitment to greater transparency, makes this a concern, and of interest, to all of us.

Sincerely,

Hillary Weldon
Secretary of the Board