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## **Museums, Libraries & Archives Council - Reappointment**

Margaret Hodge, Minister for Culture and Tourism has re-appointed Geoffrey Bond OBE DL OStJ, F.S.A as Member of the Museums Libraries and Archives Council. His second term will run from 1 October 2009 to 30 September 2013.

### **Biographical Note**

Lawyer, Businessman & Broadcaster. Former Senior Partner of Law firm Ashton Bond Gigg specialising in corporate and heritage law, Broadcaster on radio and television, own series on heritage for ITV in the 1980's and an original expert on the Antiques Roadshow. Lectured extensively on heritage, poet Byron and related matters. Former Director of Central Independent Television Plc and former Chair of Impact Packaging Plc and other Companies, currently non-executive Director of the Charles Lawrence Group Plc.

Present Chair of MLA (Museums, Libraries & Archives) London and member of the MLA Council, former Chair, GEM (Group for Education in Museums) and Chair, Papplewick Pumping Station Trust, Deputy Chair of the Museum of Law and the National Centre for Citizenship and the Law. Former Chair of Arts & Business East Midlands and a number of learned societies. Chair Bicentenary (2007) Cultural & Community Sectors Steering Group London. For many years Consul for Norway in the Midlands (recipient of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit) and founder of the City of London Bridge Ward Club Norwegian Business Scholars Trust and City of London representative of Seed Forum International, Norway.

First Master, Guild of Arts Scholars, Dealers & Collectors, Chairman Livery Committee, former Member Court of City of London Solicitors' Company, Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Glaziers & Painters of Glass and a member of a number of City-related organisations. Sheriff of the City of London 2003/4. He has done extensive pro bono charity work mostly for heritage organisations and sponsored numerous educational initiatives. Awarded an OBE in the New Year's Honours list 2008, Deputy Lieutenant Nottinghamshire, Fellow Society of Antiquaries, Order of St John.

### **Notes to Editors**

1. Leading strategically, the MLA promotes best practice in museums, libraries, and archives, to inspire innovative, integrated, and sustainable services for all. The MLA engages with its sector across the UK and internationally, collaborating on measures that deliver improvement. MLA works particularly closely with partners in England, locally, regionally and nationally, to put museums, libraries and archives at the heart of lives and communities. It does so in the wider context of the cultural sector as a whole, through supporting learning and skills, and by adding value to social, economic and environmental objectives for renewal, regeneration and place-making. In particular, the MLA is responsible for leading and administering *Renaissance in the Regions*, the government's investment programme to build capability and capacity in England's regional museums.
2. The reappointments process was carried out in accordance with the code of practice of the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments. Reappointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. Geoffrey has not undertaken any political activity during the past five years