The Declaration of Independence
## Avoiding a Crash on the Indie Track

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<th>Flag</th>
<th><strong>FIA-sanctioned championships</strong></th>
<th><strong>NASCAR</strong></th>
<th><strong>IndyCar</strong></th>
<th>Other</th>
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<td><img src="https://example.com/green_flag" alt="Green Flag" /></td>
<td>Start of race / restart / end of hazard / safe racing conditions / pit lane open</td>
<td>Caution</td>
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<td>Race stopped / delay</td>
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<td><img src="https://example.com/yellow_flag" alt="Yellow Flag" /></td>
<td>Local caution</td>
<td>Caution</td>
<td>Road course local caution (single)</td>
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<td><img src="https://example.com/red_flag" alt="Red Flag" /></td>
<td>full-course caution (if displayed with &quot;SC&quot; sign)</td>
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<td>Road course full-course caution (twin)</td>
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<td><img src="https://example.com/white_flag" alt="White Flag" /></td>
<td>Debris, fluid, or oil on track</td>
<td>Not used</td>
<td>Pit lane closed</td>
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<td><img src="https://example.com/red_black_flag" alt="Red Black Flag" /></td>
<td>Session stopped</td>
<td>Pit lane closed</td>
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<td><img src="https://example.com/red_black_white_flag" alt="Red Black White Flag" /></td>
<td>Slow vehicle on track</td>
<td>Final lap</td>
<td>Final lap emergency vehicle on track</td>
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<td>Final lap (pickup truck and SCSA oval races only)</td>
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<td>Return to pits (i.e., disqualification)</td>
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<td>Return to the pits to service a mechanical problem</td>
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<td>Faster car approaching</td>
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<td>Faster car approaching—during races lapped cars should give way to faster cars</td>
<td>Course partially blocked or stopped cars on course (road course only)</td>
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Condition report
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Inventories
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Training
Storage
Documents

- Collection Policies
- Loan Agreements
- Deeds of Gifts
- Incoming/Outgoing Receipts
- Condition Reports
The Pit Crew / Labor for the Race Ahead

Brent Powell, Principal, Museum Collection Care Manager, Crozier Fine Arts
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The Size & Scope of the Project
- Goals & Outcomes of the Project / "The Mission"
- The Business Plan
- The Founding Support
- The Logistical Structure Basics or "Race Plan"
- Management structure or "Organizational Chart"
- Supporting the structure for labor or "Hiring & Training"
- Implementing the Scope

"The Race Begins"
Duration of Project / Time Framework

**Project Structure**

Duration:
- Proposed Timeframe
- Start / Finish Targets
- Incremental Deadlines

Communication:
- Staff Structures
- Meetings & Protocols

Time & Schedule:
- Agreed schedules
- Updating & Management
- Communication Focus Tool

Tracking
- Documentation
- Historical reference

"course or road map"
Skill Base Needed / Labor Skills & Number of Staff

Labor Skill Base:
- What skills are required
- Skill Levels / Number of Years
- Skill Levels / Full Time or Part Time
- Previous Knowledge / Train onsite
- Management of Specific Skills

Number of Staff:
- Staff based per project skill
- Hiring by Skill Needed
- Building Labor pools
- Full Time Staff
- Part Time Staff
- Management & Balance of staff
Supervision Needed / How is the Project Managed

Supervision is Labor Key
- Leadership Performance is Essential
- Attention to Details
- Dependable & Punctual
- Team Players
- Commination Effectiveness

Trained Supervisors
- Professional Development
- Supportive Pay
- Training Proficiency

Mentoring Supervisors
- Leaders by Example
- Time to Educate / Support / Nurture

If you want to build a ship, don’t drum up people to collect wood and don’t assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea.

~Antoine De Saint Exupery
Budget / Financial Structure and Limitations

**Budget Structure**
- Non Collection Care
- Supports all Structures
- Quality Staff Leverage / Duration
- Quality Equipment
- Staff Training and Safety

**Budget Limitations**
- Tracking Budget Essentials
- Uncontrolled Adjustments
- Changing Focus
- Deadlines Changes
- Staff Overtime & Additional Hiring
Human Resources / The Choreographic Keys

Interview
- Job Description Keys
- Placement Ads
- Interview Process

Hiring
- Keys to Quality Candidates
- Part Time Hiring
- Full Time Hiring
- Hiring the Supervisors

Training
- Essential Training Keys
- On-the-Job Training / Mentoring
- OH&S and Equipment Training

“Choreography of Staffing”
Final Conclusion: Waving the Checker Flag
Greasing the Wheels of Your Business

Suzanne Quigley, art & artifact services, LLC
Freelancer

In 2013, the Freelancers Union estimated that 1 in 3 workers in the United States were self-employed (approx. 42 million), with more than four million (43%) of those self-employed workers members of the creative class, a strata of work specifically associated with freelance industries, such as knowledge workers, technologists, professional writers, artists, entertainers, and media workers.

Having the Chops

Translation: Do you have what it takes to fearlessly drive the car?

A substantive track record in:

- **Collection management** (acquisition, sale, loans, insurance, file maintenance)
- **Storage** (location tracking, material safety, cold storage)
- **Condition reporting** (manual/tablet)
- **Database management** (Mac, Windows, the Cloud?)
- **Exhibition management** (planning, coordination, budgeting)
- **Policy development** (CMP)
- **Contract review** (loans, insurance, exhibitions)
- **National and international relationships** (registrars, conservators, art handlers, packers, truckers, shippers, customs agents)
The business end of things

- Incorporation?
  - LLC (state, publishing, registered agent) *Legal zoom*
  - Federal tax id number
- Bank account
- Credit card
- Personal care
  - Health insurance
  - Retirement
The business end of things

- Bookkeeping
  - Taxes
  - Home office (How many sq ft? Pro-rate lawn service, electricity, heating, etc.)

- Considering expenses
  - Liability insurance (to insure or not insure)
  - Office equipment & furniture (scanner, printer, desk, chair, filing cabinets)
  - Materials and supplies (a stock of gloves, tape, brushes, light meter, hygrothermograph meter, tape measures, mag lights, batteries, paper products, etc.)
  - Computer/tablet/chargers/software (wifi, collection management software, adobe suite, Photoshop, office suites for Windows or Mac, bookkeeping software, etc.)
  - Phone
  - Camera
Getting organized

- Resume  keep it current and relevant
- graphic identity templates  same font, colors, layout
  - contract/proposal clauses
    - Parties, scope, estimated timeline, rates, warranties, signatures
  - invoice template
    - Dates/time, services performed, reimbursable expenses, totals
- email address  you can have more than one/alias
- sig files  make them meaningful
- website  home made or paid
- linked-in  does it work for you?
- twitter handle  if you tweet
Getting paid

- how much to charge?
- hourly vs. job vs. day rate
- courier rate
- travel time vs. mileage
- keeping track of time spent on daily basis
- bill back with percentage or at cost?
Manna from heaven?

How do I market myself?
- Stay connected – ARCS socials
- Participate in the field - post to the listservs, attend conferences

Where do the jobs come from?
- Colleagues at museums
  - Maternity leave
  - Understaffing / unexpected projects
  - Traveling exhibitions assistance
- Vendors who know you
  - Art services companies
  - Accountants
  - Lawyers
  - Insurance brokers
  - Clients
  - It does not need to be a “doggy dog” world. Share the jobs, refer colleagues
OnContract now at ARCSinfo.org

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Here’s how it works:

Individual ARCS members will:

- pay a nominal fee in addition to their annual membership dues
- fully update their profile on the ARCS website
- add their resumes to their profile.

Those who participate in the program can be found via search criteria on the site and contacted via email directly from the site. More information at ARCSinfo.org.