John de Menil, Houston business executive and art collector, has been elected a trustee of the Museum of Modern Art, William A. M. Burden, Chairman of the Board announced today. Mr. de Menil is a frequent donor and lender to the Museum's collection and exhibitions and has been Vice-President of its International Council since 1957.

Mr. de Menil has been Director and Chairman of the Executive Committee of Schlumberger Limited in Houston since 1957. Prior to this he was President of Schlumberger Overseas and Schlumberger Surencro for sixteen years. Born and educated in Paris, he was Vice-President of the Banque Nationale pour la Commerce et l'Industrie there from 1932 to 1938.

He is trustee of the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston and of several other museums including the Amon Carter Museum of Western Art in Fort Worth and the Museum of Primitive Art in New York. He is also a trustee of the American Federation of Arts, of Sarah Lawrence College, and a member of the Southern Regional Council of the Institute of International Education.