

**New Hampshire State Council on the Arts
Council Meeting Minutes
July 29, 2013, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Plymouth State University
2 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH 03301**

Arts Councilors:

Present:

Chair Dr. Roger Brooks, Vice Chair Jacqueline Kahle, Dr. Richard Ayers, Emile Birch, Sara Germain (via phone), Elizabeth Morgan, Toni Pappas, Erle Pierce, Tim Sink, Billie Tooley, Peter Warburton, J. Christopher Williams

Absent:

Susan Duprey, Daryl Furtkamp, Mandy Merrill

Staff Present:

Department of Cultural Resources Commissioner Van McLeod; Arts Division: Lynn Martin Graton, Acting Director; Cassandra Mason, Chief Grants Officer, Catherine O'Brian, Arts in Education & Arts in Healthcare Coordinator, Julianne Morse, Heritage Arts Coordinator.

MOTIONS (carried)

- To accept the minutes from the March 25, 2013 meeting
- To approve the Public Value Partnership Grants (\$343,960)
- To approve the Artist Residency in School Grants (\$25,143)
- To approve the Youth Arts Project Grants (\$18,235)
- To approve the Arts in Health Care Project Grants (\$16,685)
- To approve the Arts in Education Conference Partnership (\$10,000)
- To approve the Poetry Out Loud Partnership (\$23,000)
- To approve the expenditure for commissioned artwork at the Anna Philbrook Center through the Percent for Art Program (\$14,300)
- To approve the deaccession of a glass sculpture at the NH State Hospital
- To approve the NHSCA 2014-2018 Strategic Plan

I. Open Meeting

Chairman Roger Brooks called to order the regular meeting of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, July 29, 2013, at Plymouth State University.

II. Minutes from Last Meeting

MOTION PASSED

Chairman Brooks called for a motion to accept the minutes from the March 25, 2013, meeting. Councilor Erle Pierce moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Chris Williams. The minutes from January 28, 2013 were approved.

III. Moment of Inspiration

Councilors were greeted with recorded music by participants in the Arts in Reach program, which works with underserved adolescent girls on the seacoast. This was followed by a recording by 2013 Performing Arts Fellow, T.J. Wheeler.

IV. Commissioner's Report

Commissioner McLeod reported that the legislative budget process is over and the Department staff is participating in a tour of the North Country with Executive Councilor Burton on August 9th.

V. Director's Report

See attached report of Acting Director for further information.

Acting Director Graton reported that the Division's State appropriation came out ahead of FY13. Although less than Governor's Hassan recommendation, the approved amount for FY14 is \$381,824. This reflects an approximate 12% increase over the FY13 state appropriation. We also received the final confirmation of our National Endowment for the Arts State Partnership grant for FY14 activities in the amount of \$658,600. This amount is down from the previous year due to the Northern Marianas and Kansas coming back into the pool of state and jurisdictional funding. The amount includes \$24,000 for Folk & Traditional Arts funding for program support, a purely optional and competitive category of funding.

The NHSCA Triennial Report for FY2009, FY2010 and FY2011 was presented to the Council. It was explained that generally, the Division reports out to the Governor and Executive Council on a biennial basis however, we were previously reporting on the 'off-years' of the State budget. We received permission to produce this report for three years to align with the State budget.

Julianne Morse was introduced as a new full-time grants coordinator.

Acting Director Graton recently attended a meeting with the Executive Directors of the other New England state arts agencies to discuss their relationship with the New England Foundation for the Arts.

Graton thanked the Council for accessing the Council agenda using the new on-line format.

BUSINESS:

VI. FY2014 Grant Approvals

The FY14 projected grants budget was presented to the Council.

FY2014 Public Value Partnership Grants - \$343,960

Chief Grants Officer Mason provided an overview of the Public Value Partnership grant applications and panel process. The Public Value Partnerships Grants support the cultural infrastructure of New Hampshire by providing two-year general operating support based upon excellence in administration and programming.

- **Motion to approve funding of the FY2014 Public Value Partnership Grants:**
Councilor Richard Ayers

- **Second:** Councilor Elizabeth Morgan
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** Vice Chair Jackie Kahle

FY2014 Artist Residency in Schools Grants - \$25,143

Grants Coordinator Catherine O'Brian provided a summary of the Artist in Residency grant applications and panel process. Matching grants to bring professional artists into schools for in-depth residencies for the benefit of students, teachers and the community. There was discussion regarding the ranking scale and projects that were not recommended for funding. There was a discussion about how to increase the Artist Residency in Schools applications. Chairman Brooks offered to assemble a committee to address this issue.

- **Motion to approve funding of the FY2014 Artist Residency in Schools Grants:** Councilor Erle Pierce
- **Second:** Councilor Peter Warburton
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** Councilor Emile Birch

FY2014 Youth Arts Project Grants - \$18,235

Grants Coordinator Catherine O'Brian provided a summary of the Youth Arts Project grant applications and panel process. Youth Arts Projects support creative development and opportunities for youth K-12 outside the regular school day.

- **Motion to approve funding of the FY2014 Youth Arts Project Grants:** Councilor Chris Williams
- **Second:** Councilor Erle Pierce
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** None

FY2014 Arts in Health Care Project Grants - \$16,685

Grants Coordinator Catherine O'Brian provided a summary of the Arts in Health Care Projects grant applications and panel process. Arts in Health Care Projects bring trained artists into health care settings and nursing homes to improve health and quality of life for residents and patients.

O'Brian also provided an overview of the recent Arts in Health Care Symposium and the new relationships formed with the NH State Hospital and the Eliot Hospital as a result of their attendance. The partners for the Symposium were Concord Hospital, Catholic Medical Center and the NH Business Committee for the Arts.

- **Motion to approve funding of the FY2014 Arts in Health Care Project Grants:** Councilor Toni Pappas
- **Second:** Councilor Elizabeth Morgan
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** None

VII. FY2014 Partnership Approvals

FY2014 Arts Education Conference Partnership - \$10,000

O'Brian invited Councilors to attend the Arts Education Conference which will be held at the Cody Outdoor Center on Lake Ossipee, October 25th and 26th.

- **Motion to approve funding of the FY2014 Arts Education Conference:**
Councilor Erle Pierce
- **Second:** Councilor Peter Warburton
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** None

FY2014 Poetry Out Loud Partnership - \$23,000

Acting Director Graton provided an overview of the history of the Council's participation in the Poetry Out Loud Program. We will have two new contractors for this program, a Coordinator and an Assistant but the fiscal agent remains the same.

- **Motion to approve funding of the FY2014 Poetry Out Loud Partnership:** Vice Chair Jackie Kahle
- **Second:** Councilor Erle Pierce
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** None

VIII. Percent for Art & Collections

Anna Philbrook Percent for Art Project - \$14,300

Acting Director Graton gave an overview of the rehabilitation of the Anna Philbrook Center and reviewed the Percent for Art program process. Grants Coordinator Julianne Morse provided an overview of the selection process and presented the Council with the committee's choices for commission.

- **Motion to approve commission of the Anna Philbrook Center Percent for Art project:** Councilor Elizabeth Morgan
- **Second:** Councilor Tim Sink
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** None

NH State Hospital Deaccession

Acting Director Graton provided an overview of the Council's formally adopted Deaccession Policy and the committee's recommendation to deaccession the glass sculpture in the lobby of the NH State Hospital. There was discussion in regards to the maintenance of artwork purchased through the Percent for Art program.

- **Motion to approve the deaccession of the glass sculpture at the NH State Hospital:** Councilor Billie Tooley
- **Second:** Councilor Toni Pappas
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** None

IX. NHSCA 2014-2018 Strategic Plan

Acting Director Graton provided the Council with the final draft of the agency's new strategic plan that will be posted for public comment. Vice Chair Kahle remarked that the current plan reflects the priorities of the NHSCA and felt that the challenge is how to accomplish the implementation with a four-person staff even over a five-year period. Councilor Ayers echoed the comments of Councilor Kahle and believed the process and the plan is representative of a broader agenda with a vision of the future. Chairman Brooks thanked the staff and Council subcommittee for their efforts on completing the plan. Councilor Germain, who was calling in from Maine, stated she wanted to offer some copy edits before the plan was finalized. She also proposed the removal of the phrase 'art sector' from the document. Acting Director Graton indicated that copy edits would be addressed before finalizing the plan for submission to the National Endowment for the Arts, but to stay on schedule we needed to post the plan for public comment.

- **Motion to approve the NHSCA 2014-2018 Strategic Plan, allowing for the Council Advisory Planning Committee to approve final edits that do not substantially alter the intent of the document:** Councilor Erle Pierce
- **Second:** Councilor Billie Tooley
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** None

X. Council Committee Reports:

2013 Governors Arts Awards Update:

Councilor Pierce reported that the Governor's Arts Awards will be held on November 6, 2013 at the NH Institute of Art, Manchester NH, which is donating the space. Councilor Morgan reiterated that the goal is to have 100% participation from Councilors donating to the event; donations to the Park Street Foundation may be routed to Chief Grants Officer Cassandra Mason. Commissioner McLeod encouraged Councilors to be ambassadors for the event and talk to people in their communities to encourage nominations. Acting Director Graton reminded Councilors of the new award category.

XI. ADJOURN

- **Motion to adjourn from the business meeting:** Councilor Toni Pappas
- **Second:** Councilor Elizabeth Morgan
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** None

Chairman Brooks adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.