

New Hampshire State Council on the Arts COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 2017 (Plymouth State University, 2 Pillsbury Street, 5th Floor Conf. Rm. 1, Concord, NH)

Arts Councilors Present: Chair Dr. Roger Brooks, Vivian Beer*, Angela Brown, R.P. Hale, Mary McLaughlin, Elizabeth Morgan, Tim Sink, Sarah Stewart and Peter Warburton*

* - via phone

Arts Councilors Absent: Sara Germain, William Stelling, Jason Tors and J. Christopher Williams

Staff Present: Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) Commissioner Jeffrey Rose; DNCR Arts Division: Ginnie Lupi, Director; Cassandra Mason, Chief Grants Officer (CGO); Julianne Gadoury, Arts Education Coordinator (AE); Kayla Schweitzer, Heritage and Traditional Arts Coordinator (HTA); and Emily Killinger, Visual Arts Associate (VAA)

Motions (carried)

- Accept the minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dr. Roger Brooks called the meeting of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts to order at 9:33 AM on November 20, 2017.

II. STAFF REPORTS

CGO Cassandra Mason reported a very busy, somewhat poetry themed couple of months since the last Council meeting. She attended workshops at the NH Poetry Festival, Slam Free or Die's VOX POP Competition, the NH Poetry Society's Fundraiser "Laureates Read Laureates", an event at UNH honoring Donald Hall, who spoke and signed books. She also reported on a visit she had at NEFA and passed around a copy of their recent report on New England's creative workforce.

Mason attended the NASAA (National Assembly of State Arts Agencies) Leadership Conference in October and found it rewarding. Also in October, she met with staff of the NH Charitable Foundation to discuss fair and equitable distribution of grant funds, and learned they will be awarding unrestricted funding which could be very helpful to small creative businesses and nonprofits. A few new Percent for Art projects are expected to begin, including Lakes Region Community College, Manchester Community College and the State Archives building. Mason also reported on her involvement with the substance misuse group.

AE Julianne Gadoury provided handouts highlighting her activities since the last Council meeting. Highlights included an extensive overview of the recent Arts Education Conference, *Teaching Innovation & Creativity*, held in Littleton November 3 and 4. Conference events were located at six downtown locations including the Opera House, Loading Dock and Lakewood Elementary School. Of the 140 attendees, 60 were first timers. Attendees came from all over NH and several surrounding states (ME, VT, MA and QC), and 11 attendees reported this as their tenth time attending the conference. There were five keynote presenters and a total of 24 workshops led by educators and teaching artists. Julianne has scheduled four debrief sessions in various regions of the state to discuss the conference.

Gadoury reported that 43 schools have registered for Poetry Out Loud (POL) and that a \$5,000 grant from the Putnam Foundation will support workshops with NH poets in participating schools. Julianne held a successful orientation for new members of the Arts Education Artist Roster on September 20 and reported that planning is underway for Youth Arts Month (YAM) in March. She presented a workshop on grant writing at the NH Arts Educators Association Conference in October, attended the Music Educators' Conference and the Conference for the NH After School Alliance, and presented a workshop with HTA Kayla Schweitzer about traditional arts and cultural

heritage at the NH Chapter of the National Education Association. Julianne also attended the Symposium on Race & Equality hosted by the National Endowment for Health and attended the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies' Professional Development Institute, where she was nominated to a 3-year term on the Institute's National Advisory Committee.

HTA Kayla Schweitzer reported on her work with the NH Native American Affairs Commission and the Welcoming Concord Arts and Culture group. She reported seeing "[The Suitcase Stories](#)", and is working on a collaboration with the sponsoring organization, the International Institute of New England, to include more stories from NH-based refugees and immigrants. Kayla reported that the Heritage Arts Curriculum guide project has progressed well this year and has received good feedback from the social studies group of the NH Chapter of the National Education Association, where she presented some of this work.

Kayla presented images of the nine Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grant recipients funded in the most recent grant cycle. The presentation included samples of the Masters' and Apprentices' work and description of the work they plan to accomplish. A Councilor asked how an apprentice finds a master if they don't have one. Kayla explained she does all she can to help connect people but most often they find each other on their own before seeking our assistance.

Kayla reported on a visit to the Claremont Opera House to see the theatre drapes, which were restored with the help of a FY16 Moose Plate grant. She stated that her Fieldwork coordination project is going well and that 30 interviews were completed last year by five fieldworkers.

VAA Emily Killinger reported working behind the scenes to help everyone in the office. She is working on orders for a variety of promotional items. She reminded the Councilors to check in with her if they are ever in need of informational materials to share with the public and at events they attend representing the Arts Council.

Director Ginnie Lupi reported that the Council's off-year NEA application was submitted. She visited the Monadnock region with Commissioner Jeff Rose and is working with DoIT regarding file structures and website revisions, including a meeting with SilverTech last week. Ginnie reported that her work on Creativity Connects continues as she structures the event for this coming April. She is working on Strategic Planning and reported that the open position will be going live to the public soon.

III. MINUTES

Chair Brooks called for a motion to accept the minutes from the September 18, 2017 meeting. Councilor Angela Brown moved to approve, seconded by Councilor R.P. Hale. The minutes from September 18, 2017 were unanimously approved.

IV. REPORTS

Governor's Arts Awards (GAA) – Dr. Roger Brooks reported being pleased with the success of this year's event and thanked Councilors for their participation. Monica Holt's planning and execution of the event was praised. Councilor Sarah Stewart noted the importance of keeping active contact with event sponsors and building a new smaller donor level. The Councilors agreed to continue relationships with current sponsors and work to build connections for potential donors at any level possible.

Percent for Art at the Women's Prison - 23 applications were received in total. The committee is still working to make their choices. It appears they are very interested in having a residency for the residents to help with the transition to the new facility.

Government Affairs and Advocacy - Councilor Mary McLaughlin handed out a flyer for the first of several regional Legislative Roundtables planned by NH Citizens for the Arts. This first event will be in the Monadnock region and will be live streamed on Facebook. 45 - 50 individuals in the region have been invited and Representative David Danielson is coordinating Legislative invitations. Dr. Brooks mentioned that Citizens is also now accepting submissions for the Arts Advocate of the Year Award.

Council Development and Recruitment – Dr. Roger Brooks reported that there are 4 open Councilor positions, one of which is Angela Brown’s, which will be a re-nomination. It is expected that the Governor will soon nominate Leah Woods, an artist from the Durham area. Roger is actively pursuing potential candidates and is specifically interested in diverse candidates. He encouraged Councilors to send him the names of any additional individuals they think might fit our needs.

Strategic Planning – No report.

V. COUNCIL ARTS ACTIVITIES ROUND ROBIN – Highlights included: Angela’s upcoming participation in a Thursday Therapeutic Musicians live stream, Councilor Tim Sink’s work with the City of Concord to strategize presenting the capital city as a cultural hub, Mary’s work to plan Citizens Legislative Roundtables, and Councilor Elizabeth Morgan’s attendance at the NASAA Leadership Conference with Roger and Cassie. Liz reported her two and a half days at the Conference was a valuable peer to peer opportunity. She reported that Cassie was a presenter in her peer to peer group. She encouraged the Commissioner and other councilors to attend next year’s conference scheduled November 1-3 in Baltimore, Maryland.

VI. REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER JEFFREY ROSE – The Commissioner reported that he’s been visiting arts organizations and learning a great deal. He had speaking engagements in Concord and Peterborough. He enjoyed the Governor’s Arts Awards and noted the Governor was generous with his time that evening. He thought the Arts Education Conference in Littleton was great, and will be meeting this week with Kent Devereaux, President of NHIA, as a follow-up conversation to one they had at GAA. He reports that work continues on the integration of the Department including website conversion which he hopes to have active within 4 months. Also, he reported going to a new gallery (William Rugh Gallery) while in Lancaster.

VII. ADJOURN

- Motion to adjourn from the business meeting: Councilor Sarah Stewart
- Second: Councilor Tim Sink
- Nays: None
- Recusals: None

Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM