

New Hampshire State Council on the Arts
DRAFT Council Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2016, 3:00 p.m.
Conference Call Meeting

Arts Councilors Present:

Vice Chair Jacqueline Kahle, Angela Brown, Sara Germain, Mary McLaughlin, Elizabeth Morgan, Tim Sink, William Stelling and Jason Tors

Arts Councilors Absent:

Dr. Roger Brooks, Emile Birch, Susan Duprey, Amanda Merrill, Billie Tooley, Peter Warburton and J. Christopher Williams

Staff Present:

Arts Division: Virginia (Ginnie) Lupi, Director, Cassandra Mason, Chief Grants Officer (CGO); Julianne Morse, Heritage and Traditional Arts Coordinator (H & TA)

Staff Absent:

Department of Cultural Resources Commissioner Van McLeod; Arts Division: Catherine O'Brian, Arts in Education and Arts in Health Care Coordinator; and Emily Killinger, Visual Arts Associate

I. Open Meeting:

Vice Chair Jacqueline Kahle called to order the rescheduled (due to snow) conference call meeting of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts at 3:00 p.m. on February 10, 2016.

II. Minutes from Last Meeting:

MOTION PASSED

Vice Chair Kahle called for a motion to accept the minutes from the September 21, 2015 meeting. Councilor Sara Germain moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Elizabeth Morgan.

The minutes from September 21, 2015 were unanimously approved.

III. Grant Approvals:

CGO Mason reminded everyone that the meeting was in public session and asked that all grant applicants be referred to by their application number.

CGO Mason provided an overview of the General Project Grants recommendations. The panel recommended 18 grants for funding at a total of \$52,803.00. Mason reported that awards are approximately \$11,000 less than last year due to budget reductions. Councilor Mary McLaughlin requested that Mason give an overview of the panelist comments for applications not recommended for funding. Mason reported that the panel was disappointed that the funding was reduced.

General Project Grants: There was no further discussion; the Council unanimously approved.

- **Moved:** Councilor Mary McLaughlin
- **Second:** Councilor Tim Sink
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** Councilor Kahle recuses from application #9433

IV. Staff Reports:

Director Lupi reported that Poetry Out Loud is in full swing and requires staff attention and attendance at high school championships. Lupi encouraged all Councilors to look at Council's webpage and navigate to the POL portion to review dates of the Semi-Finals and Finals and invited Councilors to attend programs in their area.

Director Lupi reported that H & TA Julianne Morse is working on the creation of a traditional art/folk arts curriculum, and invited her to speak briefly about this project. Morse explained that she gathered a wide variety of educators for a listening session to offer guidance during the creation of this curriculum. She is in the process of collecting questionnaires from approximately 40 different traditional artists for information on how they would share their artwork in a classroom and specifically how it related to NH history. Morse is working with graphic design students from Plymouth State University to design the layout of these lesson plans. The next phase of the project will involve educators constructing lesson plans from these materials. These lesson plans will be available free of charge online to all NH educators.

H & TA Morse reported that the Moose Plate Conservation Grant round is open, and that letters of intent are due by February 26, with the full application due on April 25. Morse added that the traditional artist roster guidelines are online and applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Morse pointed out that the NHSCA's final report to the NEA is due in March so she and other staff have been working on their submissions for the report. She also stated that the newly updated Contra Dance trail brochures should arrive shortly. Lastly Morse reported that she has been sitting in on the steering committee meeting for the Welcome NH project that is funded by the National Council for the Humanities to bring aid to 3 refugee cities in NH and assist with healthy equitable integration into these cities. Each of which has an arts and culture pathway being mapped out for this purpose.

Director Lupi stated she will share the Department's weekly report to the Governor with all the Councilors. This will include some items related to Lupi's work of most recent with HB-279 Commission, studying the economic impact of arts and culture on the state. Lupi states she is working on the data portion of this work, in conjunction with Dartmouth students on this project.

On the behalf of AIR/AIH Catherine O'Brian, H & TA Morse reported that we are holding two free Grant Writing Workshops for Arts Learning. The first workshop had an overwhelming response so a second was added.

Director Lupi stated she will resend the Council contact list to all Councilors.

V. Other Council Notes

Vice-Chair Kahle invited Councilor Morgan to explain the Councilor Questionnaire that will be distributed to all Councilors. This project will assist everyone with knowing and understanding the expectations of being a Councilor as well as examine what role each Councilor feels they can contribute. The hope is to aid all Councilors with strengthening their roles and contributions to the NHSCA.

Councilor Morgan requested a final report on the Governors' Arts Awards, and the Arts & Education Conference. Director Lupi said these would be forthcoming after each had been fully debriefed by the staff.

Councilor McLaughlin commented on the article "Who Should Pay for the Arts in America" from The Atlantic, which Director Lupi sent out via email. McLaughlin liked it so much she suggested that we have one item like this each meeting that everyone can read it ahead of time and at the meeting we can have time to discuss the article together.

VI. ADJOURN:

- **Motion to adjourn from the business meeting:** Councilor Morgan

- **Second:** Councilor Sink
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** None

Vice-Chairwoman Kahle adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

DRAFT-not yet approved