

New Hampshire State Council on the Arts
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – March 19, 2018
NH State Library, Concord, NH

Arts Councilors Present - Chair Dr. Roger Brooks, Vivian Beer*, Angela Brown, Sara Germain, R.P. Hale, Mary McLaughlin, Tim Sink, Sandhya Sridhar, William Stelling, Sarah Stewart and Jason Tors*

* - *via phone*

Arts Councilors Absent - Elizabeth Morgan, Peter Warburton and Leah Woods

Staff Present - DNCR Arts Division: Ginnie Lupi, Director; Cassandra Mason, Chief Grants Officer (CGO); Kayla Schweitzer, Heritage and Traditional Arts Coordinator (HTA); Lisa Burk-McCoy, Community Arts & Arts and Health Coordinator (CA/AH); and Emily Killinger, Visual Arts Associate (VAA)

Motions (carried)

- Accept the minutes of the February 6, 2018 Council meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dr. Roger Brooks called the meeting of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts to order at 9:32 a.m. on March 19, 2018. Brief Introductions were made for newly appointed Councilor Sandhya Sridhar and Lisa Burk-McCoy (CA/AH), the newest member of the staff.

II. MINUTES

Chair Brooks called for a motion to accept the minutes from the February 6, 2018 meeting. Councilor Angela Brown moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Mary McLaughlin. The minutes from February 6, 2018 were unanimously approved.

III. STAFF REPORTS

Director Ginnie Lupi shared a handout from Julianne Gadoury (Arts Education (AE) Coordinator) detailing her activities over the past few months. Lupi made note of the Youth Arts Month (YAM) activities coordinated by the [NH Arts Learning Network](#) (a collaboration of the Arts Council, the Department of Education and the [Arts Alliance of Northern NH](#)).

Lupi discussed the upcoming *Creativity Connects* event. She passed around the March 15 issue of *The Hippo*, which featured a story about turning your art into money, for which she was interviewed. Lupi will be attending a Creative Placemaking meeting organized by the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) and New Hampshire Institute of Art (NHIA) with CA/AH Lisa Burk-McCoy. She urged all Councilors to try to attend the upcoming Citizens for the Arts Advocacy Breakfast at the State House later in the week as well as the 11:45 a.m. press conference which will feature performances by the Goffstown High School dance program. Lupi reported there will be a Creative Communities Network (CCN) meeting this coming Friday at the Plymouth Library.

HTA Kayla Schweitzer reported on the excellent turn out and success of four regional staff-presented grant workshops which gave the staff a chance to meet potential grant applicants. Some of the workshops had to be expanded to incorporate the large number of interested individuals. She went on to report that this weekend (March 24-26) is the NH Old Home and Barn Expo, which received a grant from the Arts Council. Schweitzer's work continues with the Welcoming Concord committee and the Commission on Native American Affairs. She reported that Scott Byron has been added to the juried Folk Arts listing. She also reported meeting with a variety of organizations including Suitcase Stories, the Social Studies liaison at Bureau of Education (BOE) regarding the Folk

Arts curriculum, and Grant Klene from Parks and Recreation to discuss videos he has been producing and what they entail.

VAA Emily Killinger reminded Councilors to contact her if they need Arts Council promotional materials for upcoming events.

CGO Cassandra Mason reported on some of the Percent for Art artworks for the Women's Prison. She's been working with the NH Poetry Society as they begin the nominating process for the next Poet Laureate. Her involvement in a NH substance misuse policy group has led to her participating in a webinar and setting a meeting with the DEA to work on future opportunities. CGO Mason reported on an Arts in Health workshop coming up on June 15. Among other things she also reported about her opportunity to meet with the game design program group at SNHU to discuss career development.

IV. STRATEGIC PLANNING ACTIVITY – CREATIVITY CONNECTS

Director Lupi introduced *the Creativity Connects* project, an NEA initiative for which the Arts Council received special funding. The event will be held April 16 at Capitol Center for the Arts and will convene artists, arts organizations, workforce and economic development professionals to discuss New Hampshire's ecosystem for creative workers. NH Listens will facilitate. She then guided Councilors through some of the questions which will be discussed at the event.

V. AMERICANS FOR THE ARTS ADVOCACY DAY REPORT

Chair Roger Brooks reported spending three days in Washington, D.C. meeting with NH's Congressional delegation and attending AFTA's (Americans for the Arts) annual advocacy conference. He emphasized the importance of Youth Arts Month (YAM) and the importance of the arts in our schools. Also of great importance this Thursday is the legislative breakfast hosted by NH Citizens for the Arts (NHCFA). The breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the State House cafeteria and will provide an opportunity for advocates to discuss a variety of arts topics with state legislators. He also discussed the previously mentioned press conference highlighting dance programming in NH schools. CGO Mason pointed out that the YAM art exhibit in the tunnel connecting the LOB and State House includes excellent talking points which can be utilized to discuss the importance of arts education.

VI. COUNCIL ARTS ACTIVITIES ROUND ROBIN

Councilors reported on a wide variety of arts activities in which they are involved.

VII. ADJOURN

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

Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.