

**New Hampshire State Council on the Arts  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 21, 2018  
Manchester Makerspace**

**Arts Councilors Present**

Chair Dr. Roger Brooks, Vivian Beer, Angela Brown\*, Sara Germain\*, R.P. Hale, Mary McLaughlin, Elizabeth Morgan, Sandhya Sridhar\*, William Stelling, Sarah Stewart, Jason Tors, Peter Warburton, and Leah Woods

\* - via phone

**Arts Councilor Absent** - Tim Sink

**Staff Present**

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); Lisa Burk-McCoy, Creative Communities & Arts in Health Coordinator (CC/AH); and Emily Killinger, Visual Arts Associate (VAA)

\* - via phone

**Staff Absent** - Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) Commissioner Jeffrey Rose

**Motions (carried)**

- Accept the minutes of the March 19, 2018 Council meeting

*(Inspirational Moment – a.k.a. Tour of Manchester Makerspace facilities and Q&A)*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Dr. Roger Brooks called the meeting of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts to order at 10:16 AM on May 21, 2018. Chair Brooks offered congratulations to Councilor Sarah Stewart on her confirmation as the next Commissioner of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Brooks also announced that Artist Laureate Gary Samson was confirmed for a full two-year term.

**II. MINUTES**

Chair Brooks called for a motion to accept the minutes from the March 19, 2018 meeting. Motion was moved and seconded. Note was made that Councilor Sridhar was present and Councilor Tors was present via phone. The minutes from March 19, 2018 were unanimously approved.

**III. STAFF REPORTS**

CGO Cassandra Mason reported that she served on the recent New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA) NEST Grants panel. There were four New Hampshire applications, which all received funding. She also reported that the team is moving into grants season and discussed the request totals for categories whose deadlines have passed. Planning for the Arts in Health workshop (June 15, Concord Hospital) is progressing and registration is currently half full. She is continuing her partnership work with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) dance program, connecting them with New Hampshire-based dancers. She is also working with NH Humanities/NH Writers' Project on partnership opportunities for the *Elephant in the Room* series.

CC/AH Lisa Burk-McCoy reported that she has been orienting herself; working and meeting with the Creative Communities Network (CCN) as they reorganize; and planning and getting ready for her strategic planning focus group.

HTA Kayla Schweitzer reported her ongoing outreach to cultural organizations, including work with the Franco-American Center, We are One Festival, Welcome Concord, Turkish Cultural Center, and Laconia Multicultural Festival. She attended the Old House and Barn Expo, which was funded by a program grant. She was asked to join the statewide Social Studies steering group and is continuing work with the Native American Affairs Commission, which recently discussed the informative interpretative panel installed in the Durham Post Office. She is currently organizing the fiber arts tent for the League of NH Craftsmen Fair in August. Kayla reported that she received 12 applicant requests for the Arts Conservation Mooseplate grants and nine will be moving forward. She attended the NH Preservation Alliance Awards and the Concord Community Music School's Garden Party event, as well as a NE Woodturners event, the NH Sheep and Wool Festival, and met with her counterpart at the Massachusetts Cultural Council. She reported that her strategic planning focus group went very well.

AE Julianne Gadoury reported receiving a lower amount of program grant applications this year for Artists in Residence (AIR), while Youth Arts Projects (YAP) was only slightly down. She reported that six nominations were received for the NH Youth Poet Laureate position. She is working with NH Arts Learning Network (NHALN) on professional development and is planning another Arts Leadership Connector in mid-August, which will focus on statewide strategic mapping for the organization. Julianne mentioned that her programming will also take a professional development focus this year and that the previously annual Arts Education Partnership Conference will transition to a biennial schedule. She will host a two-day teaching artist workshop in August with the goal of identifying artists' needs for support. She also hopes to organize a one-day workshop for organizations which would focus on equity, social responsibility and measurable outcomes, for which she may seek a partnership. Julianne also reported participating in the White Mountain National Forest Artist in Residence selection panel process, and served as a reviewer for the DOE's Title 4A grants. She reported that [NHALN](#) has a new website and encouraged all Councilors to visit it.

VAA Emily Killinger reported she has been assisting with the teams efforts for the new Strategic Plan, along with her standard office work.

Director Ginnie Lupi reported on her work in several areas including partnering with CDFA and NHIA to plan a Creative Placemaking event in June; attending the CCN meeting in Plymouth; attending a House hearing and work session on SB112; and attending the Executive Council hearing on Sarah Stewart's appointment. She reported that the Creativity Connects convening we hosted in April went well and the notes have been helpful in our strategic planning process. She led the City Arts Nashua Board retreat, participated as a juror on the NH Business Committee for the Arts' awards panel, and spoke at the Association of Career and Technology Education Centers meeting, with Film Office Director Matt Newton.

Chair Roger Brooks briefly mentioned that it is expected that Councilors try to attend one or more grant panels if they are able.

#### **IV. STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION**

The group discussed the progress on the 2019 – 2021 Strategic Plan. Staff first met with Councilor Peter Warburton to discuss steps necessary to creating an updated plan. Staff then developed surveys for individual citizens and organizations, scheduled focus groups and held phone interviews. The final draft Plan will be released for public comment in early July and the Council will vote on the final draft at its July 23 meeting.

**V. COUNCIL ARTS ACTIVITIES ROUND ROBIN**

Councilors reported on a wide variety of arts activities and Councilor Stewart spoke on her intentions for the Department in the upcoming Legislative session and weeks/months/years to come.

**VI. ADJOURN**

- Motion to adjourn from the business meeting: Councilor R.P. Hale
- Second: Councilor Vivian Beer
- Nays: None
- Recusals: None

Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 12:14 PM.