

New Hampshire State Council on the Arts
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – July 23, 2018
Vivian Beer Studio Works
817 N. Pembroke Rd., Pembroke, NH 03275

Arts Councilors Present - Chair Dr. Roger Brooks, Vivian Beer, Angela Brown, Sara Germain, Mary McLaughlin, Elizabeth Morgan, Tim Sink, Sandhya Sridhar and Jason Tors

Arts Councilors Absent - R.P. Hale, William Stelling, Peter Warburton and Leah Woods

Staff Present - Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) Commissioner Sarah Stewart; 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)

Motions (carried)

- Accept the minutes of the May 21, 2018 Council meeting
- Approve the Artist in Residence grant recommendations (\$16,824)
- Approve the Youth Arts Project grant recommendations (\$24,300)
- Approve the Arts in Health Project grant recommendations (\$26,710)
- Approve the Revised Strategic Plan (2019 – 2022)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dr. Roger Brooks called the meeting of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 23, 2018.

II. MINUTES

Chair Brooks called for a motion to accept the minutes from the May 21, 2018 meeting. Councilor Angela Brown moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Liz Morgan. The minutes from May 21, 2018 were unanimously approved.

III. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) Commissioner Sarah Stewart reported that she was in week seven as Commissioner and that she has been out of the office as much as possible learning about the various Divisions' priorities, including a visit to Bethlehem and Littleton with Director Lupi. Stewart plans to do this as often as possible and will visit Claremont and Lebanon soon.

It was also reported that the Governor's Budget Director met with Commissioner Stewart and the Department Directors to discuss the FY2020-2021 biennial budget. Director Lupi said that during her part of the presentation she discussed the importance of the Arts Council being able to match its grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) with state funds.

IV. STAFF REPORTS

AE Julianne Gadoury distributed a handout summarizing her activities since the last Council meeting. She stated that the previously annual Arts Education Partnership Conference will move to an every-other-year schedule. This year, AE Gadoury will organize three events with three target audiences in order to present more personalized professional development. AE Gadoury also reported that Cate Dixson was recently selected as the NH Youth Poet Laureate. Finally, she encouraged all Councilors to check out the new [NH Arts Learning Network \(NHALN\) website](#).

CC/AH Lisa Burk-McCoy reported that she has been reading data reports on the economic impact of the arts in New Hampshire. She has an upcoming meeting with the Department of Economic Development and is assisting a group in Plymouth in development of a cultural plan. Lisa has also been talking to MakerSpace directors and Library directors to compile a master list of these offerings in the state. She also reported that the reorganization of the NH Creative Communities Network (CCN) is progressing well and there is discussion on how to involve town planners in the network. She attended many of the BIA roundtable discussions held in five regions across the state which helped her more clearly understand the needs in NH communities. Finally she noted two upcoming meetings of the NHCCN: September 28 in Keene, and December 11 in Concord.

HTA Kayla Schweitzer briefly reported on the number of Mooseplate conservation and Traditional Arts Apprenticeship grant applications received. She will organize and convene panels to review applications in the coming month. Work on the social studies curriculum on traditional arts and artists continues. She attended a variety of traditional arts events across NH and New England. She encouraged the entire Council attend the upcoming League of New Hampshire Craftsmen Fair at Mount Sunapee, August 4-12.

CGO Cassandra Mason reported on a successful Art in Health workshop, held in partnership with Concord Hospital and past grant recipient artists. There are eight Percent for Art projects currently in the works across the state. The deadline for NH Poet Laureate nominations was last week and 11 were received; she will be on the review panel. Cassie reported that NHSCA was invited to participate in the upcoming Art Jam Riverside in Manchester (September 8). Profits from the event go to fight the opioid epidemic in this region. She also reported that she was asked to direct her peer group discussion at the upcoming NASAA (National Assembly of State Arts Agencies) Assembly in Baltimore, in late October.

V. GRANT APPROVALS

Artist in Residence (AIR) (\$16,824): The four-member panel review took place July 16, 2018. Five applications were received, and the panel ranked them all favorably. The panel recommended approval of all five applications for a total of \$16,824.

Chair Brooks called for a motion to approve the **Artist in Residence** recommendations. There was no discussion and the Council unanimously approved.

- **Moved:** Councilor Angela Brown
- **Second:** Councilor Tim Sink
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** None

Youth Arts Project (YAP) (\$24,300): The three-member panel review took place July 16, 2018. Eight applications were received. The panel recommended approval of six of the applications for a total of \$24,300.

Chair Brooks called for a motion to approve the **Youth Arts Project** recommendations. There was no discussion and the Council unanimously approved.

- **Moved:** Councilor Sara Germain
- **Second:** Councilor Vivian Beer
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** None

Arts in Health Project (AIH) (\$26,710): The panel review took place July 18, 2018. Ten applications were received, and the panel ranked them. One artist attended the panel review as an observer. The panel recommended approval of eight applications for a total of \$26,710.

Chair Brooks called for a motion to approve the **Arts in Health Project** recommendations. There was no discussion and the Council unanimously approved.

- **Moved:** Councilor Liz Morgan
- **Second:** Councilor Jason Tors
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** None

VI. STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION

Director Lupi stated that the Strategic Planning process has been very positive for staff. She thinks this plan much more strategic than the previous plan and will be a solid foundation on which to build a staff workplan.

Review and Discussion: It was noted that an Executive Summary will be attached to the plan to outline the process and identify changes and differences from the old plan. It was asked if this plan could be worked into an elevator speech or an easily digestible version for Council advocacy purposes. Staff is planning a one to two page graphically driven version to present to the public, currently in development by VAA Killinger. The staff was commended on a job well done and on the attention to equity, access, and diversity in the plan.

Chair Brooks called for a motion to approve the **Revised Strategic Plan (2019 – 2022)**. There was discussion regarding the process and final product, and the Council unanimously approved.

- Moved:** Councilor Tim Sink
- Second:** Councilor Mary McLaughlin
- Nays:** None
- Recusals:** None

VII. COUNCIL ARTS ACTIVITIES ROUND ROBIN

Councilors reported on a wide variety of arts activities in which they are involved. Commissioner Stewart remarked on her desire to continue building the new Department's story and brand in order for it to be easily shared with the public.

VIII. ADJOURN

- Motion to adjourn from the business meeting: Councilor Sandhya Sridhar
- Second: Councilor Angela Brown
- Nays: None
- Recusals: None

Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 10:15 AM