

New Hampshire State Council on the Arts
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2017
Plymouth State University, 2 Pillsbury Street, 5th Floor, Concord, NH

Arts Councilors Present

Chair Dr. Roger Brooks, Angela Brown, Sara Germain, R.P. Hale, Mary McLaughlin, Sarah Stewart*, and Jason Tors*
* - *via phone*

Arts Councilors Absent

Vivian Beer, Elizabeth Morgan, Tim Sink, William Stelling, Peter Warburton 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 July 10, 2017 meeting
- To approve the General Project Grants for Community Engagement \$ 82,520
- To approve the Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grants \$29,504

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dr. Roger Brooks called the meeting of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts to order at 9:30 AM on September 18, 2017.

II. STAFF REPORTS

CGO Cassandra Mason reported meeting with the NH Veterans Hospital in Manchester, Sullivan County corrections administration, and attended NEFA's NEST Grant panel. She will be attending the NH Poetry Festival and will serve as a judge at Slam Free or Die. The Women's Prison Percent for Art project has received 21 submissions and they will be presented to the selection committee soon.

AE Julianne Gadoury distributed and reviewed a handout featuring much of her work since the last Council meeting. Highlights include this year's Arts Education Conference, Teaching Innovation & Creativity, which will take place on November 3 and 4 in Littleton. Poetry Out Loud is progressing with the assistance of contracted coordinator Caitlin Delaney; finals will be held March 9 at the State House in Concord. Julianne reported that there will be an Arts Education Roster Artist Orientation later this week. The NH Arts Learning Network is planning activities for Youth Arts Month (March, 2018), working as an umbrella organization to connect educators and schools. Julianne also announced that the 2017 POL runner up, Laila Ruffin of Concord HS, was named the 2017-2018 NH Youth Poet Laureate. Julianne attended the National Assembly for State Arts Agencies (NASAA) Arts Education Professional Development Institute in Oklahoma, focusing on equity in the arts, data collection, diversity and access. She was nominated for a three-year term on the National Advisory Committee for the Institute.

HTA Kayla Schweitzer reported that the Folk Arts Curriculum project is moving forward and will be transmitted to educators in early October for feedback. Also in October, she will begin a class on video production, which will assist

her in making more of the Folklife archive materials accessible to the public. Kayla reported that the Arts Council's textiles demonstration tent at the League of NH Craftsmen Fair was very successful. She attended TJ Wheeler & Stu Diaz's community concert as part of their (FY16) Apprenticeship grant and it was filmed by the local cable channel. She submitted Fred Dolan's name for the National Endowment for the Arts' (NEA) National Heritage Fellowship. Dance Trail brochures were sent to the Big E. She has been working with the Welcoming Concord group and they have an exhibit set to open later this week. In addition, she will be attending the Highland Games and assisting a Roster artist at the Concord Arts Market.

Director Ginnie Lupi reported being out of the office due to the death of her mother. She stated that a decision was made to move the Creativity Connects event to April of 2018 so that it can be planned with greater focus and be utilized for Strategic Planning. She hopes to gather a steering group for the event this fall. She met with the Governor's Arts Awards (GAA) panel and they made their selections, and tickets are now on sale for the event (November 1 at the NH Institute of Art). Director Lupi also reported assisting the Lakes Region Art Association with strategic planning, and attending the Council Government Relations and Advocacy Committee meeting with Representative David Danielson.

VAA Emily Killinger reported being involved in a bit of everything around the office, including observing and assisting with grants panels, POL semi-final location dates and much more.

Commissioner Jeff Rose reported he was happy to be in attendance and sees the new Department of Natural and Cultural Resources as an opportunity to combine forces. He also reported seeing Representative Danielson at the Highland games and they have scheduled an upcoming meeting to discuss arts initiatives in the upcoming Legislative season.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Government Affairs and Advocacy – Councilor McLaughlin reported that Citizens for the Arts is in the process of planning regional round tables focused on advocacy.

Events and Fundraising – No report.

Strategic Planning – No report.

Artist Laureate – No report.

Council Development and Recruitment – No report.

IV. COUNCIL ARTS ACTIVITIES ROUND ROBIN – All Councilors in attendance spoke of the variety of arts activities and endeavors they are busy with in their regions of the state.

V. MINUTES

Chair Brooks called for a motion to accept the minutes from the July 10, 2017 meeting. Councilor R.P. Hale moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Sara Germain. The minutes from July 10, 2017 were unanimously approved.

VI. BUSINESS

A. GRANT APPROVALS

1. **General Project Grants for Community Engagement (\$82,520):** Two panels considered 32 applications in this grant category, on September 11 and 15.

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

- **Moved:** Councilor Mary McLaughlin
- **Second:** Councilor R.P. Hale
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** One

2. **Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grants (\$29,504):** The panel convened on September 6, 2017, with Councilor Elizabeth Morgan as facilitator to review the ten applications submitted.

Chair Brooks called for a motion to approve **Traditional Art Apprenticeship Grant** recommendations. There was no discussion and the Council unanimously approved.

- **Moved:** Councilor Angela Brown
- **Second:** Councilor Sara Germain
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** One

B. **INFORMATIVE BUSINESS**

Strategic Planning Discussion: Director Lupi distributed copies of the current draft of a Bridge plan being worked on by staff. She explained that due to the Departmental changes it seems that bridging the gap would be the best option. She asked all Councilors to review the draft and give feedback regarding questions that could/should be asked of constituents, partners, artists and citizens. She asked for feedback to be provided by October 6. She will email the documents to the entire Council so that all can participate, even those unable to attend the meeting.

VII. **ADJOURN**

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

Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.