

**New Hampshire State Council on the Arts
Council Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2013, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Hillsborough Superior Courthouse, North
300 Chestnut Street, Manchester, NH 03101**

Arts Councilors:

Present:

Chair Dr. Roger Brooks, Vice Chair Jacqueline Kahle, Dr. Richard Ayers, Emile Birch, Susan Duprey, Sara Germain, Mandy Merrill, Elizabeth Morgan, Toni Pappas, Erle Pierce, Tim Sink, Billie Tooley

Absent:

Daryl Furtkamp, Peter Warburton

Staff Present:

Department of Cultural Resources Commissioner Van McLeod; Arts Division: Lynn Martin Graton, Acting Director; Cassandra Mason, Chief Grants Officer

Guests:

Maren Brown, Principal, Maren Brown Associates

MOTIONS (carried)

- To accept the minutes from the January 28, 2013 meeting
- To approve the Artist Entrepreneurial Grants (\$11,463)
- To approve the expenditure for the Performing Artist Fellowships (\$8,000)

I. Open Meeting

Chairman Roger Brooks called to order the regular meeting of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 25, 2013, in the Hillsborough Superior Courthouse, North

Each Council member in attendance introduced themselves and related their personal connection to the arts and shared work they have been doing on behalf of the arts community.

II. Minutes from Last Meeting

MOTION PASSED

Chairman Brooks called for a motion to accept the minutes from the January 28, 2013 meeting. Councilor Sara Germain moved to approve, seconded by Erle Pierce. The minutes from January 28, 2013 were approved.

III. Moment of Inspiration

Artists Ingrid Pichler and Teresa Taylor provided the Councilors with an overview of their Percent for Art Commissions located at the Hillsborough County Courthouse.

IV. Commissioner's Report

Commissioner McLeod indicated that he expected that the Governor's budget would do well in the House. The next Commissioner's Cultural Roundtable will be held at Canterbury Shaker Village. The *Cultural One Stop* program, an outgrowth of Cultural Law Day will be held at the Grappone Center in May. This program will focus on information for key leadership staff and board members of cultural organizations.

V. Director's Report

See attached report of Acting Director for further information.

Acting Director Graton updated the Council on the budget; the Arts Division is in the Governor's budget at \$405,629 an 18% increase over the FY13 budget.

Graton recognized and thanked Councilor Pierce for his organization of the testimony for HB561 which was defeated.

Graton thanked the Councilors that attended both events held in March that featured New Hampshire's statewide results of the Americans for the Arts, Art and Economic Prosperity IV survey. Randy Cohen was the speaker at both events; one for the Creative Communities Network and one public presentation at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord.

Graton presented an overview of the Poetry Out Loud program and announced the state finalist was from Oyster River High School and attending the POL National competition in Washington DC.

Graton informed Councilors of upcoming events that the staff would be attending.

BUSINESS:

VI. FY2013 Grant Approvals

FY2013 Artist Entrepreneurial Grants - \$11,463

Chief Grants Officer Mason provided an overview of the Artist Entrepreneurial grants applications and panel process.

- **Motion to approve funding of the FY2013 Artist Entrepreneurial Grants:**
Councilor Erle Pierce
- **Second:** Councilor Susan Duprey
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** None

FY2013 Performing Artist Fellowships - \$8,000

Mason provided a summary of the Artist Fellowship process to date and requested the Council approve the expenditure of funds pending the rescheduled panel meeting; approval contingent upon notification of Council members of the panel recommendations and time allotted for Councilors to respond to the recommendations.

- **Motion to approve funding of the FY2013 Performing Arts Fellowships:** Vice Chair Jackie Kahle
- **Second:** Councilor Susan Duprey
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** None

VII. Updates

Presentation on Strategic Planning Research (Brown/Graton)

Acting Director Graton and Maren Brown provided the Council with an update of the strategic planning process to date and an overview of the remaining tasks.

Council Committee Reports:

2013 Governors Arts Awards:

Councilor Pierce reported that the fundraising goal for the Governor's Arts Awards is \$30,000 and that the committee was looking for a presenting sponsor. He was planning to meet with the NH Institute of Art to explore holding the event at their facility. Chairman Brooks stated that the goal is to have 100% participation from Councilors donating to the event; donations to the Park Street Foundation may be routed to Chief Grants Officer Cassandra Mason.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn from the business meeting: Councilor Elizabeth Morgan

- **Second:** Councilor Toni Pappas
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** None

Chairman Brooks adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.