

**New Hampshire State Council on the Arts
Council Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2013, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
19 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH 03301**

Arts Councilors Present:

Chair Dr. Roger Brooks, Vice Chair Jacqueline Kahle (via phone), Dr. Richard Ayers, Emile Birch, Susan Duprey, Sara Germain, Amanda Merrill, Elizabeth Morgan, Toni Pappas

Arts Councilors Absent:

Darryl Furtkamp, Erle Pierce, Tim Sink, Billie Tooley, Peter Warburton, J. Christopher Williams

Staff Present:

Department of Cultural Resources Commissioner Van McLeod; Arts Division: Lynn Martin Graton, Acting Director, Cassandra Mason, Chief Grants Officer, Catherine O'Brian, Arts in Education & Arts in Health Care Coordinator, Julianne Morse, Heritage Arts Coordinator; Carey Johnson, Department of Cultural Resources Curatorial Specialist

MOTIONS (carried):

- To accept the minutes from the July 29, 2013 meeting
- To approve the General Project Grants for Community Engagement (\$61,990)
- To approve the Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grants (\$28,986)
- To approve the New England Foundation for the Arts partnership (\$4,773)
- To approve the New Hampshire Hospital for Children partnership (\$3,500)

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Roger Brooks called to order the regular meeting of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts conference room.

II. Minutes from Last Meeting:

MOTION PASSED

Chairman Brooks called for a motion to accept the minutes from the July 29, 2013 meeting. Councilor Sarah Germain moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Elizabeth Morgan. The minutes from July 29, 2013 were approved.

III. Moment of Inspiration:

Councilors were shown Percent for Art pieces recently relocated from Great Bay Community College in Stratham to Manchester Community College. Curatorial Specialist Carey Johnson explained the process of repurposing the stained glass piece.

IV. Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McLeod reported that he had been reappointed for another four-year term. When he had the opportunity to speak with Governor Hassan he illustrated some of the value the arts bring to communities by mentioning the \$2.5 billion that has been saved by integrating the arts into healthcare nationwide. The Commissioner also had the opportunity to discuss the STEM to STEAM initiative that is gaining momentum in New Hampshire.

V. Director's Report:

Acting Director Graton reintroduced Julianne Morse as the new full-time grants coordinator for the benefit of Council members who did not have the opportunity to meet her previously. There is now an effort to recruit for the state-funded program assistant position that has remained unfilled due to the hiring freeze. Additionally, the method for supporting the efforts of the New Hampshire Creative Communities Network is expected to change from the awarding of a partnership grant to the State Arts Council providing direct support through a part-time temporarily funded position, which will allow for the agency to provide a broader set of resources in addition to the coordination of their regular meetings.

The state appropriation for FY14 is \$381,824 and the National Endowment for the Arts State Partnership grant for FY14 activities is \$658,600. The amount includes \$24,000 for Folk & Traditional Arts funding for program support, a purely optional and competitive category of funding. The National Assembly of State Arts Agencies reports that New Hampshire ranks 43rd in the nation for per capita state appropriation for the arts at \$0.29 per person.

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts on-year application and new strategic plan is on target to be submitted to the National Endowment for the Arts.

VI. Special Announcement:

Chairman Brooks acknowledged the contributions of Councilor Toni Pappas. Councilor Pappas' term ends in November however she will be joining NH Citizens for the Arts as a board member. Councilor Pappas has been a strong advocate of the arts community for a significant period of time and we look forward to continuing to work with her in her new role.

BUSINESS:

VII. FY2014 Grant Approvals:

FY2014 General Project Grants for Community Engagement - \$61,990

Chief Grants Officer Mason provided an overview of the General Project Grant applications and panel process. The General Project Grants support a wide variety of arts projects and activities in communities throughout the state to build more culturally

and economically vibrant communities. Councilor Germain had several positive comments about the panelists and their deliberations.

- **Motion to approve funding of the FY2014 General Project Grants:** Councilor Amanda Merrill
- **Second:** Councilor Susan Duprey
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** None

FY2014 Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grants - \$28,986

Grants Coordinator Julianne Morse provided a summary of the Traditional Arts Apprenticeship grant applications and panel process. Apprenticeship grants assist in the preservation of traditional/heritage-based arts (crafts, dance and music) by funding a master traditional artist to teach an experienced apprentice in one-to-one sessions.

- **Motion to approve funding of the FY2014 Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grants:** Councilor Elizabeth Morgan
- **Second:** Councilor Toni Pappas
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** None

VIII. FY2014 Partnership Approvals:

FY2014 New England Foundation for the Arts Partnership - \$4,773

Acting Director Graton provided an overview of the partnership grant with the New England Foundation for the Arts. Chairman Brooks also provided a summary of the current relationship between the state arts agencies members and the New England Foundation for the Arts. Several Council members had questions and comments about the NHSCA relationship with NEFA. There was a long discussion in regards to the continued funding of the partnership relative to the benefits to New Hampshire.

- **Motion to approve funding of the FY2014 New England Foundation for the Arts partnership for one year as a provisional allocation dependent upon indications of the alignment of NEFA's programs and services with the needs of the NHSCA:** Councilor Richard Ayers
- **Second:** Councilor Susan Duprey
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** None

FY2014 New Hampshire's Hospital for Children Partnership - \$3,500

Grants Coordinator Catherine O'Brian provided a summary of the proposed partnership with New Hampshire's Hospital for Children at the Elliot in Manchester. This partnership will provide a pilot program to provide music and arts for healing and comfort for their integrated therapy program.

- **Motion to approve funding of the FY2014 NHHC Partnership Grant:** Councilor Susan Duprey
- **Second:** Councilor Toni Pappas

- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** None

IX. Information on Cultural Conservation Moose Plate Grants:

ARTS Cultural Conservation Moose Plate Grants - \$108,458

Chief Grants Officer Mason gave an overview of the Cultural Conservation Moose Plate program applicants and the approval of the grants by the Department of Cultural Resources' Directors.

X. Program Updates:

Grants Coordinator Catherine O'Brian invited all Council members to the Arts in Education Conference on October 25 and 26, 2013.

O'Brian informed Council members of the recent pilot program with the New Hampshire Department of Corrections Family Connections and artist Janet King for children of incarcerated adults.

XI. Council Committee Reports:

NH Citizens for the Arts:

Councilor Germain reported that she will be rotating off the New Hampshire Citizens for the Arts board but assured us that the NHCFA is in an exciting developmental process. She believes new board members will reinvigorate and reengage the vision of NHCFA during this next year.

Councilor Birch is the Council representative to the Citizen's board. Additionally, October 11th at the Capitol Center for the Arts, NHCFA will present an a cappella competition, Voices of the 603. All proceeds from the performance will go to NHCFA.

2013 Governor's Arts Awards:

Acting Director Graton presented background on the Governor's Arts Awards ceremony. When the event was reinstated in 2011, the scale of the event was reduced from former GAA events, but still allowed for a dignified event. This year because Graton's duties require her time for the strategic plan and the application to the NEA, Commissioner McLeod has volunteered to produce the event.

Commissioner McLeod introduced Jennifer McLean as an Associate Producer and acknowledged the assistance of DCR Curatorial Specialist Carey Johnson. The event will be held at the New Hampshire Institute of Art on November 6th at 5pm. There will be a one hour reception followed by a one hour award presentation ceremony. Peter Ramsey has coordinated discounts at a group of local restaurants for attendees. It is anticipated that the new Poet Laureate will be introduced that evening. Commissioner McLeod invited Councilors to consider themselves as hosts and encouraged them to have fun. Additionally, he designated Jennifer McLean as the stage manager and asked that we abide by her requests.

Councilor Morgan proposed that Council members, as designees of the Governor, have the ability to deliberate on the nominations which will alleviate the staff from having to assemble a panel and allow Councilors to become more involved in the process.

Chairman Brooks asked that members consider volunteering for the selection committee and that Councilor Ayers will be the Chair of that committee. Chairman Brooks called a motion for members to participate on the committee which was unanimously passed by all Council members remaining at the meeting.

XII. ADJOURN:

- **Motion to adjourn from the business meeting:** Councilor Elizabeth Morgan
- **Second:** Councilor Emile Birch
- **Nays:** None
- **Recusals:** None

Chairman Brooks adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.