

SOUTH DAKOTA ARTS COUNCIL

Minutes of the May 5, 2017 meeting

Dolly-Reed Plaza Conference Room

Pierre, SD

1. **Call to Order** – SDAC Chairman Jim Walker called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

A. Council members present were Jane Rasmussen, Brian Bonde, Lynda Clark-Adelstein, Mary Bordeaux, Lynne Byrne, Andrew Kightlinger, Mary Haug, and Laura Diddle via conference call-in. Council member Linda Anderson arrived at 9:05 a.m. Deanna Lien was absent. Also present were SDAC staff members Kathryn Vandel, Patrick Baker, and Rebecca Cruse.

B. Walker reminded Council members to turn in their conflict of interest forms needed after the grant panel review process.

C. Tourism Sec. James Hagen gave welcome and opening remarks. He mentioned the federal budget issues with the National Endowment for the Arts and the SD Department of Tourism's support of the arts. Hagan thanked Arts Council members for their hard work and said the Tourism tax that supports state arts funding has strong projections for the coming year.

2. **Secretary's Report** – Bordeaux presented the minutes of the Oct. 28, 2016 meeting.

Action: Anderson moved and Byrne seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Baker gave a grants budget report and explained the need to redirect some funds from the ArtsLab program that were unused in FY17 to the 50th anniversary video project. He also explained moving \$5,000 from the folklorist contract funds to the inter-arts grant to pay artists for the folk arts showcase. An additional \$8,000 in unobligated funds were earmarked to pay for strategic planning consultation fees.

Action: Clark-Adelstein moved and Byrne seconded the motion to approve the shift in funding. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. **Business of the Day** – Approval of grants and FY18 Grants & Special Projects Budget

A. Proposed FY 2018 budget: Baker presented the proposed grants budget and explained it to the Council. He also informed the Council of an increase in spending authority approved by the SD Legislature.

B. Panel recommendations: Panel chairs presented the panel recommendations to the Council. Mary Haug presented the literature panel recommendations; Andrew Kightlinger presented the Media Arts panel recommendations; Linda Anderson presented the multi-disciplinary panel recommendations; Laura Diddle presented the music panel recommendations; Jim Walker presented the theatre panel recommendations; Mary Bordeaux presented the traditional arts panel recommendations; Clark Adelstein presented the visual arts panel recommendations.

Anderson noted that her panel suggests looking at the project grant category for small arts organizations that don't quite fit in it because they are applying for a full season, rather than a single project.

Bordeaux mentioned that her panel found that many questions were unanswered as to how and why projects were seeking funding and suggested that the Council look at the application questions to see if they're not being asked correctly.

C. Artist Fellowship, Artist Career Development, and Collaboration grants sub-panel recommendations: Rasmussen explained that the Council tried using a separate panel this year to help streamline the artist grant recommendations in these categories. The secondary panel reviewed the recommendations from each discipline panel and narrowed down the final recommendation to fit the budget.

The panel recommended funding for five artist fellowships to Anne Pierson Wiese, literature; Cable Hardin, media arts; Zachary Michael DeBoer, multi-disciplinary; Jami Lynn Buttke, music; and Mark Zimmerman, visual. They also recommended funding two artist collaborations in the multidisciplinary and visual arts categories and nine artist career development grants.

Action: The Council voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the secondary panel reviewing artist grant applications.

Discussion was held about the use of the remaining \$2,000 in the artist grant category, and where the funding should be used. Walker mentioned that the theatre panel strongly agreed that two grant applications were underfunded due to the budget restrictions. He suggested increasing the grant amounts for those two applications.

Action: The Council accepted the panel recommendations, as presented, with the adjusted amounts for two theatre grants and approved the grants unanimously. Anderson and Kightlinger abstained from the vote.

D. Approval of special projects and initiatives budgets: Bonde suggested that the Council find a way to streamline the process for Arts South Dakota partnership initiatives so Council members can see it more clearly. Anderson discussed the need for greater public awareness for public arts funding now and in the coming year and wanted to know the plans for advocacy from Arts South Dakota.

Action: The Council approved the budget for special projects and initiatives. Bonde abstained from the vote.

5. Reports –

a. Arts Advocacy

Cruse reported out on the new federal arts issues expected to come before Congress and the national arts advocacy event in Washington, D.C.

b. NASAA/NEA Updates

Baker presented information from the two national partner agencies, included in packet material.

c. Art for State Buildings

Byrne, Vandel, and Baker presented the recent purchases to the Council.

d. Arts Education

Cruse gave updates on the AISC grant program, the Congressional Art Competition, and the Poetry Out Loud state and national competitions.

e. Arts Midwest Updates

Bonde, Rasmussen and Baker discussed Arts Midwest updates and ArtsLab.

f. Strategic Planning

Baker discussed the plans for the upcoming strategic planning session at the summer meeting, as well as the Arts Council staff's regional meetings and the survey to help prepare for it.

6. Other business –

A. Walker brought forth comments from the theatre panel about getting feedback out to applicants more often. The current procedure is that need to ask for it in order to receive it, but many grants applications are staying the same from year to year. He's interested in exploring what the Council can do to fix that and make the grant applications better. This will be further discussed at the summer meeting.

B. Walker thanked all SDAC grant panelists for their service to the State of South Dakota.

7. **Calendar** – Baker presented the calendar of upcoming events, pointing out the Nov. 3, 2017 fall Council meeting. Included in packet material.

8. **Appointment of Nominating Committee** – Walker appointed Council members Rasmussen, Diddle and Haug to serve on the nominating committee and bring a recommended slate of officers to the summer meeting.

9. **Adjournment** – Walker adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Cruse, recording secretary