

SOUTH DAKOTA ARTS COUNCIL

Minutes of the May 4, 2023, meeting

1. **Call to Order** – SDAC Chairman Lee Ann Roripaugh called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. CDT.

- A. Council members present were John Mogen, Mary Bordeaux, Jim Walker, Jane Rasmussen, Nan Venhuizen, Cristen Roghair, Joanna Lawler, and Roripaugh. Council members Roger Broer and Joshua Spies were absent. Also present were SDAC staff members Patrick Baker, Rebecca Cruse, Kathryn Vandel, Sarah Carlson, and Traditional Arts Consultant Anne Hatch.
- B. Conflict of Interest reminder – all Council members must submit the conflict of interest and affiliations forms to SDAC staff, even if they did not serve on a panel.

2. **Public Comment Period** – No public comment was submitted or given.

3. **Approval of Oct. 28, 2022, minutes** – Venhuizen, Council secretary presented the minutes of the Council’s last meeting.

Action: Mogen made a motion to approve the minutes, Rasmussen seconded. All members voted in favor of the motion via roll call vote.

4. **Treasurer’s Report** – Treasurer Kim and Baker presented the treasurer’s report and explained changes to the reporting system from past years. Baker noted that federal reporting delayed by the pandemic is now caught up to the current fiscal year.

5. **Review of Panel Recommendations for FY24 Grants** –

A. Panel reports and recommendations.

- 1. Lawler presented the panel recommendation from Panel 1, Project Grants. The Met April 21 and reviewed 22 grants, recommending funding for most. List of recommended grant amounts sent to Council for review.

Discussion: Lawler asked about a discrepancy in the funding amounts recommended and the grant award sent out by staff. Vandel explained she had an error in the original document and had corrected and re-sent the information with the accurate amounts.

- 2. Mogen presented the panel recommendation for Panel 2, Project Grants and Importation of Musicians. The panel met April 20, reviewed 23 applications including 3 artist project proposals. \$79,700 total recommended for funding. Some applicants were recommended at lower amounts because they didn’t complete the applications correctly. Mogen noted that the panel was really thoughtful and had deep conversations about funding.

- 3. Baker presented the panel recommendation for Panel 3, Artist Career Development grants on behalf of panel chair Broer. Panel reviewed 25

applications and met April 20. Panel recommended that the top 13 be funded if budget would allow, \$26,000 total.

4. Roripaugh presented the Panel 4, Fellowships and Artist Collaboration grants recommendation. The panel reviewed 19 fellowship apps and recommended 6 for funding totaling \$30,000. Roripaugh noted that this was an amazing panel with a lot of great expertise. They considered Artistic Merit and Artistic Excellence. The same also reviewed 5 artist collaboration grants and recommended 2 for funding, totaling \$12,000.

5. Roghair presented the Traditional Arts Apprenticeship panel recommendation. The panel reviewed 5 applications and recommended 4 of them for funding, which were sent to the Council for review.

Action: Walker made a motion to approve the slate of panel recommendations, Venhuizen seconded. The motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

B. Staff report on select grants, initiatives, and special projects: Baker presented the funding recommendations for initiatives, special projects, and interim grant projects that are not part of the panel review process. He presented FY24 budget proposal and explained line items. SDAC will see an increase of about 12.5% in NEA funding for the coming fiscal year, which is why we have a bit more money to work with this year and encouraged panelists to recommend applications with that in mind. The Grants & Special project budget is at \$1.7 million, about \$200k more than last year.

Due to this increase, he is recommending a 13 percent increase across the board for Arts Challenge and Statewide Services grantees in FY24 – though they did not have to apply this spring. The budget also includes about \$35k more for AISC and modest increases to interim grant budgets.

Special projects include \$40k for program support, which can be moved when needed.

Partnership initiatives w/Arts South Dakota will see some increases and Baker noted what those funds will do.

Discussion: Kim noted that the budget looks great, but wondered what happens if the agency actually doesn't receive the expected increase but actually gets cut? Baker explained that grants would be cut back to account for a budget reduction and that's a good thing to be aware of because of the nature of state and federal funding.

Bordeaux left the meeting at 10:25 am CDT.

Action: Walker made a motion to swap agenda items VI and VII to keep the meeting in order. Mogen seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

6. Arts Challenge FY23 Budget Adjustments – Vandel presented information on Arts Challenge grant amounts from the past two years, explaining that applicants were still dealing with pandemic issues when they submitted applications in the spring of 2022, and their budgets reflected that, causing grant awards to be lower than usual. Inflation has also increased costs. Now we're getting back to pre-pandemic levels of participation and audience needs. Vandel presented two options to adjust the grant amounts for the current FY23 and moving forward into FY24, which is already shown in the FY24 grants budget.

Discussion: Baker noted that the increase does not include the largest organizations who are capped at the \$45,000 set by Council. Walker said he believes this change is needed and the process seems equitable for all grantees.

Action: Venhuizen moved, Rasmussen seconded the approval of FY23 budget adjustments. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Approval of FY24 Grants, Initiatives, and Special Projects Budget – Baker presented the full FY24 proposed budget, including all grants, initiatives, and special projects.

Action: Walker made a motion to approve the recommended FY24 Grants, Initiatives and Special Projects budget. Kim seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

8. Reports –

- a. Art for State Buildings – Carlson, Baker reported on recent program purchases.
- b. Website redesign – Carlson reported on plan for new site.
- c. Arts Education – Cruse presented information in the Council packet regarding the Poetry Out Loud National Finals, Congressional Art Competition, and Artists in Schools & Communities residency requests for FY24.
- d. SD Artist on Broadway – Larissa Fasthorse article included in packet.
- e.: NEA – Report included in packet material
- f. Arts Midwest – Report included in packet material
- g. Arts South Dakota – Report included in packet material

9. Calendar – Baker presented the calendar noting the upcoming summer meeting and strategic planning session July 5-6 in Brookings.

10. Adjournment – Roripaugh adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m. CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Cruse, recording secretary