

SOUTH DAKOTA ARTS COUNCIL

Minutes of the April 19, 2018 meeting
Teleconference, Capitol Building 414
Pierre, SD

1. **Call to Order** – SDAC Chairman Lynne Byrne called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

A. Council members present on the call were Byrne, Brian Bonde, Jim Walker, Mary Bordeaux, Linda Anderson, Andrew Kightlinger, Mary Haug, and Laura Diddle. Council member Jane Rasmussen joined the conference a few minutes later. No Council members were absent. Also present were SDAC staff members Kathryn Vandell, Patrick Baker, Rebecca Cruse, and contracted folk and traditional arts consultant Joshua Chrysler.

B. Byrne announced a change in the order of agenda items

2. **Secretary's Report** – Anderson presented the minutes of the Nov. 3, 2017 meeting.

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

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Baker reported the status of the FY18 budget, which is on track with the end of the fiscal year nearing.

4. **Business of the Day** – Approval of FY19 Grants & Special Projects Budget and Grant Panel Recommendations

A. Proposed FY 2019 budget overview: Baker presented the proposed budget for FY19 and reported on SDAC funding tax projections and the NEA grant amount received. He also pointed out a new budget line item for program support.

1. NEA grant and State funds allocated to Grants and Special Projects Budget.
2. Interim Grants Budget
3. Arts Education Program Budgets
4. Special Projects/SDAC-Arts South Dakota Partnership Initiatives: Discussion about initiatives was held.
5. Arts Challenge, Statewide Services, and Touring Arts grants

Action: (tabled until end of grant panel reports and discussion) Rasmussen moved to approve the FY19 Initiatives and Special Projects budget. Kightlinger seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

B. Statewide Services Grants, Panel Scores and Comments: Baker presented the panel scores and comments for Statewide Services Grant applications.

C. Special Projects/SDAC-Arts South Dakota Initiatives: Baker presented the special initiative proposals from Arts South Dakota including public awareness, traditional arts, arts education, and Poetry Out Loud.

D. Grant Applications by Discipline – Panel recommendations

1. Panel chairs reported each panel's recommendation and comments to the Council: Literature – Haug; Media Arts – Kightlinger; Multidisciplinary Panel 1 – Baker (on behalf of panel chair Lynda Clark Adelstein); Multidisciplinary Panel 2 – Linda Anderson; Multidisciplinary Panel 3 – Brian Bonde; Music – Laura Diddle; Theatre – Jim Walker; Visual – Mary Bordeaux; Traditional Arts – Byrne.
2. Artist Fellowship, Career Development, Collaboration Grant Applications – Subpanel recommendations: Rasmussen reported that a secondary review of artist grant applications had been conducted by a sub-panel which she chaired and included Bordeaux and Walker. The sub-panel was responsible for narrowing the artist applications recommended for funding to fit the budget. In the Fellowship category, the panel recommended funding the highest scoring applicant in four separate arts discipline categories – visual, music, literature, and traditional arts. In the Career Development category, the panel recommended funding the top 10 highest scoring applications. They also recommended funding the highest scoring artist collaboration application.

Discussion was held about the Multidisciplinary Panels 1 and 2 funding formula for the Arts Challenge grant applications. Concerns were brought forth about an increased number of applicants in that category, resulting in less funding for many organizations.

The Council also discussed whether or not to provide funding for a long-standing organization which has submitted low-scoring applications for the past two grant cycles. The review panel had reservations about funding the organization, but also expressed concerns about what zero funding would mean for them.

Action: Anderson made a motion not to fund the organization based on its low score. Kightlinger seconded that motion.

Further discussion was held about the scoring and panelist comments.

Action: Walker amended the initial motion to propose that the Council not fund any application in the Arts Challenge grant category that scored below the 50th percentile. Kightlinger seconded the amendment. The motion was approved unanimously with Bonde abstaining from the vote.

Action: Diddle moved, seconded by Rasmussen to approve all panel recommendations. The Council voted unanimously to approve.

Action: Bonde made a motion to allow staff to reallocate about \$5,000 in funds in the Arts Challenge grant category among the other grantees. Haug seconded the motion. All approved.

5. **Calendar** – Baker presented the calendar of upcoming events, included in meeting material.

6. **Adjournment** – Byrne adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Cruse, recording secretary