

SOUTH DAKOTA ARTS COUNCIL

Minutes of the July 13, 2018 meeting

Brookings Arts Center classroom

Brookings, SD

1. **Call to Order** – SDAC Chairman Lynne Byrne called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Council members present were James Walker, Mary Haug, Dohui Kim, Jane Rasmussen and Andrew Kightlinger and Brian Bonde by phone. Absent were Council members Mary Bordeaux, Linda Anderson, Laura Diddle, and Donald Montileaux. Also present were SDAC staff members Kate Vandell, Patrick Baker, and Rebecca Cruse; Jennifer Johnson, Brookings Convention & Visitor’s Bureau director; Brookings Mayor Keith Corbett; Brookings City Manager Paul Briseno; and Heather Kuhlman, Brookings Arts Council Executive Director.

The Council heard updates from Brookings officials about arts projects and programming in the community, including their Great 8 and Artful Dozen campaigns.

The Council welcomed new appointee, Kim, and each gave brief updates from their communities.

2. **Secretary’s Report** – Baker presented the minutes of the April 19, 2018 meeting.

Action: Walker moved and Rasmussen seconded the motion to approve the Secretary’s Report. The motion was approved unanimously.

a. Discussion of streamed meeting – The Council discussed the process of live-streaming the April meeting, which was the first time that had occurred. Council members expressed some concerns about continuing that practice. Staff and Council discussed the state’s open meetings regulations, and developing further policy or procedure around the practice of streaming meetings.

3. **Treasurer’s Report** – Baker presented the budget status report explaining that it includes payments through June 25, and the budget is on-track to finish out FY18 payments. Baker also noted some funds shifted to the Inter-Arts initiative to cover unexpected payments.

Action: Haug made a motion to accept the report. Walker seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

4. Business of the Day –

a. Nominating Committee recommendation: Walker presented the slate of officers nominated by the committee as Lynne Byrne, chair; Mary Bordeaux, vice chair; Linda Anderson, secretary; and Dohui Kim, treasurer.

1. There were no nominations from the floor.

2. Byrne thanked former Council members Lynda Clark Adelstein and Deanna Lien for their service to the Council.

b. Election of Officers:

Action: Rasmussen moved to accept the presented slate of officers. Haug seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

c. Panelist process review

1. SDAC panelist portal
2. Panelist training session: Staff reported on planning and updates for the next grant cycle.

d. Panel Meeting Procedure policy change proposal: Staff brought forth a proposal to update the SDAC policy manual due to a change in the online grant scoring system, which no longer totals 10 points, as the system is unable to calculate scoring the way that has been done in past practice. The policy currently states that applications with a cumulative score lower than 5 will not be funded. The updated policy will state that applications scoring below the 50th percentile will not be funded.

Action: Walker made a motion to accept the policy change. Haug seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

e. Discussion on policy on projects supported: The Council discussed funding policy for projects to further define requirements and restrictions for applicants. The Council does not fund capital improvements, fundraisers, receptions, or school programs that should be the responsibility of the school's regular budget.

5. Reports –

a. Arts Education

Cruse briefed the Council on proposed changes to high school graduation requirements that will affect language arts credit requirements. She also reported that the state Department of Education is currently without a secretary and a fine arts specialist or liaison. Cruse also gave reports on the Artists in Schools & Communities program, the Arts Education Institute, the Arts in Education Conference, and Poetry Out Loud. Full information was provided in the SDAC Evernote drive.

b. Strategic Plan Report

Staff presented a status report on the agency's strategic plan, provided in packet material.

c. Festival of Books

Sherry DeBoer, executive director of the South Dakota Humanities Council joined the meeting to provide an overview of the upcoming SD Festival of Books.

d. Dale Lamphere video

Byrne told the Council about a video project currently in the planning stages with South Dakota Public Broadcasting, featuring Lamphere's art and how his sculptures are part of STEAM education.

e. Arts in Military Initiative

Baker and Cruse presented a report from the May 22 meeting, and a two year plan for the initiative being designed at the State Veteran's Home. Information provided in meeting material.

f. *Candidate questionnaire for 2018 Midterms*

Cruse called attention to candidate responses to questionnaires on arts policy and arts education that were distributed to SD Gubernatorial and U.S. Congressional candidates. The responses are posted in the SDAC Evernote drive

g. *Art for Life*

Rasmussen and Baker reported on the program, which launched in Sisseton in May and will continue to develop there throughout the next year.

h. *Arts Midwest*

Baker briefed the Council on Arts Midwest cooperative programs and information provided in meeting material.

i. *Community Development Efforts*

Cruse reported on several projects throughout the state and recent meetings and professional development sessions she attended in June.

j. *NEA/NASAA updates*

Baker called attention to the reports provided in meeting material.

k. *Art for State Buildings*

Baker and Vandell reported on recent acquisitions celebrating 10 years of the program and a reception being planned to honor artists and celebrate in the fall. Information provided in meeting material.

6. *Calendar* – Baker shared the SDAC calendar, included in packet materials, noting the fall meeting dates, Oct. 11-12 in Pierre.

7. *Public Comment Period* – No public was in attendance for comment.

8. *Adjournment* – The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Cruse, recording secretary