

## **SOUTH DAKOTA ARTS COUNCIL**

*Minutes of the July 19, 2019 meeting*

Matthews Opera House conference room

Spearfish, SD

1. **Call to Order** – SDAC Chairman Lynne Byrne called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m., MDT.

a. Becky Naccarato Eastburn, executive director of the Matthews Opera House welcomed Council members and invited them to the Spearfish Arts Festival opening event.

b. Council members present were James Walker, Dohui Kim, Lee Ann Roripaugh, Jane Rasmussen and Keith BraveHeart. Laura Diddle joined by phone. Absent were Council members Mary Bordeaux and Brian Bonde. [This accounts for all Council members, as two appointee seats were vacant at the time of this meeting.] Also present were SDAC staff members Kate Vandell, Patrick Baker, Rebecca Cruse, and Traditional Arts Consultant Anne Hatch.

The Council welcomed new appointees, Roripaugh and BraveHeart, and gave updates from their communities.

2. **Public Comment** – Ira Olson was present and told the Council he used to be involved in the arts scene in South Dakota and would like to be again.

3. **Secretary's Report** – Baker presented the minutes of the May 3, 2019 meeting.

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

4. **Treasurer's Report** – Kim presented the expense report, including FY19 final expenses and the first report of FY20, which began July 1.

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

5. Business of the Day –

a. Nominating Committee recommendation: Walker presented the slate of officers nominated by the committee as Mary Bordeaux, chair; Laura Diddle, vice chair, Keith BraveHeart, secretary; and Dohui Kim, treasurer.

1. There were no other nominations from the floor.

b. Election of Officers: The Council voted unanimously to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendation.

c. Policy Change on incomplete applications: Vandel reported staff efforts to better support grant applicants during the 2019 grant application period.

1. Baker proposed a new policy stating that applicants must provide both artistic documentation and support documentation for their application to be eligible for review. The new policy states that applications missing required materials will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered for grant funding.

***Action: Walker moved to approve the policy change. Rasmussen seconded the motion. Discussion about the proposed policy was held. The motion was approved unanimously.***

d. Cruse reported to the Council on the bonus point system currently used in application scoring. The current process is not effective, and staff is working to redesign the process to a staff recommendation of bonus points on applications, which will then be reviewed and approved by discipline panels. Discussion was held about a variety of possible approaches, and a new process will be used for the 2020 panels.

e. Vandel presented a process change to the scoring of Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grants, which will move the “endangerment of artform” scoring criteria to a bonus point system. The bonus points will be reviewed and recommended by the Council’s Traditional Arts Coordinator and approved by the panel.

f. Discussion on continuing grants for organizations in the Project Grant category was held. Baker presented information about SDAC policy and guidance from the National Endowment for the Arts on continuing support for grant applicants, noting that questions have arisen from Council members about this matter. Based on agency policy and the need of arts organizations in South Dakota, staff recommended no change in policy or procedure with regard to continued eligibility in the project grant category annually.

## **6. Reports –**

a. ***Application Process and Staff Support:*** Vandel explained the grant application process and reported on opportunities applicants have for staff assistance during the process.

b. ***Publicizing Grant Deadlines:*** Cruse provided a report on the ways grant deadlines are publicized, included in packet material.

c. ***Arts Education:*** Cruse provided reports on FY19 Educator Grants and the FY20 residency grants, included in packet material.

d. ***Arts in Military Initiative:*** Reports on the initiative going on at the State Veterans Home were provided in packet material.

e. ***Arts Midwest Conference:*** Information about the September conference, including the retirement of David Fraher provided in packet material.

f. ***National Endowment for the Arts visit/NASAA notes:*** Information provided in packet material.

g. *Arts South Dakota*: Report provided in packet material.

7. **Calendar** – Baker shared the SDAC calendar, included in packet materials, noting the fall meeting dates, Nov. 7-8 in Pierre.

8. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rebecca Cruse, recording secretary