

## **SOUTH DAKOTA ARTS COUNCIL**

*Minutes of the May 7, 2021 meeting*

Held online due to COVID-19 pandemic

1. **Call to Order** – SDAC Chairman Mary Bordeaux called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. CDT.

- A. Council members present were Jim Walker, Jane Rasmussen, Laura Diddle, Brian Bonde, Lee Ann Roripaugh, Nan Venhuizen, Lynne Byrne. Council members Dohui Kim and John Mogen were absent during roll call but joined the meeting later. Also present were SDAC staff members Patrick Baker, Rebecca Cruse, Kathryn Vandell, Sarah Carlson, and Traditional Arts Consultant Anne Hatch.
- B. Bordeaux reminded Council members of the conflict of interest and affiliations form requirement.

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

3. **Approval of Nov. 18, 2020 minutes** – Venhuizen, Council secretary presented the minutes of the Nov. 18, 2020 meeting.

*Action: Venhuizen made a motion to approve the minutes, Rasmussen seconded. All members voted in favor of the motion via roll call vote, except Mogen who had not yet arrived.*

4. **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Dohui Kim presented the financial report and year-over-year comparison for FY20 and FY21. Kim explained changes that were made to the projected budget due to the effects of the pandemic and allowed usage of federal relief dollars. Kim also noted the extension of the last and current federal fiscal years to help ease spending and reporting requirements with the pandemic relief funds.

5. **Review of FY22 proposed grants** –

*A. Panel reports and recommendations:* Arts Discipline Panel chairs reported each panel's recommendations to the Council.

- 1) Literature Panel recommendation was presented by Roripaugh;
- 2) Media Arts Panel, SDAC staff member Cruse presented recommendation on behalf of panel chair Bonde;
- 3) Multidisciplinary Panel recommendation presented by Kim;
- 4) Music Panel recommendation presented by Diddle;
- 5) Theatre Panel recommendation presented by Walker, who called attention to a new Statewide Services Grant application from the Black Hills Playhouse/Dakota Players. Walker noted that this is a major change to current SDAC programs/budget and would remove Dakota Players

from the AISC and Touring Arts rosters, funding them instead through the SS grant category;

6) Traditional Arts Panel recommendation presented by Rasmussen;

7) Visual Arts Panel recommendation presented by Venhuizen;

8) Secondary Review Panel for Artist Grant Recommendations presented by Byrne who explained the panel's process for determining the final recommendations, including 1 Artist Collaboration; 10 Artist Career Development grants, which the panel decided upon by selecting the top recommended applications among all arts disciplines – except on recommended grant that noted several concerns about the artist's residency in South Dakota; and 5 Artist Fellowships.

***Action: Bordeaux called for a vote to approve the panel recommendations as presented by panel chairs and staff. All Council members voted in favor via roll call vote.***

*B. Staff report on select grants, initiatives and special projects:* Baker presented the funding recommendations for joint-initiatives and special projects and explained some changes to the recommended amounts from last year's grants – many of which had been reduced due to expected revenue loss during the pandemic. The recommendation restores much of that funding and also increases some other initiatives for programming planned in the coming year.

**6. Approval of FY22 Grants, Initiatives, and Special Projects Budget** – Baker presented two budget scenarios to the Council. Budget A: includes the \$48,000 grant recommendation in the Statewide Services grant category to fund the new application from Dakota Players/Black Hills Playhouse. This budget moves funding from AISC, TA, and interim grant categories to accommodate the change; Budget B: does not include this change and keeps grant category budgets at similar levels to past years.

***Action: Walker made a motion to approve budget A to fund the FY22 grant recommendations as presented by panel and staff. The motion died without being seconded. No discussion was held.***

***Action: Bonde moved to approve budget B. Diddle seconded the motion. No discussion was held. The motion was approved unanimously via roll call vote.***

## **7. Reports –**

- a. Touring Arts: Carlson reported on changes made to the Touring Arts contracts and forms, effective July 1, 2021
- b. National Endowment for the Arts: included in packet material
- c. National Assembly of State Arts Agencies: included in packet material
- d. Arts Midwest: included in packet material
- e. Arts South Dakota: included in packet material

f. Arts Education: Cruse presented information in the Council packet regarding the Poetry Out Loud National Finals event, Congressional Art Competition, and the Leveraging State Investments in Creative Aging grant.

8. **Other Business** – Baker informed the Council that information about the Art For State Buildings purchases was included in the packet, even though it was not part of the agenda because artists had not yet been notified when the agenda was posted.

Baker also informed the Council that the agency will be receiving two more appropriations earmarked for pandemic relief and recovery - \$250,000 from the state legislature, and a federal award from the American Rescue Plan. Staff is preparing to receive funds and will distribute across the field.

9. **Calendar** – presented the calendar included in packet. The Council’s summer meeting is scheduled for July 14.

10. **Adjournment** – Bordeaux adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m. CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rebecca Cruse, recording secretary