

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CONFERENCE CALL
PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015
FINANCE BUILDING
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Jeffrey Gabel, Vice Chair; Ms. Jeanne Gleason, Chair; Ms. Susan Goldberg; Ms. Gayle Isa; Mr. William Lehr, Jr.; Mr. Jeff Parks; Mr. Robert Pullo; Mr. Lee Steadman (*joined the meeting in progress*); Ms. Paula Vitz (*joined the meeting in progress*); Mr. James West, Jr.; Ms. Jen Holman Zaborney.

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Mr. Justin Laing; Senator Charles McIlhinney; Representative Tina Pickett; Representative Brian Sims; Senator Christine Tartaglione.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Charon Battles, Deputy for Programs; Ms. Heather Doughty, Deputy for Communications; Ms. Jamie Dunlap; Ms. Amy Gabriele, Deputy for Administration; Ms. Norah Griffiths Johnson; Mr. Philip Horn, Executive Director; Ms. Tina Mozingo, Executive Assistant; Mr. Seth Poppy; Ms. Caroline Savage; Mr. Matthew Serio.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Jenny Hershour; Citizens for the Arts in Pennsylvania.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Horn announced that we have a quorum. He called the roll. The above members responded with the exception of Mr. Steadman and Ms. Vitz who joined the meeting later.

Ms. Gleason apologized that the meeting had to be by conference call.

Mr. Horn identified the following staff in attendance: Charon Battles; Heather Doughty; Jamie Dunlap; Amy Gabriele; Norah Johnson; Tina Mozingo; Seth Poppy; Caroline Savage and Matthew Serio.

Ms. Gleason called the meeting to order.

Ms. Gleason said that she is not aware of any conflicts of interest but asked the Council to please speak up if there is a conflict. No members indicated a conflict.

Ms. Gleason said that the November minutes will be presented for approval at the March meeting.

Ms. Gleason said we have a few action items.

ITEM 1 ACTION Folk Arts Apprenticeships

Caroline Savage, Program Director, reviewed the information for the council.

Folk arts consultant Mira Johnson has moved to New York City. Sally Van Der Water has taken her place at Jump Street. The five jurors recommended twelve grants for a total of \$40,000.

Ms. Savage said we have an applicant from one of the regions where we commissioned field work.

Ms. Gleason remarked that it was an excellent panel. She referred the Council to the list in the packet.

Mr. Horn pointed out that this action is subject to the budget. After there is a state budget these recommendations will be part of the budget presented to the Council for action.

(Council members Mr. Steadman and Ms. Vitz joined the call).

Ms. Gleason said that the Council is not acting on any dollar amounts.

Ms. Savage said that we will not notify the applicants until after there is a budget and the Council has had a chance to approve the budget.

Ms. Gleason asked for questions from the Council.

Ms. Goldberg said she was impressed with the diversity of the applicants and representation from the western part of the state.

Mr. Horn said we are happy with the field work that has been commissioned by the PCA.

Ms. Goldberg felt the judges were wonderful. Ms. Savage said that they were selected by the new folk arts consultant, Sally Van Der Water.

Ms. Savage said five of the six folk arts regions were represented in the applications.

Ms. Isa asked about when applicants can be notified. She asked if they could be notified that they are recommended before a budget is passed. Mr. Horn said he would look into that.

Ms. Gleason asked for a motion to approve the recommendations for folk arts apprenticeships.

** Motion by Ms. Goldberg. Seconded by Mr. Steadman.

Ms. Gleason asked for any discussion. There being none she asked for a vote.

Motion carried without opposition.

Ms. Gleason said the next action item is the appeal.

ITEM 2 ACTION Recommendations to Deny an Application Appeal

Matthew Serio, Program Director, reviewed the information for the council.

Mr. Serio said that the application was reviewed by the panel without regard to eligibility, as is the PCA practice. It was determined by staff to be ineligible.

Mr. Horn said the staff recommendation is to deny the appeal

Ms. Gleason asked for a motion to approve the staff recommendation to deny the appeal.

** Motion by Mr. Lehr. Seconded by Mr. West.

Ms. Gleason asked for any discussion. There being none she asked for a vote.

Motion carried without opposition.

ITEM 3 ACTION NEA Fund Balance Proposal

Discussion and comments by Amy Gabriele, Deputy Director for Administration

Ms. Gabriele explained that there is a small balance in NEA funds from the end of the 2014-2015 state fiscal year. This money may be carried forward into the next state fiscal year. PCA needs to code this money for grants before the end of the federal grant period at the end of December 2015.

The PCA staff proposes to allocate this grant to Citizens for the Arts in Pennsylvania for statewide services for 2015-2016. This is not the full amount of the usual grant for statewide services proposed for the current fiscal year.

Mr. Horn said that this is money we can grant right away because it is from the 2014-15 state fiscal year. This will reduce the PCA's obligation when we have a budget for the current fiscal year (2015-2016).

Ms. Gleason asked if there was a conflict of interest. Mr. Horn said he was not aware of any conflicts.

Mr. Horn said that usually any amount of NEA funding remaining is added to the PCA budget in July.

Ms. Gleason asked for a motion

** Motion by Ms. Vitz. Seconded by Mr. West.

Ms. Gleason asked for any discussion. There being none she asked for a vote.

Motion carried without opposition.

ITEM 4 INFORMATION Panel Meeting Schedule

Ms. Gleason encouraged council members to sign up.

Ms. Gleason asked for the date of the next Council meeting.

The next Council meeting is March 2, 2016.

Mr. Horn called on Mr. Steadman about an event he organized in Erie that involved one of the original members of the council, Blossom McBrier who was appointed to the Council in 1966.

Mr. Steadman said they opened Blossom's Clay Studio.

Mr. Steadman offered to host a meeting or event at the studio. He said it has been closed for many years but they updated and re-opened the facility.

Ms. Gleason asked for any other comments from the Council

Mr. Horn said the staff would work on calling all our annual grantees to advise them about how to prepare their applications. There is not much time to make corrections.

Ms. Gleason asked for any more items.

Mr. Horn called on Ms. Hershour from Citizens for the Arts in Pennsylvania (CFA). She said that CFA continues to monitor the progress on the budget. Mr. Horn commended and thanked her for her efforts.

Mr. Gabel asked about any sales tax legislation. Ms. Hershour said that she thought that increase was off the table.

Ms. Gleason asked if there is no further business she wished everyone a happy holiday season and adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Horn, Executive Director