

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014  
FINANCE BUILDING  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Susan Corbett, Chair; Ms. E. Jeanne Gleason, Vice Chair; Mr. Jeffrey Gabel; Ms. Susan Goldberg; Mr. Stephen Harmelin; Ms. Gayle Isa; Mr. William Lehr, Jr.; Mr. Jeff Parks; Ms. Paula Vitz; Mr. James West, Jr.

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Senator Charles McIlhinney; Representative Tina Pickett; Mr. Robert Pullo; Representative Brian Sims; Mr. Lee Steadman; Senator Anthony Williams; Ms. Jen Zaborney.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Jenny Hershour; Ms. Mira Johnson, Folk and Traditional Arts Coordinator; Ms. Gail Reinard, for Senator Charles McIlhinney; Ms. Tammi Snyder-Queen, General Counsel.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:21 p.m. by the Chair, Susan Corbett.  
*(Quorum not yet present – skipped to non-action items)*

**ITEM 7      INFORMATION  
PCA Plan for 2015 – 2016**

Mr. Philip Horn gave an oral report on the strategic plan for next couple years noting items that had implications for the budget.

*(Quorum reached.)*

**ITEM 1      COUNCIL ACTION  
Approval of Minutes of July 16, 2014, and September 29, 2014 Council Meetings**

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

Motion carried, minutes approved.

**ITEM 2 COUNCIL ACTION**  
**Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) Transitions**

Mr. Matthew Serio gave an oral report on organizations transitioning from Project Stream to Program Stream. He addressed questions regarding funding organizations from out of state. Mr. Horn said that the money was being spent in Pennsylvania for Pennsylvanians.

\*\* Motion by Ms. Gleason. Seconded by Mr. Gabel.

Motion carried.

Ms. Susan Goldberg gave an oral report on PPA Project Stream panel meeting in Philadelphia in August of 2014.

Ms. Goldberg gave her observations about the panel. She said it was a most successful panel. She thanked the panelists as well as the Governor. She informed the panel of the new Arts & Culture Caucus. She commended the staff as consummate professionals.

**ITEM 3 COUNCIL ACTION**  
**Folk and Traditional Arts Apprenticeships**

Ms. Mira Johnson gave an oral report on the panel meeting of October 31, 2014. The panel considered twenty-one (21) applications for funding. One was withdrawn. She reported an increase in applications representing craft traditions. Six of the regions produced applications. The panel also discussed how best to review the folk arts centers.

\*\* Motion by Ms. Goldberg. Seconded by Mr. Lehr.

Motion carried.

**ITEM 4 COUNCIL ACTION**  
**Preserving Diverse Cultures Division – Recommendations for Changes in Strategies for Success**

Ms. Charon Battles gave an oral report, with comments by Mr. Philip Horn. Mr. Battles noted changes in the field. That the field was becoming more sophisticated. She noted the proposal for a new category for Strategies applicants. She said she was looking in the northern tier of the state for more applications. This is for projects that are not ready for a full basic application. It provides the opportunity to send in consultants on a long term basis. We are also sending in consultants for organizations in crisis. Mr. Horn noted that there is an increase in funding level. The Council increased most grants by about 5% but did not increase grants in Strategies pending these changes. He noted the new category for funding that is for programming only without the technical assistance or consulting.\*\*

Motion by Ms. Gleason. Seconded by Ms. Goldberg.

Motion carried.

**ITEM 5 COUNCIL ACTION**

**Preserving Diverse Cultures Division – Proposed RFP to Study Funding to Diverse Communities**

Ms. Charon Battles gave an oral report on statistical and financial information on revenue sources and expenditures for ALNAH organizations, with comments by Mr. Philip Horn regarding a national study. Ms. Goldberg asked if the PCA was initiating this study. Mr. Horn said the we are and that we will share the methodology with others who wish to do the same research. The staff is asking for approval of the proposed RFP and the funding of \$20,000 pending availability in the current fiscal year.

\*\* Motion by Ms. Goldberg. Seconded by Ms. Vitz.

Motion carried.

**ITEM 6 COUNCIL ACTION**

**Proposed Fund for Video Production of AIE Stories**

Ms. Jamie Dunlap gave an oral report. The staff has been working with the Partners over the year to learn how to tell these stories. Staff presented a recommendation for budgeting up to \$10,000 for continued support of AIE partnership digital story-telling project for fiscal year 2014-15 and beyond. Chair Corbett said the stories were wonderful. Ms. Goldberg said it was an exciting development. Mr. Horn said that the PCA would continue to add to the library of stories with this funding. Ms. Gleason said the presentation of the story at the Governor's Awards for the Arts was overwhelming. People commented on it. Having India on stage was a show stopper. Mr. Horn noted that the Learning Lamp project received a NEA grant. Ms. Gleason told the Council that they also received community foundation funding.

\*\* Motion by Ms. Goldberg. Seconded by Ms. Gleason.

Motion carried.

[NOTE: SEE ABOVE FOR ITEM 7]

**ITEM 8 INFORMATION**

**Panel Meeting Schedule (PCA and PPA)**

Ms. Charon Battles gave an oral report regarding upcoming panel meetings. She said they would be sent a schedule of the panel meetings and asked that Council members sign up to chair a panel meeting.

## **ITEM 9      INFORMATION**

### **2013-2014 Grants Report**

Ms. Amy Gabriele gave an oral report regarding sorting of grants to various recipients, with additional comments by Mr. Philip Horn and group discussion. She said that the Council was provided with a complete list of grantees and sub-grantees in different formats by PCA program, by county, by discipline and with a summary report that included per capita funding by county. Ms. Gleason asked that the information about the AIE Partnership infrastructure be presented in the same way as the PPA Partnership. Mr. Horn told the Council that this was done for the first time last year. Chair Corbett observed that this is an amazing number of grants. Mr. Horn said it will be posted on the PCA website. Chair Corbett said that it would be very helpful to show this list to legislators.

## **ITEM 10     INFORMATION**

### **Chair's Report**

Ms. Susan Corbett gave an oral report regarding the Governor's Arts Awards held on September 29, 2014 at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). She apologized for missing the Council meeting. She said she did not get a chance to thank the Council and the staff, especially Heather Doughty. She said we hit it out of the park again. She said she especially enjoyed the remarks by the recipients. She said the people in Indiana were thrilled.

She said she visited the Westmoreland Museum of American Art in Greensburg, now in the midst of a capital project and campaign to increase the size of the Museum. She said the Museum is a real jewel and that the Director Judy O'Toole is really special.

She reported that Philadelphia will host a visit by the Pope and that two million people are expected. Jane Golden, of the Mural Arts Project, is planning a mural in honor of his visit and hopes that the Pope will paint part of the commemorative mural.

She announced that a music group from Brazil will be in Harrisburg as a follow up to the Governor's trade mission to South America. She said that there will be printmaker exchange with Chile. David Fraher from Arts Midwest is instrumental in all of these. The Department of Community and Economic Development is paying for this. She said this led to a relationship for The Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh with a venue for an exhibition in Chile.

Mr. Jim West offered observations regarding his attendance at the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) Conference held in New Orleans in November 2014. He said he was honored to be there and that it was very informative. He said that Pennsylvania is doing a lot of things right. He commended Mr. Horn and the staff. He participated in a discussion of advocacy and how the arts affected the economy.

Ms. Susan Corbett commented regarding the Governor's upcoming announcement of her resignation as Chair of the Council on the Arts. She also announced that Ms. Jeanne Gleason will be appointed to serve as Chair, and Jeffrey Gabel as Vice Chair. She said they will do a great job. She thanked the staff for an amazing twelve years on the Council. It was an amazing experience.

Ms. Susan Goldberg offered her thanks to Ms. Corbett for her excellent service to the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

Mr. Philip Horn presented Ms. Corbett with her gavel (really a kitchen mallet) from the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen in recognition of her service as Chair.

**ITEM 11    INFORMATION**  
**Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Philip Horn gave an oral report regarding funding for training Senior Center staff with the Department of Aging about how to use the arts to better serve seniors. He mentioned other projects, including Learning Lamp and Poetry Out Loud.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Jeanne Gleason asked for a motion to adjourn.

\*\* Mr. Gabel moved.    Seconded by Mr. West.

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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