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QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

Capitol Park Welcome Center

702 River Road North

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Friday, April 30, 2010

10:00 a.m.

LSAC members present: Rex Alexander, Marguerite Anderson, Pam Breau, Dwayne Carruth, Karen Courtman, Robert Fisher, Derek Gordon, Gena Gore, Gerri Hobdy, Angela King (conference call), George Marks, Barbara Motley, Karen Sharp, Gene Thompson and Kim Zabbia

LSAC members absent: Linda Begue, Pamela Bryan, Steve Carter, Michael Echols, JoAnn Katz, Pat Brister, and Michael D. Robinson

Office of Cultural Development/Division of the Arts staff present: Phil Boggan, Dána La Fonta, Danny Belanger, Pearlie Johnson, Maida Owens and Sparkle Hurst

Guests: Tommy Usrey, Chairman of Louisiana Partnership for the Arts; Frank Dupuis and Liz Dejean representing The Bridge Collection, from Breau Bridge, LA.

I. Call to Order and Welcome – Ms. Hobdy, Chairman LSAC

II. Guest Artist – Frank Dupuis & Liz Dejean

Mr. Marks introduced Frank Dupuis and Liz Dejean with The Bridge Collection. Mr. Dupuis and Ms. Dejean gave an overview of the collection and the vision behind its creation. The Collection is currently on display at 901 Peach Street in Breau Bridge and the web address is www.thebridgecollection.org.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gordon motioned to accept the minutes as presented; Ms. Motley seconded. Vote: Unanimous. Minutes accepted.

IV. Report from Pam Breau, Secretary Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Ms. Breau gave an overview of the Lt. Governor's Transition Team, as Mitch Landrieu prepares to leave office to accept the Mayor's position in New Orleans, and possible impact on the Arts Division.

Scott Angelle has been nominated by the Governor to serve as Interim Lt. Governor for an approximate 6-month appointment. The new Lt. Governor will take office on May 3rd through the fall election. The October and November 2010 elections will result in an elected Lt. Governor who will complete the 1 year unfinished term of Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu. The following elections in October and November 2011 will result in an elected Lt. Governor to serve the 4-year term.

The biggest challenge for the Arts Division and the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism for this legislative session is budgetary. In the Executive Budget, the arts are slated for a substantial reduction of 2 million dollars. The priority of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism is to request that the Legislature to reinstate that amount.



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Ms. Breaux provided an overview of NASAA (National Assembly of State Arts Agencies) (the Council). NASAA was created by state arts agencies to facilitate ideas and to present knowledge, information, and representation to all state arts agencies at the national level. NASAA represents State Arts Agencies with NEA, the National Governor's Association, and the National Cultural Advocacy Group.

Ms. Breaux distributed the following handouts on behalf of NASAA:

- The National Assembly of State Arts Agencies Action Plan for the current year complements their strategic plan by itemizing the steps necessary to achieve long-term goals.
- Why Should Government Support the Arts?

Ms. Breaux serves on the NASAA Board and will share information from NASAA with the Council.

The NASAA National Conference is scheduled for mid-October in Austin, Texas. The Council is invited to attend but the Division cannot pay for expenses. Staff is arranging travel to the conference by state vehicle. If any Councilmembers are interested in travelling with Division staff, please notify Ms. LaFonta so that can be arranged.

V. Report from Director – Dána La Fonta

A legal brief was distributed to the LSAC, as prepared by DCRT legal counsel, outlining ethics laws as they relate to advocacy.

NASAA and the NEA are offering their assistance and support during these times of budget crisis. They will be available give advice on advocacy, proofread anything that might need to be sent to legislators, in addition to other forms of technical assistance. They are also willing to provide training for councils. There will be a new tool to support the arts that will be available in May 2010.

Creative Capital will conduct a Professional Development workshop in September, in Baton Rouge. The Tremaine Foundation is subsidizing their workshop to reduce participant cost. We are partnering with the LPA and the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge to provide this opportunity to 24 artists in Louisiana.

Arts In Education- The ICI Institute will start training teachers in arts integration for pilot schools at the end of June.

The Southern Arts Federation is now South Arts. Annually, South Arts features a regional Performing Arts Exchange (PAE) for the presentation and booking of presenting and touring artists. Mr. Gordon and Ms. Gore are working with the Division of the Arts on the Host Committee for the Performing Arts Exchange, which will be held in Baton Rouge in September 2011.

The Division is currently working on grant applications and is in the process of setting up for panels.

VI. Executive Committee Reports – Gerri Hobdy

Ms. Hobdy provided a report on panels and panelists as discussed by Executive Committee.

The Division of the Arts Program Staff provided a list of individuals recommended to serve on panels. Panelists were selected for their particular expertise and to give us geographic

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representation across the state so we can make appropriate distribution of the funds we have available. The list was distributed to the Council. There were no objections from the Executive Committee on behalf of the Council.

This year panels will not convene. Panelists will receive and review applications electronically.

If any councilmember would like to make a recommendation for a panelist for the Division Grants process, please forward their information to Ms. LaFonta for consideration for the Panelist Pool. Councilmember Robert Fisher asked to be added to the list.

To assist in advocacy for the Division of the Arts budget, the council requested that Mitch Landrieu be asked to provide a letter in support of the Division of the Arts to the legislature if appropriate.

VII. Unfinished Business

a. LDOA Strategic Plan

In Mr. Echols absence, Ms. Hobdy gave the following update to the council. Until we have a better understanding of the budgetary issues and how they are going to be resolved, there is no recommended action on the Strategic Plan. If the Division of the Arts budget is reduced, this would be an opportunity to engage constituents in the planning discussion for the best investment of the Division's limited resources.

VIII. Committee Reports – Committee Chairs

No Committee Reports

IX. NASAA Webinar Updates – Gena Gore

The recent webinar focused on a program where city government engaged its employees in a successful arts project that incorporated literature, and other arts disciplines in the program.

NASAA provides an online archive of slides and reports. The next webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, May 5th and will focus on the benefits of utilizing technology in state arts agencies. It begins at 2:00pm CST. The Division of the Arts will host the webinar in the Conference Room on the 2nd Floor of the Capitol Annex.

Ms. Gore asked what the Council could do to become better board members. Ms. Hobdy responded, giving an overview of the changing roles and responsibilities of the State Arts Council in the last few years.

X. LPA/LPAA Report – Tommy Usrey

Mr. Usrey briefed the Council on the (LPA) Louisiana Partnership for the Arts, and (LPAA) Louisiana Partnership for Arts Advocacy activities.

He recommended the council visit the Americans for the Arts website for information about arts advocacy www.artsusa.org. LPAA will engage in Arts Advocacy Day at the State Capitol on Tuesday, May 4.

PAE 2011 will be in Baton Rouge in September.

XI. New Business

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XII. Public Comment

Councilmembers reminded the attendees of upcoming arts activities including the LPB Art Auction Reception in Baton Rouge, Fest for All Art & Music Festival in Baton Rouge, and Louisiana Artbreak (26th year) in Shreveport this weekend.

Ms. Hobby asked for a volunteer to provide art infusion at the next meeting.

XIII. Adjournment

Mr. Gordon motion to adjourn and Mr. Thompson seconded. Vote: unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.