

LOUISIANA STATE ARTS COUNCIL

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Quarterly Meeting Minutes Friday, April 27, 2012, 10am Capital Park Welcome Center

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George Marks
Arnaudville

Barbara Motley
New Orleans

Michael D. Robinson
Baton Rouge

Karen Dean Sharp
Sterlington

Larry Eugene Thompson
Winnsboro

LSAC Members Present: Gerri Hobdy, Gene Thompson, Robert Fisher, Dwayne Carruth, Marguerite Anderson, Karen Sharp, Derek Gordon, George Marks.

LSAC Members Absent: Angela King, Pam Breaux, Barbara Motley, Rex Alexander, Gena Gore, Linda Begue, Pam Bryan, Representative Steven Carter, Karen Courtman, Michael Robinson.

Guests: Christi Weeks, Chair of the Louisiana Partnership for the Arts, and Louisiana Citizens for the Arts; Matt Mullenix, Director of Communications, Louisiana Association of Non-Profit Organizations.

Staff Present: Dana LaFonta, Pearlie Johnson, Bethany France, Kelly Pepper, Ann Russo, Gaye Hamilton, Phil Boggan, Danny Belanger

(Michael Echols joined part of the meeting by conference phone as he was unable to attend.)

Call to Order & Welcome: Ms. Hobdy called the meeting to order, noting that we had not achieved quorum. Approval of January 2012 minutes will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Ms. Hobdy announced, as a result of the poll, the next LSAC meeting will convene in Alexandria, LA. Ms. Hobdy thanked Ms. Motley for agreeing to serving on the Executive Committee as an "at large" member.

Ms. Russo presented samples of work from the 2012 Individual Artists Career Advancement grant awardees. The Division received 264 applications and awarded 36 grants to individual artists for professional development and entrepreneurial support.

Matt Mullenix from Louisiana Association of Non-Profit Organizations (LANO) was invited by the Council, gave a presentation on the benefits available through LANO and their statewide network of members and friends. (handouts were provided)

Deputy Assistant Secretary Phil Boggan invited the Council to participate in "Culture Connection" with the Lieutenant Governor on May 16, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the Capitol Park Museum, with a reception for culture constituents at 5:00 p.m.

LDOA Executive Director Report: Ms. LaFonta went over the regulations for Annual financial disclosure for tier 2.1 boards and commissions and other requirements from the Ethics administration.

Ms. LaFonta explained to the council the Executive Order freezing budget expenditures through the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2012).



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LDOA Staff Reports: Division staff gave reports on ongoing programs. Ms. Pepper announced that 65 applications were received for the current year Stabilization Grant program. (18 in the Institution category, 19 Advancement, and 28 Entry) Panels will convene through the virtual panel process in the CGO system through May 18, 2012.

Ms. France gave the Council an update on the Poetry Out Loud program. The state winner was Keegan Kane of Lake Charles, and she will compete in the national finals in Washington D. C. Council requested that Bethany send a link to the live broadcast of the national finals to the council.

The Division of the Arts received an NEA Learning in the Arts grant for \$20,000 to support the ICI arts integration program in FY13. The Division will again produce the ICI Program Summer Institute, in partnership with KidSmart, June 22-24, 2012 on the LSU campus. LSU is partnering with the Division to provide facilities and support for the summer institute this year.

Ms. Hamilton presented her report on Cultural Districts. Three new cultural districts were recently approved and 5 expansions of existing districts. Ms. Hamilton recently attended the first national symposium on Cultural Districts, in Baltimore, MD in conjunction with the National Main Streets conference.

NASAA Report: no report this quarter.

Louisiana Partnership for the Arts/Louisiana Citizens for the Arts Reports (LPA/LCA): Ms. Weeks gave her report on the last LPA and LCA meetings. The LPA is hosting affinity groups for 45 minutes before they convene in the areas of Arts Education, Public Art, Individual Artists, and Presenting and Touring. LPA will continue to provide this opportunity for stakeholders, and encourage further peer-to-peer conversations. Regional meetings were held recently in Shreveport and Alexandria. A new logo was adopted by the LCA and presented to the Council. On May 15, 2012 the Louisiana Presenters Network will have an in-service day partially funded by a grant from South Arts, to redevelop a statewide calendar for presenting and touring, internet training, pre-performance art exchange network, promotion, and block booking. Ms. Weeks also reported that LCA is requesting a restoration to the arts grants budgets, and that two representatives of the organization went to Washington D.C. recently for National Arts Advocacy Day to meet with Louisiana's National delegation.

New Business: Mr. Marks gave a report on the work that he is doing with Artcultures, an international program of France, connecting Arnaudville with a region in France to provide links between businesses and the arts in the two countries.

Public Comment: Mr. Gordon shared his thoughts on the Automobile Tax bill. He will send copies of the bill to LSAC members.

Gene motioned to adjourn, second by Derek Gordon.

Meeting adjourned at (approximately) 11:48pm.