

**Minutes of the
LOUISIANA STATE ARTS COUNCIL
QUARTERLY MEETING
Shreveport, Louisiana
Monday, December 3, 2001
11:00 a.m.**

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Dan Henderson, chairman, opened the quarterly meeting of the Louisiana State Arts Council (LSAC), which was held at the Strand Theatre in Shreveport at 11:00 a.m. The following members were **present**:

Dan Henderson	Beverly Wilson
Sara Herrington	Christine Weeks
Raelene Pell	

Council members **absent** from the meeting included:

Beverly Covington	Carolyn McLellan
Cynthia Warner	Cynthia Ardoin
Quincy Hilliard	LeAnne Weill
Kay Kellogg Katz	Sally Perry
Laura Jeter Weems	Mary Terrell Joseph

Proxies sent included:

LeAnne Weill
Sally Perry
Laura Jeter Weems
Mary Terrell Joseph

Staff members of the Louisiana Division of the Arts in attendance were:

Pam Breaux
Lisa Green
Valerie Lewis

Also in attendance was Pam Atchison, Executive Director of the Shreveport Regional Arts Council, representing the Louisiana Partnership for the Arts.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2001, meeting was proposed by Ms. Pell and seconded by Ms. Herrington. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Henderson opened the meeting by discussing his new position with the Department of Economic Development. He'll be traveling around the state promoting information technology.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Breaux began by distributing copies of the Division Director's report. This is a regular report to the Office of Cultural Development. Ms. Breaux stated she feels the Council members could benefit by knowing more about what's going on within the Division. The Council members agreed this would be a helpful tool for them. Ms. Breaux stated she will continue to forward these reports to the Council members.

Ms. Breaux also presented an update on the Percent for Arts program by stating LDOA has a fully executable contract with Don Marshall as the Percent for Arts Manager; the first project involves two buildings at the Baton Rouge Community College. Ms. Breaux then spoke about the newly approved increase in funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. Their increase is \$10 million, and it is targeted specifically for their Challenge America program. Ms. Breaux presented the council members with more details about the Challenge America grant and then answered all relevant questions. The LDOA took public comment on spending the Challenge America funds as time allowed; comment was received both orally and electronically.

Ms. Breaux then provided a brief update on the Folklife program, stating that it is now totally funded, and that five folklorists will be placed around the state. The hiring process has begun for the two remaining positions (Lafayette and Baton Rouge). Ms. Breaux then presented the council members with the economic impact study and explained some background relevant to it.

Ms. Breaux stated there is a commitment from the department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism allowing us \$100,000 in federal funds to commission a work of theatre that will be produced in 2003. This event will be part of the celebration of the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase. Ms. Breaux stated that she and Dee Hamilton of LDOA are in the process of making a statewide call to artists. Further details will be forthcoming to the Council members.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Breaux reviewed the FY02 synopsis, giving the Council members a breakdown of the FY02 fellowship winners, artists named to the crafts marketing program and applicants accepted for the Touring Directory. Ms. Herrington moved to accept the FY02 fellowship winners, Ms Joseph second. The motion carried. Ms. Wilson advised the Council members that she is on the Superintendent's Task Force for Arts Education and they are putting together a directory, she is seeking assistance from the LDOA to provide contact information for each region. Ms. Breaux stated LDOA will provide her with this information. Council members suggested sending a sympathy card to Beth Kaplan. Ms. Breaux stated the LDOA will take care of this.

OTHER

The next LSAC meeting will be held March 25, 2002 in Baton Rouge.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:25p.m.