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QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

Capitol Park Welcome Center, Baton Rouge, LA

Friday, July 29, 2011

10am

LSAC members present: Michael Echols, Vice-Chair, Rex Alexander, Karen Sharp, Marguerite Anderson, Michael Robinson, Rep. Steve Carter, Barbara Motley, Gena Gore, Angela King, Dwayne Carruth, George Marks, Pam Breaux

Louisiana Division of the Arts staff present: Dána LaFonta, Pearlie J. Johnson, Kelly Pepper, Danny Belanger, Maida Owens, Bethany France, Gaye Hamilton

I. Call to Order and Welcome: Mr. Echols conducted the meeting in the absence of the Chairman Hobdy and called the meeting to order. In the presence of a quorum, Mr. Echols asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 2011 and April 2011.

MOTION: Dwayne Carruth motioned to approved minutes

SECOND: 3 seconds

ACCEPTED: Unanimous, no abstentions.

II. Director's Report: Ms. LaFonta gave an update on staff layoffs and the reassignments of TO's (Table of Organization) of Gaye Hamilton and Danny Belanger. Gaye gave an update on Cultural Districts. Ms. LaFonta reviewed the grants recommendations (handout) with the council. Recommended funding and allocations and the panel process were explained. Ms. LaFonta reviewed the LDOA FY2012 Budget (handout) with the council. Line items and allocations were explained. Mr. Echols called for a motion to approve the budget.

MOTION: Michael Robinson motioned to approve the FY2012 grants and budget.

SECOND: Gena Gore.

ACCEPTED: Unanimous, with no abstentions.

III. Advocacy Committee Report: Mr. Marks gave an update on Advocacy. LPA retreat was held on August 5, 2012 in St. Landry Parish, LA.

IV. Special Events Committee Report: Ms. Gore gave an update on the Performing Arts Exchange (PAE) host committee. She expressed the need for volunteers to assist during the conference. Interested council members should contact Kelly Pepper on the LDOA staff to coordinate volunteer times.

V. Policy Committee Report: Mr. Echols informed the council that policy conversation centered on strategic planning. The council moved from item V. directly to item VI. Strategic Planning.

VI. LDOA Strategic Planning: Mr. Echols informed the council that their assistance is needed on a committee to discuss strategic direction. Mr. Echols called for 5 volunteers to assist the Chairman and Vice-Chairman on the committee. Mr. Marks, Ms. Motley, Ms. Anderson, Ms. King and Mr. Carruth volunteered to serve on the committee. Ms. LaFonta gave an update on the planning timeline & status. A facilitated conversation for the State Arts Council – Strategic Planning Committee and LDOA Staff will be scheduled in the coming month with the facilitator, Lisa Mount.



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The committee work will be used to develop the strategic plan and an implementation plan which will be completed by early winter to submit to the National Endowment for the Arts.

VII. LDOA Staff Reports:

a. Organizational Services Program Director Kelly Pepper - reported on the Performing Arts Exchange. Ms. Pepper discussed the two showcases – One featuring 9 Louisiana Artists, and a second Gulf Coast showcase, in partnership with the state arts agencies in Mississippi and Alabama. The showcases have prompted an increase in the touring artists in the Louisiana Touring Directory to 60. Additionally, the Louisiana Crafts Guild has been invited to set up a remote “gallery” at the conference site to sell Louisiana crafts by those juried into the guild. Louisiana Department of Economic Development has purchased a booth and will take up to 20 artist’s materials to display at the convention marketplace.

b. Folklife Program Director Maida Owens - reported that the Folklife program, in cooperation with received a grant from the National Park Service, to publish and archive research from the Northeast Louisiana Delta Region through the Lower Mississippi Delta Initiative Program to increase public access to the information.

c. Arts-In-Education Program Director Bethany France - gave a report on the Imagination Creativity Innovation (ICI) Initiative. This year teams from all 8 pilot schools attended a 4-day summit in Tennessee focusing on arts integration and national curriculum standards. The Poetry Out Loud – national poetry recitation competition state finals were held on March 24, 2011 at the State Museum in Baton Rouge. This year’s finalist, David Douglas from Lake Charles, represented Louisiana at the national finals in Washington, DC at the end of April and gave a commendable performance.

VIII. NASAA Report: Ms. LaFonta gave a report on NASAA’s activities in national arts advocacy efforts to preserve NEA funding to state arts agencies. Ms. Breaux added updated information about the NEA budget deliberation.

IX. LPA/LPAA Report: None, covered in the Advocacy Committee Report.

X. New Business: Arts Ready – Arts Ready is a Disaster Preparedness on-line system tool developed by South Arts our regional partner. South Arts has received support from NEA and Carnegie Mellon to develop the tool. Louisiana has been invited to participate in the pilot. Chairman Hobdy has aided the LDOA by securing financial support from the Baton Rouge Area Foundation for \$30,000 over the next 3 years to support Louisiana non-profit organizations participation in the program. More information will be shared with the council as the initiative develops.

XI. Public Comment – None.

With no additional business to address, Mr. Echols called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Ms. Anderson motioned to adjourn

SECOND: Ms. Motley

ACCEPTED: Unanimous, with no abstentions.

The meeting adjourned.