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LSAC Minutes for Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Members Present: Chair Mary Lee, Ellen Anthony, Margie Camardelle, Conni Castille, Jonathan Foret, Darden Gladney, Dirk Guidry, Gene Meneray, Henry Price, Ed "Tiger" Verdin, Christian Vigé, Kyle Wedberg, Patrick Widhalm, Richard Williams

Absent: Adam Holland, Patti Nelson, Joy Pace, Olivia Regard, Kristin Sanders (ex-officio)

OCD Staff Present: April Baham, Danny Belanger, Carrie Broussard, Scott Finch, Susannah Johannsen, Kelsea McCrary, Maida Owens

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 11:03 am by Chair Mary Lee.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Gladney to approve the April 20, 2021 minutes, seconded by Price.

Motion carried, 14-0 with Holland, Nelson, Pace, Regard absent.

III. Introduction of New Council Members

Richard Williams

Jonathan Foret

IV. Reports

Chair Report by Mary Lee. Chair Lee let new council members know there will be an orientation session to welcome them to the state arts council and explain expectations, etc. Chair Lee announced that the next meeting will be in person at the Arts Summit in Baton Rouge September 21, 2021. All pending Delta/ COVID cases and any declarations made by the Governor.

Assistant Secretary Report was given by Deputy Assistant Secretary Carrie Broussard. Deputy Assistant Secretary Broussard noted that no bills impacted the Office of Cultural Development during the legislative session. Additionally there are no bills that could impact the Division during the current veto session. Deputy Secretary Broussard noted that the Office of Tourism has expressed interest in developing a Music Trail and that the Division of the Arts would house this job position and project.

Executive Director Report by Susannah Johansen. Mrs. Johannsen announced that the Division is working to flesh out the Strategic Plan with Action Steps. The Division has submitted a proposal to the National Endowment of the Arts framing how the Division intends to spend the American Relief Plan funds. The proposal identified 4 focus areas: Outreach, Capacity Building, Training and Grants.

NASAA Report by Gene Menary. Mr. Menary is on the nominating committee for NASAA and welcomes any nominations for Louisiana. NASAA is beginning a four part Creative Aging series beginning today. NASSA will begin hosting in-person meeting in 2022.

V. Business

Deputy Assistant Secretary Carrie Broussard reminded LSAC members that ethics training must be completed by the December 31st.

Deputy Assistant Secretary Broussard noted that Ms. Virginia Berthelot has resigned her position on the board. Mr. Menary and Ms. Regard need to be reappointed by the Executive Director of the Acadiana Center for the Arts. There is one pending appointment waiting for the Governor's approval and two open seats remaining to be filled.

Program Updates by Arts staff.

VI. Public Comment

None.

VII. Meeting Adjournment

Camardelle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:28 pm.

Next LSAC Meeting: September 21, 2021