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ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Council Members Present: Rex Alexander, Margie Camardelle, Darryl Carruth, Missy Crews Howard, Mary Lee, George Marks, Patti Nelson, Michael Robinson, Michael Talbot, Sheela Plater

Council Members Absent: Marguerite Anderson, Waynette Ballengee, Gena Gore, Gerri Hobdy, Barbara Motley, Jacques Rodrigue, Patrick Widhalm

LDOA and CRT Staff Present: Cheryl Castille, Paula White, Danny Belanger, Maida Owens, Gaye Hamilton, Phil Boggan – OCD Assistant Secretary, Kristin Sanders – OCD Deputy Assistant Secretary. Dana LaFonta was absent.

Special Guests:

**I. Call to Order and Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Chair Mary Lee.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Patti Nelson motioned to approve the minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Robinson. All approved. Motion passed.

**III. Chairman's Report**

Mary Lee welcomed everyone and introduced new LSAC member Margie Camardelle. Ms. Camardelle discussed her background and interest in the arts. Mary congratulated everyone on a job well done with Culture Connection and applauded the Lt. Governor on the effective small group sessions he held with our arts and culture community and professional partners.

**IV. LDOA Director's Report:**

- Cheryl indicated that she continues to meet with the Regional Development Agencies (RDAs) throughout the state.
- A report was provided on the first joint professional development session with Main Street Directors and the RDA Directors and Community Development Coordinators.
- A report was provided on the NASAA bootcamp in Washington DC. Information was provided to Cheryl on running effective state art agencies.
- The Louisiana Crafts Guild has developed a partnership with the Mississippi Crafts Guild. This provides the opportunity to all members to be accepted automatically as participants at specific arts festivals in the partnering state.
- LDOA continues to gather information on creative placemaking projects throughout the state.

### **Report from Assistant Secretary Phil Boggan**

- Phil met with First Lady, Ms. Edwards regarding arts education and potential partnerships. LDOA and LSAC will do a presentation to Ms. Edwards on our programming.
- Information was provided on the upcoming Destination Downtown gathering in Ruston.
- Culture 2020 will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup>. This will be a day long convening focused on a strategic visioning process addressing where we want culture to be in four years.

### **V. LDOA Staff Reports**

Grant Programs: Grants awards were presented for ratification: Decentralized Arts Funding, General Operating Support and RDA Plan Review Grants. Michael motioned to approve the award amounts. Sheela 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Cultural Districts Program: Gaye Hamilton reported on our upcoming creative placemaking project partnership with Chamber Music America and the Project for Public Spaces.

Folklife: Maida Owens reported completion of the Baton Rouge Traditions project. Over 500 Baton Rouge residents and tradition bearers were identified through this project. She is working with the Baton Rouge Arts Council to organize and implement a public release event for this project. Regional events are being planned for October Folklife month.

Percent for Arts: With Dana absent, Dwayne reported on the LSU Union project. Phil explained the legislative changes with the Percent for Arts program.

Arts and Education: Danny reported that ESSA will move forward with music in education initiative.

### **VI. LPA / LCA Report**

LDOA is attempting to set up a meeting with LPA and LCA board members to assess the mission and follow through of the organizations.

### **VII. New Business**

- Phil informed members that the Culture Communique newsletter will once again be distributed through OCD. He encouraged LSAC members to send information on arts/culture related events to OCD Communications Director, Caroline Downer, [cdowner@crt.la.gov](mailto:cdowner@crt.la.gov).
- Representative Talbot suggested and encouraged LSAC members and LDOA staff to reach out to their legislative representatives regarding arts/culture related issues. Education is the key. Build a rapport with each of them.
- Michael Robinson suggested that LSAC consider rotating meetings throughout different areas of the state, providing the opportunity to learn more about initiatives that are occurring in each of the regions.
- Mary Lee and Phil Boggan discussed the overall LDOA budget.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm. Motion was made to adjourn by George Marks, seconded by Michael Robinson and unanimously passed by the Council.