

**Minutes of the
LOUISIANA STATE ARTS COUNCIL
QUARTERLY MEETING
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Monday, September 24, 2001
10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Dan Henderson, chairman, opened the quarterly meeting of the Louisiana State Arts Council (LSAC), which was held in Room B-63 of the State Capitol Annex Building at 10:00 a.m. The following members were **present**:

Dan Henderson	Sally Perry
Sara Herrington	Laura Jeter Weems
Mary Terrell Joseph	LeAnne Weill
Raelene Pell	Beverly Wilson
Beth Kaplan	Christine Weeks

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

Leah Chase (proxy to Dan Henderson)	Carolyn McLellan
Cynthia Warner (proxy to Sara Herrington)	Cynthia Ardoin
Quincy Hilliard	
Kay Kellogg Katz	

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

Pam Breaux	Dabne Liebke
Lisa Green	Ann Tetreault
Dee Hamilton	Maida Owens
Valerie Lewis	Pearlie Johnson
Ann Russo	Mickie Willis

Also present was Teri Cober, Administrative Manager, Louisiana Partnership for the Arts.

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, the Louisiana Division of the Arts presented LeAnne Weill with a gift of appreciation and a certificate for her work on this year's Governor's Arts Awards.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes of the June 25, 2001, meeting was proposed by Ms. Joseph and seconded by Ms. Weeks. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Henderson officially introduced Laurel Wyckoff, the new Assistant Secretary of the Office of Cultural Development, to the Board. Wyckoff advised the Board of her current activities and spoke a little about the September 11th tragedy and its impact on the arts.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FY02 Fall Grant Applications

Ms. Breaux reviewed with the Council the LDOA report on grant applications received for the September deadline. The FY02 Grants Synopsis provides a breakdown of the applications received for artist mini-grants, fellowships, artist roster and craft marketing programs. LDOA received a total of 95 mini-grant applications and 136 artist fellowship applications, which includes 20 for the artist roster and 4 for the crafts marketing. Panels are scheduled to be held November 6th-16th at the LSAC, with the exception of the theater panel which was held at the Capitol Annex.

There was some general discussion about the low numbers on the artist roster, which Mickie Willis explained by stating that there are currently 136 people on the artist roster and that due to the reapplication process, 60-70% of the people on the artist roster do reapply after the 5 year deadline. Mr. Willis went on to explain the importance of appearing on the artist roster and its long-term effect on the community and the state.

Dee Hamilton also noted that there were 10 applications for the Touring Directory.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Endorsement of September Individual Artist Mini-Grant Selections

LDOA presented the Council with a list of the FY02 Fall 2001 Mini-Grant winners. There were 95 applications; LDOA awarded 58. Ms. Weeks moved to accept the recommendations for grant awards; Ms. Wilson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Preliminary Advisory Panelists for November Panels

The Council was presented with a list of potential panel members for the November panels. Ms. Breaux explained the panel selection process in detail. Ms. Joseph moved to accept the preliminary advisory panelists for the November panels; Ms. Wilson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Plans for Artists in the Capitol Day May 1, 2001

Ms. Breaux states that we will go into more detail about this subject in the second part of our meeting. She proposes moving the Governor's Arts Awards to May 1, 2002 since it is not connected to the State Arts Conference. This will allow Artists Day in the Capitol to be even bigger than Arts in Education, providing us with a great audience for ourselves and at the same time, cutting down on travel for our constituents. Ms. Joseph states this would add great credence to arts education. Council members think this is a good idea. Ms. Weeks motioned to approve the recommendation; Ms. Perry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Percent for Art Update

Ms. Breaux presented the Council members with the new Public Art Handbook. Ms. Breaux states that we are now ready to begin the implementation of the Percent for Arts program. It was noted that the Public Art Coalition will be meeting in Covington tomorrow at which time they will be presented with the handbook. Ms. Breaux also noted that Don Marshall has been chosen as the Percent for Art Program Manager. Mr. Marshall is currently employed with Southeastern University in Hammond and has a great art background. Commissioner Mark Drennan has appointed Sarah Kracke to be a liason. Ms. Kracke attended the last Public Art Coalition meeting and also attended the Public Art pre conference in New York.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a general discussion about installation of new Arts Council members. There should be 22 members, but currently, there are only 16 members. It has been over a year and a half and still there have been no new members appointed. We will continue to monitor this situation. LDOA presented the Council with a current list of Arts Council members and an updated list of LDOA staff.

OTHER

The next LSAC meeting will be held December 3rd in Shreveport.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.