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## **LSAC Minutes for Tuesday, August 21, 2018**

Council Members Present: Mary Lee, Patrick Widhalm, Patti Nelson, Rodneya Hart, Gene Meneray, Joy Pace, Kip Holloway, Adam Holland, Rep. Michael Kirk Talbot, Margie Camardelle, Sheela Plater, Patti Nelson, Kyle Wedberg

Absent: Waynette Ballangee, Olivia Regard, Jill Hackney

LDOA and OCD Staff Present: Paula White, Maida Owens, Cheryl Castille, Danny Belanger, Scott Finch, Kelsea McCrary, Tiffany Dickerson.

Guests: Renee Chatelain, Executive Director-Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge (ACGBR) and staff

- I. **Call to Order and Welcome** The meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Chair Mary Lee.
  - Mary Lee introduced new LDOA/OCD staff members  
Tiffany Dickerson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Cultural Development  
Scott Finch, Director – Percent for Art Program  
Kelsea McCrary, Director – Cultural District Program  
Renee Chatelain, ED ACGBR and Staff.
  - ACGBR staff presented information on programs and services offered through their agency.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Adam Holland motioned to approve. Joy Pace second. Motion approved.
- III. **LSAC Chair Report:** Mary Lee welcomed everyone.
  - Kyle Wedberg provided an overview of the next LSAC meeting to be held at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts on Tuesday, October 16, 2018
  - Gene Meneray provided a summary of the Artist as Entrepreneur Boot Camps and discussed follow-up opportunities.
  - Mary Lee indicated that at the next meeting she would like to begin discussions on potential initiatives for underserved constituents in our state.
  - LSAC members whose terms are at the end were identified. Cheryl will contact each individually to provide information on contacting their Regional Arts Council if they are interested in potential reappointment by the Governor.
- IV. **Assistant Secretary Report: Tiffany Dickerson, Deputy Assistant Secretary represented Kristin Sanders.**
  - Tiffany provided information on the new educational videos produced by LPB for each OCD Division and individual programs. Videos can be found on the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism Website: <https://www.crt.state.la.us/cultural-development/>
  - Following LSAC members, ratifying FY19 Grant Awards, the Lt. Governor will approve final awards and special projects to be completed out of each LDOA Department.

## **V. LDOA Director's Report:**

- Paula White and Cheryl Castille provided FY19 Grant Awards information to LSAC members for approval.
- FY19 Regional Arts Councils Operating Support: \$283,000  
FY19 Individual Artist Mini Grants: \$20,000  
General Operating Support Grants: \$502,920  
DAF Arts Funding Allocation including grant funds, CDC salary/administrative funds: \$1,000,000
- Adam Holland discussed the need for additional funding for the small rural areas of the state. Questioned the possibility of redirecting funds from the General Operating Support (GOS) to larger organizations. Cheryl indicated that the grant processes had already been completed based on the award totals provided to all grant panels for each GOS level. She also indicated that the GOS award level was again reduced this year by \$40,000. Gene Meneray provided information on the need for funding to these organizations as the funding opportunities for each of them has reduced dramatically in the past five to ten years. Cheryl also indicated that this was a national trend and that the funding amounts the state of Louisiana provides them go a long way towards providing programs and opportunities for many residents of the areas they are located in. Information was also provided on the potential changes for FY20 to the Decentralized Arts Funding program (DAF) that will provide the opportunity for smaller rural areas to compete for larger project grant award amounts.
- Adam Holland motioned to approve the FY19 Grant Award totals. Kyle second. Motion Approved.
- Cheryl provided information on new LDOA initiatives for each division program: arts education roundtables, arts accessibility programming for veterans, community programs focused on bayou communities dealing with land loss and preserving cultural traditions, creation of short video snippets to highlight achievements within cultural districts, individual artists, arts organizations and a variety of programming initiatives throughout the state.
- Group discussed LDOA's current financial situation and not being funded through the state general budget. Rep. Talbot provided recommendations on involving state legislative representation. LSAC will continue to explore options. LSAC members requested Lt. Governor Nungesser to attend the next meeting so that they can discuss this issue and to find out more about the CRT Foundation. Cheryl indicated that she had already put the request in to the scheduler and the date was tentatively being held on his calendar.

#### **VI. Public Comment**

No comment.

**VII. Meeting Adjournment** Patrick motioned to adjourn the meeting. Adam 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

**Next LSAC Meeting:** Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 11am, New Orleans Center for Creative Arts  
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