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**LSAC Minutes for Tuesday, July 21, 2020**

Council Members Present: Chair Mary Lee, Ellen Anthony, Margie Camardelle, Conni Castille, Darden Gladney, Dirk Guidry, Gene Meneray, Patti Nelson, Sheela Plater, Henry Price, Olivia Regard, Kristin Sanders, Christian Vigé, Kyle Wedberg, Patrick Widhalm

Absent: Virginia Berthelot, Adam Holland, Joy Pace, Rep. Michael Kirk Talbot, Kip Holloway

LDOA and OCD Staff Present: Erica Anderson, April Baham, Danny Belanger, Carrie Broussard, Cheryl Castille, Scott Finch, Kelsea McCrary, Maida Owens

Guests: Mike Ince, Rodneya Hart

- I. **Call to Order and Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Chair Mary Lee.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** January, 21, 2020 meeting minutes will be forwarded for approval at a future meeting. Due to Executive Director's illness and working remotely, there was not access to meeting notes.
- III. **LSAC Chair Report:** Mary Lee welcomed.
  - Mary Lee indicated she appointed Gene Meneray to serve as Sargent of Arms for LSAC.
  - Art and Justice initiative put on hold due to COVID. LSAC members were asked to think about where else we could direct our efforts.
- IV. **Assistant Secretary Report:** Kristin Sanders reported on OCD's operations in relation to COVID.
  - Maintaining connection to partners and grantees.
  - Legislative session update: Historic tax credit extended for four more years. Caps initiated but at manageable level.
  - Budget stable. No cuts this year. There will be a decrease in travel and in-person meetings.
  - Lt. Governor in constant contact with Governor. Supportive of our industries while following through with COVID mandates.
- V. **LDOA Director's Report:** Program Director's provided brief updates.
  - Danny is currently archiving and updating grant information to new Submittable system.
  - Scott and April discussed Percent for Art projects currently in process, Bogue Chitto State Park, LSU Animal and Food Science, Louisiana School, Southern University, SOWELA, and Nicholls State. April has updated website and is building a comprehensive project database. Kyle applauded their efforts in keeping artists employed during this time. He stated that artists have indicated to him that this has been a great time to create, but it is not resulting in paid work.
  - Kelsea – Cultural Districts, provided information on CD awards and new upcoming CD applications.
  - Maida Owens – Folklife, Bayou Culture Collaborative (BCC) initiatives have currently been on hold due to COVID. Partnering with CWPR to develop podcasts featuring tradition bearers. Also

working with New Orleans based Neighborhood Story project, Acadian Brown Cotton spinning apprenticeship, update on documentation of Creole fiddler, Willie Durasseau.

- Erica Anderson – Grants Programs, provided update on NEA CARES funding to our GOS recipients and upcoming GOS and individual artist support grants.
- Gene Meneray provided NASAA and AFTA update. Extension of unemployment benefits, Paycheck protection plan, continued support for NEA. Brief discussion on the current situation of arts industry due to COVID.

#### **VI. New Business**

- Dirk Guidry provided an update on the Acadiana region's cuts in arts and cultural funding. Also indicated he has been sitting in on various webinars regarding online art galleries during the time of COVID. It was a \$4.82 billion dollar industry in 2019. 2020 has seen an 80% increase in sales.

#### **VII. Public Comment**

No comment.

#### **VIII. Meeting Adjournment**

Sheela motioned to adjourn the meeting. Margie 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

**Next LSAC Meeting:** Tuesday, August 25, 2020 @ 11am