



CT Arts Council

Connecticut Arts Council Meeting

Monday, December 5, 2022

1:00 pm

Via Zoom Video Conference Call

MINUTES

Present: Floyd Green, Mary Ellen Kingsland-Eckels, Fritz Jellinghaus, *emeritus*, Calida Jones, Sofia Lewitt, Judy McElhone, and Jack Rosenberg

Absent: Adriane Jefferson, Ted Yudain

Nominee Absent: Jacob Padron

Staff: Mel Díaz, Tamara Dimitri, Kolton Harris, Tekowa Omara-Otunnu, and Elizabeth Shapiro

Absent: Rhonda Olisky and Lu Rivera

Call to Order

Chairman Jack Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Rosenberg asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 7th.

Motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting.

Motion: F. Green | Second: S. Lewitt | Discussion: No additional discussion.

In favor: 5, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0

November meeting minutes approved.

Office of the Arts Action Item

There were no Arts action items to discuss.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Rosenberg welcomed Mary Ellen back as an appointed Council Member.

He announced that the March meeting will occur in person as Kelly Barsdate, Chief Program and Planning Officer from NASAA, would be leading a workshop for the Council. Director Elizabeth Shapiro reported that Barsdate specializes in advocacy and leads "boot camps" for staff and Councils. A virtual option for the meeting will be provided to ensure everyone can participate. The two-hour meeting will start with standard Council business and be followed by the workshop. Additional information will be provided at the January meeting.

Director's Report

Director Shapiro announced that staff reviewed Cultural Fund applications last week and should be finishing the work this week, with funding announcements coming soon. Staff continues to move ahead with ARPA grants. She reported that CT Humanities will administer the Good to Great grant program. The bond funds program started in 2015 due to work from constituents for \$500k a year to be used for projects with capital components for arts and cultural organizations to move from good to grant. COA and SHPO staff had been running it every two years, but the program was on hiatus during the pandemic. The program's format and requirements have been revised. Information will be posted on the CT Humanities website and shared through the COA and SHPO newsletters.

Shapiro reminded Council members of the Arts Hero Awards celebration on January 18, 2023. She then reported on upcoming professional development opportunities for the field. She will be presenting at the Thrive Conference on December 6th. There will be two grant-writing webinars on December 13th and a curated second one on March 9th. A VLA workshop will take place on December 8th. Lastly, the Elizabeth L. Mahaffey Arts Administration Fellowship application will open in January. This is a capacity-building cohort with mentoring.

Other Business

Council members Judy McElhone, Sofia Lewitt, and Calida Jones reported on the Governor's Arts Awards. The Committee recommended that the 2020 awardees receive a proclamation from the Governor and a note from the Council but not a separate event. Council members were encouraged to attend the Arts Hero Awards. It was suggested that if the Council continues the awards, staff from the Governor's office should be involved. Another suggestion was to see if there was an opportunity to create an award based on advocacy or stewardship during future Art Hero Award celebrations allowing for more impact.

Adjournment

Chairman Rosenberg reminded Council members that the next meeting would be on January 6th and wished everyone happy holidays.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:12 pm.

Motion: J. McElhone | Second: M. Kingsland-Eckels | Discussion: No additional discussion.

In favor: 6, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0

Meeting adjourned at 2:12 pm.