Connecticut Arts Council Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2024
1:00 pm
Zoom

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Floyd Green, Jacqui Hubbard, Judy McElhone, Daniel O'Keefe, Jack Rosenberg, and Elizabeth Shapiro
Absent: Mary Ellen Kingsland-Eckels and Andrew Linde
Staff: Mel Díaz
Guest: Denise Massingale-Lamb

Call to Order
Chairman Jack Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. Since there was no quorum, Chairman Rosenberg delayed approving the previous meeting minutes. Rosenberg reported to the Council that he and Director Elizabeth Shapiro are working diligently to have more members appointed to the Council so quorum stops being an issue.

Director's Report
Director Shapiro started her report by thanking the Council for their participation and time commitment to the Council.

Shapiro reported that she attended the NASAA Leadership Assembly in Santa Fe this past December with other Directors and Deputy Directors. The group discussed various topics from equity to partnering with national partners like NEA, NASSA, and the NEA. The topics covered will help inform the next full conference in the fall.

Staff have been doing a lot of grant work on ARPA, Endowment, Artist Respond, and Every Child Art Experience. Staff will give presentations on those receiving grants and why in February and March. The READI Council's first meeting will be at the end of the month. It will have five members plus Giovanna Adams as chair. The CT Arts Awards is taking place on the 24th from 6-8 pm at Infinity Hall. This year, eight heroes and three emerging creatives will be celebrated with short films that highlight the recipients.

Director Shapiro closed her presentation by introducing the new DECD Commissioner Daniel O'Keefe. Commissioner O'Keefe provided a short introduction of himself and shared why he is excited about the work being done in Connecticut.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Rosenberg reiterated the work being done to appoint additional members to the Council. The Council can have 13 members and there are currently only seven, which is the amount needed for a quorum. If even one member cannot attend a meeting, there is no quorum.

Committee for the Governor's Arts Awards

Denise Massingale-Lamb reported that the Committee is looking at dates and contemplating the best time to have awards. The Committee's priority is ensuring the opportunity for these honors is inclusive and will bring more people and partnerships into the art space. The Council discussed different gathering sizes, locations, and times of year.

Other Business

There was no "other business" to discuss.

Adjournment

Chairman Rosenberg adjourned the meeting at 1:43 pm.