



CT Arts Council

Connecticut Arts Council Meeting

Monday, July 10, 2023

1:00 pm

Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Floyd Green, Jacqui Hubbard, Mary Ellen Kingsland-Eckels, Andrew Linde, Judy McElhone, Jack Rosenberg, and Elizabeth Shapiro

Absent: Alexandra Daum and Sofia Lewitt

Staff: Mel Díaz

Guest: Denise Massingale-Lamb and Ted Yudain

Call to Order

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Rosenberg asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 5th meetings.

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

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

June meeting minutes approved.

Arts Council Advocacy/Policy

Chairman Rosenberg asked members about advocacy happening in each member's region. This suggestion came from Kelly Barsdate, Chief Program and Planning Officer of NASAA, who led a workshop for Arts Council members in March. Part of the meeting was dedicated to how the Council could be advocates for the arts and arts groups. Each member gave updates from their region and the organizations with which they are involved.

Office of the Arts Action Item

There was no Arts Action Item to discuss.

Director's Report

Director Elizabeth Shapiro expanded on the advocacy discussion. She explained that NASAA connects all 50 states and 6 territories and supports the Council and staff by helping them stay informed and understand policy. The questions suggested for discussion are to help the Council be the "eyes and ears" for COA so we can be better informed to do our job. They are also helpful in building strong relationships with legislators and future Council candidates.

Shapiro shared that staff was closing out the fiscal year and starting to plan for the next. Although the State budget had not been approved, the proposed budget allows for basic planning to begin. Staff will continue work on creative aging, arts education, ARPA grants including the Summer at the Museum program, Good to Great grants, and AEP6. The Good to Great grant recipients were announced this week, 34 organizations will receive \$7.1 MM for capital projects. The formal data collation for AEP6 is completed. As of June 29th, in CT, 6500 electronic and paper audience surveys. A fifth comes from BIPOC or primarily BIPOC led organizations. Over 600 organizations completed data. A full report of the findings will be released in the fall. CAAA conference will be held at UHart. COA had partner with them so our teaching artists have relationships with art administrators. 15 teaching artists are attending this year's conference and plans are in development to create a teaching artists track at the conference.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Rosenberg stated that those interested in participating in the Governor's Arts and Partrons Awards can start work in September.

Other Business

Former Council Member Ted Yudain has offered to be renominated to the Council. There was no additional "other business" to discuss.

Adjournment

Chairman Rosenberg asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:01 pm.

Motion: M. Kingsland-Eckels | Second: A. Linde | Discussion: No additional discussion.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:01 pm.