



Connecticut Arts Council Meeting

Monday, April 1, 2024

1:00 pm

Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Floyd Green, Jacqui Hubbard, Mary Ellen Kingsland-Eckels, Andrew Linde, Judy McElhone, Sarah McKay, Jack Rosenberg, and Brian Walters

Absent: Daniel O'Keefe and Elizabeth Shapiro

Staff: Mel Díaz

Guest: Denise Massingale-Lamb and Riley Bartolomeo (CT-N)

Call to Order

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

Committee for the Governor's Arts Awards

Council member Andre Linde reported that the *save the dates* were being created and he has been working with Director Elizabeth Shapiro for official @ct.gov email addresses. He asked for nominations of people the Council wanted to recognize. They must have a current residence and presence in CT and the Committee would like to honor five to seven people.

Discussion of new program proposed by Brian Walters

Council member Brian Walters had sent an email with his proposed programs. He is seeing if there is interest with gallery owners to have a meet and greet with the Council over the summer and discuss a storefront art project. So far, there is interest in both. Chairman Rosenberg thanked Walters for his initiative and other Council Members offered their help. When questioned if the Council could have programs separate from the Office of the Arts. Rosenberg explained that the Council could have its own programs as it works collaboratively with COA and its mission is advocacy and supporting the arts.

Office of the Arts Action Items

Administrative Assistant Melissa Díaz reported on behalf of Director Elizabeth Shapiro. Díaz stated that there were no action items and apologized on behalf of the staff that was unable to attend.

Director Shapiro was currently spending the day with Randy Cohen from the American for the Arts who is spending the week in CT and sharing results from the AEP6 Study. She explained that AEP6 is the sixth economic impact study of the nonprofit arts and culture industry in the U.S. The study is conducted about every five years by Americans for the Arts. She said that next month staff would report on their grant work.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Rosenberg had nothing to report.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Chairman Rosenberg adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm.