

Connecticut Arts Council Meeting
Monday, October 7, 2024
1:00 pm
Zoom

MINUTES

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

Guest: Denise Massingale-Lamb and CT-N

Absent: Dwayne Harris

Staff: Mel Díaz and Tamara Dimitri

Call to Order

Chairman Jack Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

Agenda Adjustment

Council member Andrew Linde asked for the Governor's Arts Awards Committee to present first. Rosenberg asked if there were any issues with the adjustment. With none stated, he requested a motion to move the Committee of the Governors Awards to the top of the meeting.

Motion to move the Committee of the Governor's Arts Awards to be the first agenda item.

Motion: A. Linde | Second: J. McElhone | Discussion: No additional discussion.

In favor: 8, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0

The Committee of the Governor's Arts Awards became the first agenda item.

Committee for the Governor's Arts Awards

Committee member Andrew Linde reported that they were working on the last details for the event – the awardees' families and VIPs had been invited, physical awards were ordered and would arrive ahead of the event, and the last walkthrough would be happening later that day. Linde announced that the invitations to the general public would be going out that afternoon. Director Elizabeth Shapiro reported that the invitation from COA would be also going out.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Rosenberg asked if there were any comments, questions, or edits to the minutes. Hearing none, he requested a motion to approve the September meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 9th meeting.

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

In favor: 8, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0

September meeting minutes approved.

Director's Report

Director Shapiro reported that the Supporting Arts and Artist Fellowship grant programs had closed receiving 237 and 430 applicants, respectively. The Art Pharmacy partnership is moving forward and a contract will be signed shortly. COA will now be responsible for setting up a lot of introductions in the next nine months. DECD is also moving forward with a Midnight Oil Collaborative partnership to help the arts be part of the growing Connecticut's innovation economy by supporting incubation areas over the next five years. The first year would be to help theaters to become incubators as some theaters are already doing this. The Cultural District program is growing with Farmington becoming the next Cultural District. Staff also participated in an AIR facilitator retraining and pilot. Shapiro closed her report by announcing that a new staff person would be joining COA and would work to grow the Cultural District and AIR programs.

Chairman's Report

The Council continued their conversation about endorsing organizations, programs, and events. Endorsement of organizations, programs, and events. Council members wanted to make sure that there would be no conflict with what the State does and that it would not be something that could hurt the Council's brand. There was also discussion about possibly including the Council's logo with the logo package that is sent out to COA grantees. Council member Sarah McKay suggested the Council have a visioning session to identify priorities and include a marketing/communications conversation. Chairman Rosenberg asked for a visioning session be added to the agenda to be discussed at the next meeting.

Other Business

There was no "other business" to discuss.

Adjournment

Chairman Rosenberg asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting after thanking the Council for volunteering.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:06 pm.

Motion: S. McKay | Second: M. Kingsland-Eckels | Discussion: No additional discussion.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 pm.