

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF THE ARTS

Connecticut Arts Council
Monday, September 28, 2015
One Constitution Plaza
Hartford, CT

MINUTES

Present: Fritz Jellinghaus, Mimsie Coleman, Mary DeCroce, Karen Osbrey, Amy Wynn, Lisa Scails, Philip Eliasoph, Ted Yudain, Jan Dilenschneider, Michael Price

Absent: Jimmy Greene

Staff: Tamara Dimitri, Bonnie Koba, John Cusano

I. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm.

II. **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Amy Wynn, seconded by Ted Yudain to approve the minutes of July 20, 2015.

A motion was made by Philip Eliasoph, seconded by Amy Wynn to approve the minutes of August 17, 2015.

(Y-10; N-0)

III. **Chairman's Report**

Fritz Jellinghaus introduced and welcomed newly appointed Arts Council member Jan Dilenschneider.

Mr. Jellinghaus reported that a date has been set for the Patron of the Arts Awards at the Governor's Mansion for Tuesday, May 24th, 2016 – 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

Subject to receiving official notification from the Governor's Office, the recipients of the award are: Floyd Green, Senior Executive at Aetna; Crystal Rock Water; All Connecticut Community Foundations; and Harbor Business School Community Partnership of CT.

IV. Director's Report

On behalf of Kristina Newman-Scott, Tamara Dimitri gave a brief update on the Good to Great bond funded grant program. Twenty organizations have been recommended for funding. DECD's communication office will be sending out a press release tomorrow, notification award letters will be sent to the recipients simultaneously.

Lu Rivera gave an update on the FY16 Arts Budget. The Governor's office has issued a 5% rescission. The original state appropriation amount for the CT office of the Arts (COA) was \$1,578,720; with the rescission it is now \$1,499,784. In order to adjust the budget, COA has suspended the Elizabeth Mahaffey Administration Fellowship grant program (\$2,500); for grantees of the Supporting Arts in Place grant whose budgets are over \$1,000,000 we shaved an average of \$300.00 of their original grant (\$3,942); and a portion of the HOT Schools Grant was funded with additional funding that was in our NEA accounts (\$59,761). The remainder was covered with adjustments to administrative costs.

V. Action Item for Recommendation

A. Artists Fellowship Grants

It is recommended that the Connecticut Arts Council approve the FY16 Artist Fellowship grants awarded to fifteen applicants in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Motion: Ted Yudain

Second: Amy Wynn

(Y-10; N-0)

B. Poetry Out Loud

It is recommended that the Connecticut Arts Council approve a non-matching grant in the amount of \$17,500 to the CT Humanities Council for the planning and implementation of Connecticut's 2016 Poetry Out Loud Program.

Motion: Amy Wynn

Second: Lisa Scails

(Y-10; N-0)

VI. Other Business

No other business.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Lisa Scails, seconded by Ted Yudain.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

The next Arts Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lu Rivera
Administrative Assistant