

Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism

**Arts Committee Meeting
November 10, 2008
One Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor
Hartford, Connecticut**

Present: Ted Yudain, Karen Arnold, Carolyn Cicchetti, Paul Pozzi, Michael Price, Clem Roy, Ann Schmidt, Ann Sheffer

Absent: Betty Hale, Daniel Heffernan, John Hollander

Staff: An-Ming Truxes, John Cusano, Cathy DeMeo, Tamara Dimitri, Bonnie Koba, Karen Senich, Lourdes Rivera (recording)

Call to Order

Ted Yudain called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 28, 2008 meeting were approved.

Motion: Ann Sheffer

Second: Karen Arnold

Unanimous approval

Report from the Committee Chair

Ted Yudain went over the upcoming Arts Committee meeting dates. Meetings will be held on the same dates as the full board meetings.

January 5, 2009, 1:00 pm

February 2, 2009, 1:00 pm

March 2, 2009, 11:00 am

May 4, 2009, 1:00 pm

June 8, 2009 – Time to be determined.

Report from the Arts Division Director

An-Ming Truxes called the Committee's attention to CCT's new Grant Overview Guidelines which were a result of a cross divisional project to standardize policies and procedures across all grant programs. These guidelines are included in the front of every grant application. They are posted on CCT's website – under HOT topics and Funding

Opportunities in each of the Division's webpage. All applicants must read these guidelines before applying to the Commission.

An-Ming explained that the Arts Division will no longer award grants for the next fiscal year during the prior fiscal year. We cannot determine grant awards until after a state budget has passed.

An-Ming reported that the Connecticut Forum on Careers in the Arts for People with Disabilities is scheduled for Saturday, November 15, at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford. The Arts Division is pleased to partner with Young Audiences of Connecticut /VSA arts on this project. As part of the forum, there will be an exhibition of artwork by artists with disabilities. One of the keynote speakers, Paula Terry, from the National Endowment for the Arts, will be at CCT on Friday, November 14 to speak with CCT staff. An-Ming extended an invitation to the Committee to attend the forum.

An-Ming reported that the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) has scheduled a post election conference call to discuss the opportunities ahead under President elect Obama and the new Congress.

Members of the Arts Committee congratulated An-Ming on being appointed to the NASAA board and Bonnie to NASAA's Arts in Education Advisory Group.

An-Ming shared a recent report, *Artists in the Workforce*, by the National Endowment for the Arts on the demographic and employment patterns of individual artists. She noted that Connecticut ranks high in the percentage of artists in the total labor force. Stamford-Norwalk and Danbury showed up among the top 10 metropolitan areas ranked by percentage of artists in the labor force.

An-Ming also shared the NEA's 2006-2007 report of grants to Connecticut. In addition to grants, the report covers NEA's touring and outreach activities in the state.

Action Item Recommendations

Greater Bridgeport Regional Cultural Assessment Phase II – John Cusano

Grant: \$5,000

Motion: Ann Sheffer

Second: Paul Pozzi

Unanimous approval

Peer Advisor Network Field Service Agreements – John Cusano

Grant: \$3,000 each = Total of \$15,000

Grantees: Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County; Greater Hartford Arts Council; Northwest CT Arts Council; Shoreline Arts Council; Windham Arts Collaborative

Motion: Paul Pozzi

Second: Ann Sheffer

Unanimous approval

Arts Presentation Grants – Bonnie Koba

55 Arts Presentation Grants recommended for funding.

Budget: \$57,907

Motion: Karen Arnold

Second: Rita Schmidt

Unanimous approval

Fairfield County Community Foundation – An-Ming Truxes

Grant: \$8,000

Motion: Paul Pozzi

Second: Rita Schmidt

Recuse: Ann Sheffer

Unanimous approval

Other Business

Art in Public Spaces

Tamara Dimitri reported on the two sculptural pieces by Jun Kaneko in the lobby of Great Path High School located at Manchester Community College.

Karen reported that Art in Public Spaces projects need only be approved by the site selection committees.

CCT Strategic Plan – Karen Senich

Karen reported that the AMS staff is currently compiling information from the online survey and staff/board interviews. There will be five public input sessions throughout the state in December and January.

Local Arts Agency Program (LAA)

The Committee discussed whether local arts agencies that receive line items should remain eligible to apply for Local Arts Agency grant funds. The Committee recommended that so long as the grant guidelines are clear about the use of LAA funds (must be restricted to LAA services), line item grantees can apply to the LAA program.

Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:38 pm

Motion: Ted Yudain

Second: Paul Pozzi

Unanimous approval

Respectfully submitted by: Lourdes Rivera

The next meeting will be on January 5, 2009 at 1:00 pm.