

Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism

Arts Committee Meeting

May 4, 2009

Hartford, Connecticut

Present: Carolyn Cicchetti, Philip Eliasoph, Sandra Evoy, Walter Fiederowicz, Betty Hale, Daniel Heffernan, Paul Pozzi, Rita Schmidt, Ann Sheffer (tardy), Ted Yudain

Absent: John Hollander, Michael Price, Clem Roy

Staff: An-Ming Truxes, John Cusano, Cathy Demeo, Bonnie Koba, Lourdes Rivera (recording)

Call to Order

Ted Yudain called the meeting to order at 12:23 pm

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 2, 2009 conference call were approved.

Motion: Sandra Evoy

Second: Walter Fiederowicz

Report from the Committee Chair

Ted Yudain introduced and welcomed new board members Sandra Evoy and Philip Eliasoph.

Due to the Governor's directive to curtail agency spending and use paperless processes whenever possible, Arts Committee packets will continue to be emailed rather than sent by USPS.

The next full board meeting is scheduled for June 8th. Note that the Arts Committee will not meet that day. The committee will meet on July 15th at 10 am. at the Westport Country Playhouse in Westport to review the Arts Jobs Preservation grant applications.

Report from the Arts Division Director

John Ostrout will be leaving his position as Director of State and Regional Partnerships at the National Endowment for the Arts in July. The NEA new chair will be named in the next few weeks.

CCT's NEA grant for FY2010 will be \$786,900 – an increase of \$43,900 from FY09 of \$743,000. Combined with \$306,100 in ARRA stimulus funds, CCT's total for FY10 is \$1,093,000.

At the invitation of the Connecticut Council of Philanthropy, An-Ming presented a workshop on the Arts stimulus funds at three separate public forums in April.

Several pieces of NASAA material as well as the *Arts & the Economy: Using Arts and Culture to Stimulate State Economic Development* publication were shared and discussed. The NASAA website (nasaa-arts.org) contains a wealth of information.

An-Ming announced the five upcoming grant review panel meetings and encouraged committee members to observe the process.

ACTION ITEM RECOMMENDATIONS

FY09 Undeserved Youth and Early Learning Arts Grants

Grants Total: \$139,200

Motion: Paul Pozzi

Second: Carolyn Cicchetti

Unanimous approval

Northeast Regional Cultural Assessment Grant – Town of Putnam, Phase I

Grant Total: \$6,000

Motion: Carolyn Cicchetti

Second: Rita Schmidt

Recused: Betty Hale

Unanimous approval

Approval of Susan Classen-Sullivan as a member of the CT Artists Collection Advisory Committee

Motion: Paul Pozzi

Second: Betty Hale

Unanimous approval

John O'Donnell gave a presentation and introduction on the Image Bank and the Connecticut Artists Collection.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:23 pm.

Motion: Walter Fiederowicz

Second: Carolyn Cicchetti