

**January 21, 2015**  
**GCA Council Meeting**

Chairman Barry Schrenk called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**Attendance**

Barry Schrenk, Gina Jeffords, Gladys Wyant, Marleen DeBode-Olive, Maxine Burton, Senator Jeff Mullis, Stephanie Jones, Karen Paty, Tina Lilly, Allen Bell

**Chairman's Update**

Approval of Minutes

Approval of October Minutes – A motion was made by Gladys Wyant to accept the October minutes with one correction. The motion was 2nd by Senator Mullis and all approved.

Ethics Commission Form

The Chairman reminded Council members to complete the appropriate Ethics Commission form in January.

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Capitol Performance

The Chairman acknowledged the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (ASO) performance at the Capitol on January 13, 2015. He offered thanks to Governor Deal and the Woodruff Arts Center for facilitating the performance, and acknowledged the contribution of the ASO to the arts in Georgia.

NEA Application Review

The Chairman reviewed the panel adjudication process for GCA's grant application to the NEA. GCA must apply for funding every three years. This funding cycle is for FY16, FY17, and FY18. The Council members discussed the process and panel comments.

Governor's FY16 Budget

The Chairman reviewed the Governor's FY16 budget, described the budget process, and instructed Council members on where the budget can be found online. GCA's budget recommendation is an increase of \$6,647.

Tourism, Hospitality & Arts Day at the Capitol

The Chairman reviewed the schedule and agenda for Tourism, Hospitality & Arts Day at the Capitol, which is January 27, 2015.

**Program Updates**

Grants Program

Tina Lilly provided an update on the GCA grants program. GCA offered five workshops for the upcoming grants cycle – three online, and two in person (one in Albany, one in McRae). GCA is accepting applications through February 4, 2015.

Arts Education

Allen Bell provided an update on the work of the Governor's Arts Learning Task Force. Monthly meetings began in August and will conclude in May. The Task Force will submit recommendations to the Governor in June 2015.

### Creative Economies

Allen Bell provided an update on the collaboration with Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) to produce five case studies and two project studies on the arts and economic development in local communities. The case studies will focus on Athens, Blue Ridge, Duluth, Springfield, and Thomasville, while the project studies will be on Clarkston and Hapeville. The case studies will be published and released at the GMA annual conference in Savannah in June 2015.

### State Art Collection

Karen Paty provided an update on the “Inspired Georgia” tour. The exhibit visited nine Georgia communities. With data from seven of those communities so far, the exhibit reached more than 18,000 audience members. Future plans for the State Art Collection include an exhibit at MOCA-GA and a potential exhibit as part of the Airport Art Program.

### The Art of Georgia

Karen Paty provided an update on “The Art of Georgia” exhibit program. A partnership with the Office of the Governor, the program has successfully installed 133 works by 95 Georgia artists in the state Capitol over the past three years. “The Art of Georgia II” launched this month and, once concluded, will be followed by “The Art of Georgia III.”

### **Spring Meeting Logistics**

The Council discussed logistics for their next meeting, which is scheduled to take place during the third week in April.

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.**