

Georgia Council for the Arts Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2014

Chairman Barry Schrenk called the meeting to order at 1:05pm, by way of a conference call and welcomed everyone.

Attendance

Barry Schrenk, Vanessa Bamber, Maxine Burton, Stephanie Jones, David Morrow, Marleen DeBode-Olive, Gladys Wyant, Gina Jeffords, Allen Bell, Tina Lilly, Karen Paty, Marva Swanson

Chairman's Update

- **Momentum for the Arts** –This program, being offered in partnership with Georgia Center for Nonprofits, is underway with 44 arts organizations In Georgia. The program operates out of 4 hub Cities: Albany, Augusta, Macon and Savannah with regional participation in each.
- **Georgia Poet Laureate's Prize** – The inaugural Poet Laureate's (a HS poetry writing competition) was held this spring. The entries were judged by Judson Mitcham, GA Poet Laureate. Media sponsor Atlanta Magazine published a nice write up in the June issue and on their website. All Council members were encouraged to read the article and the winning poetry.
- **Inspire Georgia**- The exhibit is now in Jonesboro at the Arts Clayton gallery and next moves to Dublin.
- **GCA** has received our 2014 NEA grant award notification. Also, please note that the NEA has a new chair, Dr. Jane Chu
- **Arts Learning Task Force**- A press release went out from the Governor's Office naming the Arts Learning Task Force in June. The Chair recognized Gladys Wyant and John White for their service on the task force.

Staff Program Updates

- **Grants Program Overview** – Tina Lilly gave a brief overview of the FY2015 guidelines for grants, and a breakdown of statistics about GCA Partner and Project grant funding over the last three years. The Board was given the opportunity to ask questions prior to voting to accept the recommended FY2015 grant awards. A motion was made by

Marlene DeBode-Olive and seconded by Vanessa Bamber to accept the FY2015 Grant Awards as presented.

- **Panelist feedback and process debrief-** Tina Lilly asked for any feedback from the Council from their experience as GCA grant review panelists. She announced that a survey did go to all panelists for feedback, as well as to applicants and the results will be shared with the Council when they are received. There was discussion about the grant guidelines and panel process and a suggestion was made by GCA staff that any interested Council members could have a more in-depth discussion of the process with staff at a to-be scheduled meeting. Two Council members expressed interest.
- **Governor's Arts Learning Task Force-** Allen Bell gave a brief overview of the work that the task force will undertake over the next 12 months.
- **AE Report** –Allen Bell announced that the Arts Education in the South report was released by South Arts in May and is available to download via their website. Phase 1 of the research is quantitative data and was done with K-12 school principals. Phase 2 of the study is exemplary case studies, one of which was done on DREW Charter School and was funded by GCA.
- **2014 Governor's Awards for the Arts & Humanities** - Karen Paty gave a brief overview of Governor's Awards for the Arts & Humanities, which will be held on October 7th. The next in-person Council meeting will be held either the day before or the day after in Atlanta.
- **NAASA 2014 Assembly** will be held in New Orleans Nov 12-15. Staff will be attending.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Maxine Burton and seconded by Vanessa Bamber. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.