

## **November 12, 2015 Board Meeting**

Chairman Barry Schrenk called the meeting to order at 10:12 am.

### **Attendance**

Vanessa Bamber, Marleen DeBode-Olive, Representative Valencia Stovall, John White, Gladys Wyant, Allen Bell, Tina Lilly, Karen Paty, Marva Swanson

### **Chairman's Remarks**

- Minutes approved for the June 2015 meeting. Motion made by John White and seconded by Vanessa Bamber.
- Welcome newest board member Representative Valencia Stovall, District 74
- Karen Paty has been elected to Board of NASAA & named to the executive committee of the South Arts board
- Congratulated Council Member Vanessa Bamber on her production of "Star Search Rewind" this fall.
- Congratulations from the Council for Tina Lilly who was promoted to Grant Director at the start of FY16.
- Governor's Awards Recap- Chairman commented excellent group of people selected for awards. Program was indeed a great success.
- Chairman Schrenk has recently represented GCA at the following events: Salute to Betty Foy Sanders in Statesboro; UGA Spotlight for the Arts kick-off reception in Athens, and at a donor recognition event at the Center for Puppetry Arts in Atlanta.

### **Arts Education**

Task Force report has been completed and 16 recommendations were made. Allen Bell gave an overview of the report. He also gave an overview of *Arts Education in Georgia: Public School Data and Principal Perspectives*

### **Grants Program Updates**

- A brief overview of FY15 funding impact was shared

- Testimonials by six FY15 grant recipients on the impact of GCA grant funding were shared
- FY16 Tourism Product Development Grants: 62 applications received. A total of 11 were awarded. Four were supported by GCA in support of arts programs: City of Cedartown, City of Griffin, City of Statesboro and MARTA.
- FY16 Vibrant Communities Grant: Received 109 Applications from 65 Counties, they are being reviewed by panel now

### **GCA Program Updates**

- NEA Updates – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the NEA includes an initiative called “Creativity Connects” with roundtable discussions in 10 US cities, Atlanta is one of the 10.
- Art of Georgia II, SW GA – Region 2 artwork is hanging in the Office of The Governor now through April. Digital Guide is on the GCA website.
- Next Council meeting date discussed.
- *Georgia Georgia* exhibit has been extended at MOCA GA through January.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John White and seconded by Gladys Wyant. The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 am.