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 – 50th 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.