

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSIN
ADVOCACY & AWARENESS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 25, 2008, 3:00 p.m.**

Thompson Board Room, Eiteljorg Museum
500 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana

Jeanne Mirro, Chair

Minutes

Members present: A. John Rose, Kelly Schreckengast, JoEllen Florio Rossebo, Pam Hicks, John DePrez, Jeanne Mirro, Miah Michaelson, Richard Stifel

Members absent: John Cain, Sally Gaskill

IAC staff present: Lewis Ricci, Michelle Anderson, Rex Van Zant, Susan Britsch, Bobbie Garver, Laura Frank, Dennis Hardin

Guests: Earl Williams (commissioner), Karen Ellerbrook (commissioner), Anne Valentine (Office of the Governor, voting this meeting), Jim Bodenmiller (Lafayette), Sharon McShurley (Mayor, Muncie), Terry Whitt-Bailey (Cornerstone Center for the Arts, Muncie), Sherry Timms (Ohio County Tourism), Lane Siekman (Rising Sun Chamber of Commerce)

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Mr. Ricci welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this special meeting of the Advocacy & Awareness Committee, the purpose of which is to decide which Indiana city will be selected as the host of the 2009 Governor's Arts Awards. He turned the meeting over to Chair Jeanne Mirro.

2.. **Consent Agenda.** Mr. DePrez moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Hicks seconded. Motion passed.

3. **Governor's Arts Awards Overview.**

a. Host city concept and selection process. Mr. Ricci reviewed the Indiana Arts Commission's decision to present the bi-annual Governor's Arts Awards in a city outside of Indianapolis, based on the success of the 2007 event which was held in Bloomington. Proposals were received from the cities of Greater Lafayette, Muncie and Rising Sun.

b. Guidelines for presentations. Each city has representatives present at this meeting who will be granted fifteen minutes each to present the case for hosting the event. Each presentation will be followed by a five minute question period. Those eligible to cast a vote (committee members and Anne Valentine) may make notes during presentations, but voting will be withheld until all presentations have been made, at which time the presenters will be excused from the meeting for the purpose of discussion.

4. Community Presentations.

a. Greater Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Purdue University. The presentation was made by Jim Bodenmiller. The primary venue for the events will be the Purdue Memorial Union. (Presentation packet attached).

b. City of Muncie, Cornerstone Center for the Arts. Muncie Mayor Sharon McShurley greeted the committee and introduced Terry Whitt-Bailey of Cornerstone Center for the Arts, who made the presentation. The primary venue will be the Cornerstone Center for the Arts. (Presentation packet attached).

c. City of Rising Sun/Ohio County Convention, Tourism and Visitor's Commission. Sherry Timms introduced Lane Siekman who made the presentation. The primary venue will be the Grand Victoria Casino. (Presentation packet attached).

5. Committee Discussion. Ms. Mirro provided several minutes for committee members to review their scoresheets. Keeping with the order of presentations, she asked the committee if anyone had selected Greater Lafayette as their top candidate. No committee members selected Greater Lafayette as the top candidate. She then asked if anyone had selected Muncie as their top pick. Several members responded affirmatively. A discussion followed of the merits of the Muncie application. She then asked if anyone had selected Rising Sun as their top pick. Several members responded affirmatively. A discussion followed of the merits of the Rising Sun application. At the conclusion of the discussion Mr. Mirro asked for a show of hands for Muncie as the top pick. Five members voted for Muncie. She then asked for a show of hands for Rising Sun as the top pick. Four members voted for Rising Sun. It was determined that both the Muncie application and the Rising Sun application would be forwarded to the full Commission for a final decision at the quarterly business meeting on September 26, 2008.

6. Adjourn. Mr. DePrez moved to adjourn. Ms. Schreckengast seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.