

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE
IAC Conference room
150 W. Market Street Suite 618
Indianapolis, IN 46204
May 27, 2008
10:00 a.m.**

Bill Hopper, Chair

Minutes

Members present: Bill Hopper, Jeff Kuehl, Anna White

Members via teleconference: Tom Wilhelmus, Judy Hess, Ronald Stratten, Andrea Grossman

IAC Staff present: Lewis Ricci, Michelle Anderson, Emelita Tolentino, Bobbie Garver, Dennis Hardin

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Mr. Hopper called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. **Consent Agenda and Minutes.** Mr. Wilhelmus moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Kuehl seconded. Motion passed.

3. **Reports from Primary Strategic Plan Actions Areas for FY 2007-2008.**

a. Arts Education. Mr. Ricci reported that the arts education initiative is proceeding on three fronts: 1) information-gathering is moving forward toward preparation of a summary report, and a funder for this report has been identified; 2) the IAC ad-hoc Education Study committee has met twice and is pursuing the plan of forming an educational colloquium, working with Young Audiences of Indiana; 3) a proposal is brought forward under agenda item #5 to approve \$120,000 for Arts Education Grants to Indiana schools, at least one grant to be awarded in each Region; the desire is for matching grants to arise from the Regional Partners and local school organizations such as the PTA; each receiving school will partner with a local community foundation or local artist to produce the educational program within the school; the grant program would be a 2-year endeavor, with the first year to be planning and the second year to be implementation.

b. Fund Development. Mr. Ricci reported that the IAC ad-hoc Fund Development Study committee has met once. Rose Meissner from Region 2 is doing preliminary legwork for a fund-development study. A state-wide endowment campaign is being considered. No money has been budgeted for FY09 for a fund-development study, but will be in the FY10 budget.

c. Artist Development/Tourism. Mr. Ricci reported that all aspects of the Artisan Development Project are moving along well. Training sessions for artisans will be scheduled this spring, as well as the announcement of the designated market places.

4. **YTD Financial Activity and FY2007-2008 Budget.** Mr. Ricci referred to a handout showing year-to-date budget figures through April 30, 2008. The IAC budget is in very good shape. Mr. Ricci offered his thanks to Deputy Director Michelle Anderson for her work on the on-going budget. Mr. Wilhelmus offered congratulations to Will Clark for winning the Lincoln Public Art competition, and asked that updates on the Lincoln project be posted on the IAC website.

5. **New Funds for FY2008-2009.** Mr. Ricci referred to the handout showing the proposed uses of new funds for FY 2009. Increased funding from the National Endowment for the Arts will be \$98,000. Money available from the Cultural Trust will be \$100,000. Funds from the Indiana Endowment for the Arts will be \$8,000. Proposals for the uses of these monies are: 1) establish a new granting program in arts education, available to schools K – 112 statewide; 2) develop a one-or-two-day statewide summit on arts education, likely partnering with Young Audiences of Indiana; 3) develop a pilot Indiana Presenters and Indiana Performers touring granting program; 4) fund the employment of a graduate student to synthesize statewide arts education data as a basis for further advocacy and awareness. All of these proposals arise from the IAC Strategic Plan. Mr. Stratten moved to accept the proposal and forward to the full commission. Mr. Wilhelmus seconded. Motion passed.

6. **Proposed Draft Budget for FY2008-2009.** Mr. Ricci presented a hand-out of the proposed FY2009 IAC budget. Comments from Mr. Stratten and Mr. Wilhelmus. Mr. Stratten congratulated Mr. Ricci and his staff on the efficiency of the IAC. Mr. Stratten moved to accept the proposed budget. Ms. Hess seconded. Motion passed.

7. **Other Initiative Updates.** Mr. Ricci reported that several cities have expressed interest in hosting the 2009 Governor's Arts Awards. The Cultural Districts program is underway and gaining interest throughout the state. Application processes for both programs will be in place soon.

8. **Old Business.** There was no old business.

9. **New Business.** Mr. Hopper asked Mr. Stratten to present the COF report at the June 13 quarterly business meeting. Mr. Ricci offered his thanks on behalf of IAC to Mr. Hopper for his service as the COF Chair. Mr. Hopper expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Additional congratulations came from Mr. Stratten and Ms. Hess.

10. **Adjournment.** Mr. Stratten moved for adjournment. Mr. Hopper adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.