

**Indiana Arts Commission
Committee on the Future**

IAC Conference Room

Indianapolis, Indiana

August 26, 2008

10:00 a.m.

Sandi Clark, chair

Minutes

Members present: Suzie Rentschler

Members via teleconference: Sandi Clark, Andrea Grossman, Earl Williams, Anna S. White, Jeff Kuehl

IAC Staff present: Lewis Ricci, Michelle Anderson, Emelita Tolentino, Kristina Davis, Bobbie Garver, Susan Britsch, Dennis Hardin

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Ms. Clark convened the meeting at 10:07 a.m, welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. **Consent agenda and minutes.** Ms. Grossman moved to accept the consent agenda. Ms. Rentschler seconded. Motion passed.

3. **Review of Committee Charge.** Ms. Clark began the discussion by saying that she had done editing work on the current committee charge, to make it shorter and more flexible, but wanted more input. Mr. Ricci commented that the COF charge document was the only committee charge document which had not been amended since he became executive director, and he agreed that a new version is in order. Both Ms. Clark and Mr. Ricci agreed to do some more editing and bring it before the committee again at the next meeting. No action was taken at this time.

4. **Review of Strategic Plan Priorities and Progress to Date.** (handout attached; items highlighted in green have been accomplished; items highlighted in red have not been completed by the projected date; items in black are on target for due date.

a. Arts Education. Ms Britsch discussed the hallmark points for arts education and the makeup of the Ad-Hoc Education Study Committee.

b. Fund development. Mr. Ricci remarked that funds from the Cultural Trust that had been intended for the hiring of a consulting firm to investigate funding sources was diverted, at the request of the Cultural Trust Advisory board, to arts education initiatives.

c. Artist development/tourism. Mr. Ricci reported that most activities in this area are well under way and within the projected time frame.

d. Presenter-touring grants. Ms. Garver reported on the progress of the presenter touring program. IAC has not had as much interest expressed this year as expected, mainly due to

presenters which have already scheduled their 2008-2009 seasons. She expects interest to increase for the next school year.

e. **Cultural Districts.** Ms. Davis reported on current activities. Some Regional Arts Partners have begun solidifying their cases for establishing cultural districts in their regions.

f. **Other.** Mr. Ricci reported on the progress of the Abraham Lincoln memorial now underway in Lincoln State Park; he also reported that the new RAP funding formula is still in progress, having completed the first of three funding areas.

5. First Look at 2010 – 2011 Budget. (handouts attached) Mr. Ricci thanked deputy director Anderson for her continuing hard work on budgetary matters. Ms. Anderson also gave credit to Ms. Tolentino for her efforts as financial manager. The current budget is in good shape. There are on-going meetings and negotiations with the state budget office regarding the FY 2010 budget, which seems to be in good shape as well, pending further refinements.

6. Other Initiative Updates. Mr. Ricci reported on the 2009 Governor's Arts Awards. Three cities have submitted applications for consideration as the host: Muncie, Lafayette, and Rising Sun. The Advocacy & Awareness committee will consider the applications. The ceremonies will be held in autumn 2009.

7. Looking to A New Strategic Planning Process. Mr. Ricci reminded the committee that the current strategic plan period extends through 2011, and that the next plan should extend at least through 2015. The Committee on the Future will be the primary movers for the new plan. Mr. Ricci indicated that he has given some thought to the naming of a facilitator from the ranks of former IAC commissioners. He also commented that the National Endowment for the Arts relies heavily on planning documents in their granting process.

8. Old business. There was no old business.

9. New business. Mr. Williams suggested the inclusion of special education in the IAC arts education plan priorities. His suggestion was met with approval. Mr. Ricci reported that he has been in touch with the National Endowment for the Humanities concerning additional grant money that might be available for Indiana arts organizations that sustained damage from the storms and floods in the spring of 2008. He will continue to monitor and will report new developments.

10. Adjourn. Ms. Rentschler moved for adjournment. Mr. Kuehl seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.