

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE**

August 26, 2014

Arts Commission Office, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Jon Ford, Chair

Minutes

Members present: Jeff Kirk, Vicki Pool (at-large)

Members via teleconference: Kathy Anderson, Gil Cárdenas, Jon Ford, Suzie Rentschler, Sherry Stark, Dick Stifel (at-large), Trevor Yager (ex-officio)

Members absent: Jim Bodenmiller (at-large), Karen Ellerbrook, Susan Hardwick, Susan Mendenhall (at-large)

Arts Commission staff present: Michelle Anderson, Dennis Hardin, Lewis Ricci, Rex Van Zant

Note: Due to lack of quorum, no actions were taken during this meeting.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** Commissioner Jon Ford convened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.
- 2. Review and Approval of Agenda and June Minutes.** No action was taken. The minutes from the June 3, 2014 meeting and the August 26, 2014 meeting of the Committee on the Future will be presented for approval at a special meeting of the Committee prior to the next meeting of the full Commission on September 12, 2014.
- 3. Financials.** Arts Commission Deputy Director Michelle Anderson presented a handout (attached) showing the FY 2014 year-end budget. Ms. Anderson presented a handout (attached) showing the FY 2015 budget current through July 31, 2014.
- 4. Personnel Update.** Arts Commission Executive Director Lewis Ricci reported that the vacant position of Director of Programs has been filled with the hiring of former Arts Commission Grants Manager Paige Sharp. The position of Grants and IT Manager is now vacant. Mr. Ricci also announced the resignation of Communications Manager Emily Hellmuth, effective August 29. This position is now vacant. Mr. Ricci also reported that State Personnel is allowing the employment of Governor's Summer Intern Bridget Eckert to continue on a part-time basis.
- 5. Communications Update.** Arts Commission Marketing Director Rex Van Zant gave a brief report on the re-branding of the Arts Commission (handout attached). The full roll-out of the new brand is scheduled for January 2015. Mr. Van Zant also briefly

reported on the Arts Commission's Biennial Report to the state legislature, and the redesign of the agency's two e-newsletters. He gave credit to Bridget Eckert, Governor's Summer Intern, who has been working with the designs of the report and the newsletters.

6. Strategic Plan Update. Mr. Ricci presented copies of the Arts Commission Strategic Plan 2012-2016 "refresher" (attached). The updated document presents objectives and strategies for the Commission's last two years of the current strategic plan. Mr. Ricci reminded everyone that by the summer of 2015, a new strategic plan will be in the development stages. Mr. Ricci also reported that the Commission is putting together its latest application for federal funding from the National Endowment for the Arts; this federal grant covers a three-year period.

7. Cultural Trust. At-large Committee member Vicki Pool from the Office of the State Treasurer presented a handout (attached) showing the current balance of the Arts Commission's Cultural Trust fund. The balance as of June 30, 2014 was \$2,660,404.74. Interest from this fund is applied to arts-in-education efforts. The amount of available interest is currently \$49,496.54.

8. New Business. Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) explaining the FY 2016 – 2017 budget submission from the Arts Commission to the Office of the Governor. The Governor has mandated a reduction of 3% from all state agencies, compared to their allocations for FY 2015. Mr. Ricci also explained the funding which will be needed to fund the four projects which the Commission has proposed to the State as part of the 2016 – 2017 Indiana Bicentennial celebration. Over the next few months, Mr. Ricci will request the participation of selected Commissioners and former Commissioners to serve on an ad-hoc committee to advocate for special funding for the Bicentennial projects.

Mr. Ricci spoke briefly about the financial challenges currently facing the Indiana Coalition for the Arts (INCA).

9. Adjourn. Commissioner Ford thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 11:00 a.m.