

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

September 3, 2014

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

Trevor Yager, Chair

Minutes

Members present: None

Members via teleconference: Kathy Anderson, Pam Hicks, Nancy Stewart, Trevor Yager

Members absent: Jon Ford

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.** Commission Chair Trevor Yager opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. **Approval of Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes.** No action taken. The minutes from the June 10, 2014 meeting of the Executive Committee will be presented for approval at the next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Committee.

3. **Financials.** Arts Commission Deputy Director Michelle Anderson presented a handout (attached) showing the FY 2014 end-of-year budget. Ms. Anderson presented a handout (attached) showing the FY 2015 budget, current through July 31, 2014. Arts Commission Executive Director Lewis Ricci reported that the proposed FY 2016-2017 budget has been submitted to the office of the Governor. The proposed budget included a mandated 3% reduction from the FY 2014 – 2015 budget.

4. **Recommendation for Requests for Proposal (RFP).** Mr. Ricci explained that there are three areas of Arts Commission funding which would be better served if they were administered as Requests for Proposals instead of grant applications. The resulting contracts would be for services instead of grants. The three areas are 1) Partnering Arts, Communities and Education (PACE) (handout attached); 2) Capacity-Building Field Partnerships; 3) Regional Arts Partnerships service contracts. Mr. Ricci led a brief discussions of the administrative advantages. The members of the Executive Committee agreed in consensus with the proposal, and will recommend approval by the full Commission.

5. **Review of Appropriations Needs for FY 2016 and FY 2017.** Mr. Ricci presented a document (attached) which summarizes the current and proposed state funding appropriations. He explained the proposed budget which has been submitted to the Office of the Governor, and the funding which will need to be manifested for the four Bicentennial proposals which were approved by the Bicentennial Commission.

6. **Advocacy Approach to Upcoming Session.** Mr. Ricci iterated his desire to form an ad-hoc committee comprised of current and former Commissioners that would establish contact with key legislators for the next session of the Indiana Legislature. A key element of the upcoming budgetary session for the Arts Commission will be to establish funding for the proposed Bicentennial projects.

7. **Other Items of Concern for Quarterly Business Meeting.** Commissioner Nancy Stewart inquired if there will be further discussion on topics raised by the ad-hoc committee reviewing Arts Commission resources. Mr. Ricci replied that it would be on the agenda.

8. **Old Business/New Business.** None.

9. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Yager thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 10:35 a.m.