

**INDIANA ARTS COMMITTION
PROGRAM EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

IAC Conference Room
Indianapolis, Indiana
August 28, 2008 2:00 p.m.

Karen Ellerbrook, chair

Minutes

Members present: Karen Ellerbrook, Earl Williams, Suzie Rentschler, Kelly Schreckengast, Pam Hicks

Members via teleconference: Sandi Clark

Members absent: none

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

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Ms. Ellerbrook convened the meeting at 2:00 p.m., welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves.
2. **Consent agenda.** Mr. Williams moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Rentschler seconded. Motion passed.
3. **Review and Approval of FY2009 Presenter Touring Program Applications.** Ms. Garver explained the rating and approval process for the committee. There are three applications to be reviewed at this time; these applications have met the first deadline; more applications will be received and reviewed after the next deadline of November 3, 2008. A total of \$53,800 is available to be awarded for this program. Earlham College is requesting \$2,500. The Richmond Symphony Orchestra is requesting \$1,375. The Heartland Chamber Chorale is requesting \$7,500. Each application was reviewed individually, with committee members assigning a numerical score from 1 through 5, 1 being excellent and 5 being unfundable. All scores were averaged to arrive at a final score. Each applicant provided artistic support in the form of audio clips representing the performers; these were heard prior to a general discussion of each application. Each application had a first reader and second reader who lead the discussion. Earlham College was awarded a score of 2.0; Richmond Symphony Orchestra was awarded a score of 1.67. Heartland Chamber Chorale was awarded a score of 1.17. There was a general discussion of the amount of funding appropriate for each application. Ms. Hicks moved that the Richmond Symphony and the Heartland Chamber Chorale be fully funded, and that Earlham College be awarded \$2,000. Ms. Rentschler seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. **Review of FY2009 IAP Appeal – Suzanne vonBurg.** Ms. Garver and Mr. Ricci explained the circumstances and basis for Ms. vonBurg's appeal, stemming from a technical glitch which occurred during the review of her IAP application. The committee generally agreed that no

important information was lost due to the technical problem, and that the review of her application was appropriate. Ms. Clark moved to uphold the original judgment of the IAP Panel. Ms. Schreckengast seconded. Motion passed, appeal denied.

5. FY2008 – 2009 Capacity Building Program, SWASO and Cultural Districts Update.

Ms. Davis provided a print-out (attached) and gave an update on the 2-year grant programs; the Statewide Arts Service Organizations (SWASO) program has five grantees, and the Capacity Building Program (CBP) has three grantees. Ms. Davis is also working on developing guidelines and criteria to be used to designate cultural districts in Indiana, a program recently enacted by the state. The application process for cultural districts will begin in May 2009.

6. Review of FY2010 and 2011 Program Guidelines (Majors, IAP, RAPs, AM, PTP, CBP, AIE, SWASO). Deputy Director Michelle Anderson reported on the state government's desire to institute one-year contracts for these grant programs rather than 2-year contracts which are currently used. She presented three recommended changes in these programs for approval by the committee: a) one-year contracts for Regional Arts Partners, Majors, Statewide Arts Service Organizations, Capacity Building Program, and American Masterpieces; b) SWASO applications should be added to the group of programs already paneled by the Program Evaluation Committee; c) Capacity Building Program will be changed to include a match with no in-kind. Ms. Clark moved for approval of these changes. Ms. Hicks seconded. Motion passed. Ms. Anderson went on to review other non-action items for improving grant guidelines and applications (handout attached).

7. ArtsWork Indiana and Accessibility Award Update. Ms. Clark postponed this agenda item until after item #8.

8. Arts in Education Update. Ms. Britsch recapped current progress on arts education initiatives, including data collection, legislative advocacy, and granting programs for schools.

7. ArtsWork Indiana and Accessibility Award Update. Ms. Davis presented a print-out (attached) and reported on the current status of the IAC collaboration with ArtsWORK Indiana and related grants.

9. Indiana Artisan Development Project Update. Mr. Ricci provided a brief update on the Artisan Development program, which is currently jurying the work of Indiana artisans for acceptance into the program. Eric Freeman, manager of the project, was unable to attend due to the jury in progress.

10. Old Business. There was no old business.

11. New Business. There was no new business.

12. Adjourn. Ms. Schreckengast moved to adjourn. Ms. Hicks seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

