

**INDIANA ARTS COMMITTION
QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING**

September 26, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

IAC Conference Room

Indianapolis, Indiana

Dick Stifel, Chair

Jeanne Mirro, Vice-Chair

Minutes

Members present: Dick Stifel, Jeanne Mirro, Judy Hess, Lynn Jakubowski, Kelly Schreckengast, Karen Ellerbrook, Sandi Clark, Irene Smith-King, Earl Williams, Pam Hicks, Steve Tuchman.

Members absent: Suzie Rentschler, Gilberto Cardenas, Ron Stratten, Bill Hopper.

IAC staff present: Lewis Ricci, Michelle Anderson, Bobbie Garver, Emelita Tolentino, Susan Britsch, Kristina Davis, Rex Van Zant, Laura Frank, Dennis Hardin

Guests: Jeff Kuehl, Regional Arts Partners chair; Norbert Krapf, Indiana Poet Laureate

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Mr. Stifel convened the meeting at 9:08 a.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. **Consent Agenda.** Ms. Clark moved to accept the consent agenda. Ms. Mirro seconded. Motion passed.

3. **Chair's Report.**

A. Governor's Office issues.

1. Nomination status. Mr. Stifel reviewed the nomination process for new commissioners, wherein IAC forwarded a list of candidates to the governor's office for review by his staff. From that list, two new commissioners have been appointed, Lynn Jakubowski of Terre Haute and Gilberto Cardenas of South Bend. Ms. Jakubowski, in attendance, was introduced to the meeting, and a brief biography was read aloud by Mr. Stifel. Mr. Stifel then read aloud a brief biography of Dr. Cardenas, who was unable to attend today's meeting.

2. Budget process and increase request. Mr. Stifel and Mr. Ricci commented on the budget process for FY 2010 – 2011, which has been ongoing with the state budget director's office. Happily, the budget increase which went into effect for FY 2009, as a result of increased funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and funds from the Cultural Trust, was included as the base amount for the FY 2010 budget. However, a \$300,000 change packet submitted by IAC was denied by the budget office.

B. Committee assignments for FY2009. A handout was presented showing all standing and ad-hoc committee assignments (attached).

C. Revised dates and locations of remaining FY2009 Quarterly Business meetings. A handout was presented showing all pertinent dates through June 2009 (attached).

D. IAC audit. Mr. Stifel reported on the audit which was conducted over the past summer by the State Board of Accounts. He commented that there were no areas of major concern. (Report attached).

4. Executive Director's Report

A. Staffing update. Mr. Ricci reported that Laura Frank is the newest IAC staff member, in the position of Communications Manager, and that IAC is now fully staffed.

B. Year-to-date financial activity. Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing YTD activity through August 31, 2008, showing all areas on or below budget. Ms. Clark offered words of praise to the IAC staff, especially Deputy Director Michelle Anderson and Financial Manager Emelita Tolentino for their hard work on the budget..

C. FY2010 – 2011 submitted budget. Mr. Ricci referred to a handout (attached) showing the projected IAC budget for FY 2010 – 2011 which was submitted to the state budget office.

D. Program and partnership updates.

1). Cultural District Legislation and Program Development process. Mr. Ricci reported that Kristina Davis is the IAC staff person assigned to monitor and facilitate work on the planned Cultural District legislation. Ms. Davis reported that her committee has met twice in planning sessions.

2). Lincoln Bicentennial Initiative Partnership. Mr. Ricci reported that ground has been broken at Lincoln State Park for the public art installation designed by Will Clark. The installation is scheduled for completion by June 1, 2009, and the dedication is scheduled for June 12, 2009 which will coincide with a quarterly commission meeting. The project is a cooperative venture of IAC, the Indiana Historical Bureau, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and the Indiana Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

3). ArtsWork Grant from UCLA/NEA. Mr. Ricci reported that IAC is one of two nation-wide recipients of a UCLA/NEA grant in the amount of \$4,500, which will fund a series of six workshops around the state on careers in the arts for people with disabilities.

4). Three-year cycle NEA Grant. Mr. Ricci reported that the IAC grant application to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) will be submitted by the October 6 deadline. He remarked that most of the NEA money is granted by formula, with each state receiving a certain amount according to population; but there are some

areas of the grant which are competitive and Indiana in the past has not aggressively pursued these areas. In the current application, however, IAC is seeking a bigger share of the NEA money in the areas of arts education and traditional arts.

5). NASAA and Arts Midwest Conferences. Mr. Ricci reported that he, Michelle Anderson, April Blevins, Kristina Davis and commissioner Karen Ellerbrook attended the National Association of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) annual convention held in Chattanooga, Tennessee on September 10 – 13, 2008. He asked each attendee to comment on their experiences. He also reported that he and Bobbie Garver attended the annual Midwest Arts conference in Kansas City, Missouri on September 18 – 20 and asked Ms. Garver to recount her experience at the conference.

At this point, Mr. Stifel announced that before the scheduled break he would move to agenda item #7 so that Indiana Poet Laureate Norbert Krapf could make his presentation. He also announced that following the break, Vice-chair Jeanne Mirro would preside over the remainder of the meeting.

7. Poet Laureate Presentation – Norbert Krapf. Mr. Krapf, newly appointed Indiana Poet Laureate, was introduced and made a short presentation, during which he read three poems from his latest published book *Bloodroot – Indiana Poems*. His presentation was greeted by a warm round of applause from the meeting.

Break at 10:30 a.m.

Ms. Mirro reconvened the meeting at 10:45 a.m. and announced that she would move to agenda item #6.

6. Regional Arts Partners Update. RAP Chair Jeff Kuehl of the Columbus Area Arts Council reported on the most recent RAP meeting, commenting that such quarterly meetings have been purposefully extended to a length of five hours in order to be more productive. He announced that there will be a Cultural Districts Conference held on October 30 in Portland Indiana to discuss upcoming applications for designation of cultural districts in the Regions.

Ms. Mirro then returned to the original order of the agenda.

5. Committee Reports.

A. Committee on the Future, Sandi Clark, chair.

1). Review of progress on 2008 – 2009 strategic plan priorities. Ms. Clark presented the handout previously shown to the COF (attached) outlining current progress on strategic initiatives, including Arts Education, Fund Development and Tourism Partnership.

2). Ms. Clark presented a handout (attached) prepared by Artisan Project Development manager Eric Freeman showing highlights of the Artisan Project.

3) Ad-Hoc Education Committee. Ms. Britsch reported on current activity, which includes data-gathering on arts education in grades K-12 throughout Indiana; this data will be presented to advocates in the state legislature.

4) Ad-Hoc Fund Development Committee. Mr. Ricci recapped projected growth of the Cultural Trust Fund under different withdrawal scenarios; a plan under discussion would allow for using Cultural Trust funds to leverage monies in local communities for the establishment of arts endowments for established organizations. A discussion followed, with commissioners being in general agreement with Mr. Ricci's plan for establishing such endowments over time.

5). New strategic planning process. Ms. Clark reported that the current strategic plan is in effect until FY 2011, and that now is the time to begin the process of planning beyond that year. IAC is planning to engage a strategic planning company to assist in the process.

B. Program Evaluation Committee, Karen Ellerbrook, chair

1). Statewide Presenters Touring Program Grants. Ms. Ellerbrook presented printed report of the PEC (attached), which shows the committee's recommendations for awards of the Presenters Touring Program Grants, as follows: Earlham College, award of \$2,000; Richmond Symphony Orchestra, award of \$1,375; Heartland Chamber Chorale, award of \$7,500. Ms. Clark moved to accept the recommendation of the Program Evaluation Committee; Ms. Hess seconded. Motion passed.

2). Ms. Anderson presented a handout (attached) requesting 3 changes in existing grant programs, as follows: a) one-year contracts for Regional Arts Partners, Majors, Statewide Arts Service Organizations, and Capacity Building Program; b) Statewide Arts Service Organizations applications will be added to the group of programs already paneled by PEC; c) Capacity Building Program will be changed to include a match with no in-kind. Mr. Williams moved to accept the proposed changes; Ms. Hicks seconded. Motion passed.

3). Ms. Anderson explained other proposed changes to the current grant cycles and categories (same handout as above, attached), and discussion followed. No action taken on these proposals.

4) Review of FY2009 IAP Appeal of Susan vonBurg. Ms. Garver recapped the appeal of Ms. vonBurg, IAP applicant who was not funded. The Program Evaluation Committee considered her appeal at its latest August 28, 2008 meeting and recommended that the appeal be denied. Mr. Williams moved to uphold the recommendation of the PEC; Ms. Clark seconded. Motion passed.

C. Advocacy & Awareness Committee, Jeanne Mirro, chair

1). 2009 Governor's Arts Awards. Ms. Mirro recapped the meeting of the A & A committee from the previous day, at which three cities (Lafayette, Muncie, and Rising Sun) had made presentations to support their applications to host the 2009 GAA. Ms. Mirro reported that

two of the applications had received considerable support from members of the committee, and that the applications of Muncie and Rising Sun were being brought to the full commission for consideration. Discussion of the two applications followed. Ms. Clark called the question. Ms. Mirro asked for a vote by show of hands. Muncie received 8 votes. Rising Sun received 1 vote. Muncie was selected to host the 2009 Governor's Arts Awards, pending a site inspection by IAC staff. Ms. Clark suggested that Rising Sun would be an appropriate place for a future Commission Quarterly Business Meeting.

2). Public relations campaign. Mr. Van Zant gave a brief report on the status of the "Imagine That" campaign which was formally launched at the September Penrod Arts Fair in Indianapolis.

3). 2008 – 2009 legislative session and budget cycle. Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) previously shown to the Advocacy & Awareness Committee, titled "FY 2010 and 2011 Budget Priorities", asking for approval by the full commission. Ms. Smith-King moved to approve the budget priorities; Ms. Clark seconded. Motion passed.

Cultural Trust Administrative Board, Steve Tuchman, chair. Mr. Ricci presented the Trust Fund Balance Sheet (attached), current as of July 31, 2008, showing a fund balance of \$1,588,714.41. The first withdrawal of \$100,000 to be made from the fund will help to fund the Presenters Touring Program grants, as well as new Arts in Education matching grants in Indiana Schools, and will help fund a one-day arts education summit for Indiana educators.

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

9. **New Business.** There was no new business.

10. **Closing Comments.** Ms. Mirro thanked everyone for their participation in the meeting and encouraged continued hard work in support of the Arts.

11. **Adjourn.** Ms. Hicks moved to adjourn. Mr. Williams seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.