



**ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING**  
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OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
IC 4-2-6-9

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ETHICS COMMISSION

In accordance with IC 4-2-6-9, you must file your disclosure with the State Ethics Commission no later than seven (7) days after the conduct that gives rise to the conflict. You must also include a copy of the notification provided to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer when filing this disclosure. This disclosure will be posted on the Inspector General's website.

Name (last) Puffer	Name (first) Wendy	Name (middle)
Name of office or agency Indiana Arts Commission		Job title Grant Reviewer (Special State Appointee)
Address of office (number and street) 100 N Senate Ave., N505		City Indianapolis
Office telephone number ( 317 ) 232-1269		ZIP code 46204
Office e-mail address (required) grantsadmin@iac.in.gov		

Describe the conflict of interest:

Ms. Puffer serves as a Grant Reviewer for the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) FY26-27 Arts Organization Support (AOS) Grant Program and its considered a Special State Appointee, as defined in IC 4-2-6-1 (18).

Ms. Puffer has disclosed to the IAC that she has a conflict of interest with two (2) organizations who are applying for the FY26-27 AOS Grant Program:

A) Hoosier Shakes, Inc. (Marion, IN) - Ms. Puffer knows the founder of the organization.

This was disclosed to the IAC via email after Ms. Puffer was assigned a list of all the grant applications to be reviewed.

B) The Quilters Hall of Fame (Marion, IN) - Ms. Puffer served as a sponsor of this organization in her connection with the Marion Arts Commission. This was disclosed to the IAC via email after Ms. Puffer was assigned a list of all the grant applications to be reviewed.

Describe the screen established by your ethics officer: (Attach additional pages as needed.)

Ethics Screen for Ms. Puffer:

1) Ms. Puffer has disclosed to the IAC about the two (2) conflict of interest. Per the IAC's Grant Reviewer's Conflict of Interest Standard Operating Procedure (IAC-OPS-007) the following screenings have been established by the IAC:

A) Hoosier Shakes, Inc. (Marion, IN): Ethics Screen C, the Grant Reviewer was removed from the discussion and scoring of the grant application review during the Grant Review Zoom Meeting that took place on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

B) The Quilters Hall of Fame (Marion, IN): Ethics Screen C, the Grant Reviewer was removed from the discussion and scoring of the grant application review during the Grant Review Zoom Meeting that took place on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

#### AFFIRMATION

Your signature below affirms that your disclosures on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. In addition to this form, you have attached a copy of your written disclosure to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer.

Signature of state officer, employee or special state appointee

*Wendy Puffer*

Date signed (month, day, year)

4/25/25

Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Wendy Puffer

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Your signature below affirms that you have reviewed this disclosure form and that it is true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. You also attest that your agency has implemented the screen described above.

Signature of ethics officer

*André Zhang Seneora*

Date signed (month, day, year)

04/25/25

Printed full name of ethics officer

André Zhang Seneora



Outlook

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**[Ethics Notice] Puffer, Wendy - Conflict of Interest - Muncie Arts and Culture Council**

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**From** Zhang Sonera, André <AZhangsonera@iac.IN.gov>

**Date** Fri 04/25/2025 02:34 PM

**To** Anne Penny Valentine <indypenny@yahoo.com>

**Cc** Michaelsen, Miah <MMichaelsen@iac.IN.gov>

Dear Chair Valentine,

As the Indiana Arts Commission's appointing authority, this email serves as notice of Wendy Puffer's conflict of interest under IC 4-2-6-9.

Ms. Puffer is a Grant Reviewer for the FY26-27 Arts Organization Support Grant Program.

An ethics screen has been established and described in the attached Ethics Disclosure Form and will be filed with the State Ethics Commission.

Respectfully,

André

**André Zhang Sonera, MPA**

*Deputy Director & Chief of Staff*

*Ethics Officer*

**Indiana Arts Commission**

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