

**OHIO ARTS COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 20, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ginger Warner at 10:11 a.m. in Room 2921 of the Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus. Board members in attendance: Ginger Warner, chair; Jim Dicke, vice-chair; Robb Hankins, secretary; Juan Cespedes; Jon Holt; Monica Kridler; Darryl Mehaffie; Farid Naffah; Bill White; Neal Zimmers; and Rep. Tavia Galonski. Board members not in attendance: Susan Allan Block; David Barber; Gary Hanson; Tom Johnson; Rep. Sara Carruthers; Sen. Teresa Fedor; and Sen. Matt Dolan. Staff attending: Donna Collins, Dan Katona (via phone), Justin Nigro, Josh Coy, Ted Hattemer, Chiquita Mullins Lee, and Kathy Signorino. Also in attendance: Dale Vitale, Office of the Ohio Attorney General; Cristina Benedetti, OAC folk and traditional arts contractor; and Philip Kim, marketing and communications director, Ohio Citizens for the Arts (OCA).

Chair Ginger Warner welcomed board members, including new legislative appointee Rep. Tavia Galonski.

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Warner briefed board members on the selection and review process for the 2019 Governor's Awards for the Arts winners and thanked the work of committee members for their review of the winners. She noted the awards would be presented on May 15.

MOTION by Darryl Mehaffie, seconded by Bill White, to approve accept the Awards Committee report. **Motion carried without dissent.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Jon Holt, seconded by Neal Zimmers, to approve minutes from the board meeting of October 17, 2018 and the committee meeting of December 18, 2018. **Motion carried without dissent.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice-Chair Jim Dicke joined Ms. Warner in reviewing the agency's quarterly expenditure reports for the first two quarters of FY 2019, as previously considered in the morning's Finance Committee.

MOTION by Neal Zimmers, seconded by Darryl Mehaffie, to approve the quarterly expenditure report for the first quarter of FY 2019. **Motion carried without dissent.**

MOTION by Darryl Mehaffie, seconded by Neal Zimmers, to approve the quarterly expenditure report for the second quarter of FY 2019. **Motion carried without dissent.**

Ms. Warner updated the board on the agency's progress through the state's biennial budgeting process. After agencies submitted budget requests in the fall of 2018, Governor Mike DeWine released budget recommendations, with a small increase for the OAC, she said. Ms. Warner noted that Executive Director Donna Collins would testify before the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate later in the spring and encouraged board members to attend. A final budget would be in place by June 30, 2019, she reported. At the federal level, she observed that the National Endowment for the Arts budget now stood at \$155 million. Mr. Dicke and Ms. Warner next reviewed the agency's two ratification reports from the prior two quarters.

MOTION by Darryl Mehaffie, seconded by Neal Zimmers, to approve the quarterly ratification report covering the first quarter of FY 2019. **Motion carried without dissent.**

MOTION by Monica Kridler, seconded by Farid Naffah, to approve the quarterly ratification report covering the second quarter of FY 2019. **Motion carried without dissent.**

GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS: FY 2019 INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Ms. Warner opened discussion of the grant recommendations for the FY 2019 Individual Excellence Awards. She noted that seven artistic categories were considered this cycle—crafts, design arts, interdisciplinary and performance art, media arts, photography, two-dimensional visual arts, and three-dimensional visual arts. She introduced Josh Coy, the agency's new artist programs director, and Kathy Signorino, artist programs coordinator. Mr. Coy and Ms. Signorino discussed this year's recommendations in greater depth.

MOTION by Bill White, seconded by Monica Kridler, to approve the FY 2019 Individual Excellence Award grant recommendations. **Motion carried without dissent.**

CHAIR AND DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Ms. Warner reminded board members that the next board meeting on July 17, 2019 would be extremely important, given its focus on considering grant recommendations for most major funding programs, including the Sustainability on-year grants. She invited board members to share updates from around the state. Ms. Collins then provided her report.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Warner invited Arts Learning Coordinator Chiquita Mullins Lee to detail the agency's 14th *Poetry Out Loud* competition to the board. Ms. Mullins Lee discussed the event and the 2019 State Champion Anna Kahle, who attends Lima Central Catholic High School.

Ms. Warner reminded board members to submit financial disclosure statements to the Ohio Ethics Commission by May 15, 2019.

Ms. Warner then asked Deputy Director Dan Katona to share survey results from the Arts Impact Ohio conference. She reminded board members that when Ms. Collins became executive director, she had asked arts constituents about their needs and desires. One of the foremost needs expressed was to meet and convene more regularly, to network with peers, and to receive professional development. Accordingly, she said Ms. Collins had worked to rejuvenate agency services to the creative sector, including webinars, regional convenings, field visits, and now a multi-day professional development conference called Arts Impact Ohio. Ms. Warner reported that nearly 300 individuals attended – artists, arts teachers, administrators, policymakers, and others. Via phone, Mr. Katona provided greater detail on the conference and constituents' satisfaction with its execution. Several board members complimented the agency on its work in this regard.

OHIO ARTS EDUCATION DATA PROJECT PRESENTATION

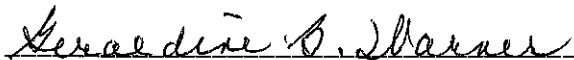
Ms. Warner briefed members on a new project that reflected the culmination of years of work by the OAC, Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Alliance for Arts Education (OAAE), and Quadrant Research. She reported that the partners had developed an Arts Education Dashboard that allowed parents, educators, school administrators, policymakers, and the public to see what arts education was offered in Ohio's schools and school districts. This allowed for tracking trends and made Ohio one of the first few states in the nation to make such a resource available, she said. She invited OAAE Executive Director Tim Katz to provide an overview, walkthrough, and demonstration of the dashboard for the board.

Rep. Tavia Galonski left the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

OHIO CITIZENS FOR THE ARTS (OCA) REPORT

Ms. Warner asked OCA Marketing and Communications Director Phil Kim to provide a brief update on OCA's activities, and Mr. Kim discussed OCA's involvement in state and federal advocacy and its progress on planning and executing Arts Day activities in conjunction with the Governor's Awards for the Arts.

The meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.



Geraldine B. Warner
OAC Board Chair



Robert Hankins
OAC Board Secretary