

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF THE ARTS**

**Connecticut Arts Council Meeting**

**Monday, June 11, 2018**

**2:00 pm**

**450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 5, Hartford, CT 06103**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Fritz Jellinghaus, Mary Ellen Eckels, Helen During, Jan Dilenschneider,  
Catherine Smith

**Absent:** Ted Yudain

**Staff:** Kristina Newman-Scott, Tamara Dimitri, Bonnie Koba, Rhonda Olisky,  
Jane Schneider

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:11 pm

**II. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of April 16, 2018.

Motion: Mary Ellen Eckels

Second: Jan Dilenschneider

(Y-4; N-0; Abstain-1)

**III. Chairman's Report**

Fritz Jellinghaus reported and welcomed Ted Yudain, who will serve as the Treasurer for the Connecticut Arts Council Foundation, and Mary Ellen Eckels, who will serve as the Secretary.

Fritz also reported that names of candidates have been submitted to appointing legislators to fill the current vacancies in the Connecticut Arts Council. He hope that they will be filled by the next Arts Council meeting scheduled for September 17, 2018.

#### IV. Director's Report

Kristina Newman-Scott presented CT Office of the Arts' (COA) updates on the following:

**COA Grant Programs:** The deadlines for COA's FY19 grant deadlines are scheduled for June and July 2018. The funding period has been changed to align with our federal funding from the NEA from October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019. Grant recommendations will be presented for approval at the September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Arts Council meeting.

**Music Conference:** The Connecticut Office of the Arts, in partnership with YUPntwk, will present the first R.E.A.D.I Music Conference with a focus on Pop Culture & Music, including Hip Hop, Afrobeat and R&B on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

**Make Music Day:** Make Music Day is a free celebration of music around the world. On Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, across the State of Connecticut, musicians of every kind will take to streets, parks and plazas to celebrate the art of making music! All events are free and open to the public!

**Regional Service Organizations (RSO) Check-in:** COA staff has scheduled field visits to our Regional Service Organizations. The plan is to visit all nine of our regional partners. This will give us an opportunity to assess that they are aligning with COA's partnership agreement and to view upfront some of the initiatives they are doing in their respective communities. We will also meet with staff and board members to discuss how COA can be of additional service to them.

**Arts Council Participation:** COA encourages all our Arts Council members to be part of the grant panel process and be able to provide suggestion and give their perspectives of the process.

Kristina reported that the role and responsibilities of the Advisory Council will now be under Deputy Commissioner Kooris' management.

Kristina also reported that Commissioner will be creating a transition team to advise the incoming administration.

## **V. Action Items**

### **CT State Poet Laureate**

It is recommended that the Arts Council approve a stipend of \$2,500 each year for a 3-year term of the CT State Poet Laureate to be selected in July 2018.

Motion: Catherine Smith  
Seconded: Helen During

(Y-5; N-0; Abstain-0)

### **CT State Troubadour**

It is recommended that the Arts Council approve Nekita Waller of Middletown as Connecticut's 17<sup>th</sup> State Troubadour for a term of 3 years. She will receive an annual stipend of \$2,500 for a total of \$7,500.

Motion: Catherine Smith  
Seconded: Helen During

(Y-5; N-0; Abstain-0)

### **CT Artist Collection Budget**

It is recommended that the Connecticut Arts Council approve a budget of \$350,000 for the purchase of artwork for the CT Artist Collection during the FY19 fiscal year.

Motion: Mary Ellen Eckels  
Seconded: Helen During

(Y-5; N-0; Abstain-0)

### **CT Artist Collection Advisory Committee**

It is recommended that the Connecticut Arts Council approve a five (5) member Connecticut's Artist Collection Advisory Committee.

Motion: Fritz Jellinghaus  
Seconded: Mary Ellen Eckels

(Y-5; N-0; Abstain-0)

**VI. Other Business**

No other business.

**VII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mary Ellen Eckels, second by Helen During, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lu Rivera  
Administrative Assistant