

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Nebraska arts Council Offices
1004 Farnam Street, Lower Level
Omaha, NE 68102

I. Call to Order -- Candy Henning, Chair

A copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act is available for audience members. Additionally, there is a copy of all reproducible written material that will be discussed available for examination and copying by members of the public pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meeting Act.

Ms. Henning was unable to attend this meeting, Ms. Pflueger stepped in to chair the meeting, she called the meeting to order at 2:03p.m. She invited anyone present to peruse the agenda and other materials furnished under the provisions of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act.

II. Roll Call -- Mike Markey

Present: Alec Gorynski, Ellen Hornady, Darrel Huenergardt, Sarah Peetz, Heather Schneider

Joyce Hasselbalch, Paula Pflueger,

Absent: Steve Anderson, Stephen Bader, Walter Seiler, Reven Wright, Candy Henning

On the Phone: Amy Haddad

Also attending: Anne Alston, Meagan Dion, Jennifer Dreibelbis, Chad Dolezal, Linda Hilliar, Mike Markey, Stephanie Plummer, Robin Richards, Suzanne Wise, Rachel Morgan

III. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Pflueger asked council members to review the agenda for any additions or corrections.

MOTION: Mr. Huenergardt moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hasselbalch.

VOTE: The agenda for the February 4, 2020 meeting was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

At this time in the meeting, Ms. Wise gave remarks on the passing of Sue Roush, who was a beloved member of the Nebraska arts community and will be missed here at NAC and all across the state.

IV. Introductions of Guests & Oral Communications

Kyle Cartwright, Nebraska Cultural Endowment, addressed the board and gave a report of where the Cultural Endowment started and where it is now as well as projections for the future. Since Doug Zbylut, Nebraskans for the Arts, was down in Lincoln for the day, Suzanne Wise reported on the activities of Nebraskans for the Arts including the latest legislative bills that will affect the arts community in Nebraska.

Ms. Wise gave the council information regarding Arts Advocacy Day at the State Capital on February 13, 2020. She also gave an update on the Arts Education initiatives for the past 4 months.

V. Introduction of New Council Members

Mark Laughlin, Omaha, was introduced as the newest member of the Arts Council.

VI. Oath of Office

New council member, Mark Laughlin, was asked to take the oath of office. Ms. Pflueger asked all council members to recite the oath along with Mr. Laughlin. The oath was given and signed, and a copy was distributed to the new member.

VII. Approval of Minutes: October 15, 2019

Ms. Pflueger asked council members to review the Minutes of the October 15, 2019 council meeting for any additions or corrections.

MOTION: Ms. Peetz moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019 council meeting.
The motion was seconded by Ms. Hornady.

VOTE: The minutes for the October 15, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

VIII. Financial Committee Report

A. NAC internal accounting must reconcile with the State's accounting, published in the Allotment Status Report. Mr. Markey reported that the totals for all three programs coincide with the Allotment Status Report.

Mr. Markey reviewed the detailed breakdown for each of the programs, found in the Council Packet on pages on pages 2.5 to 2.14. As a point of comparison between the budget and the actual expenditures, the Administration expenditures detail (Programs 326 & 329) shows that the agency has thus far this fiscal year expended \$455,796. Mr. Markey noted that the expenditures for dues and subscriptions are higher than the expected 50% because of the majority of the annual subscriptions have already been paid for the year.

The Grants & Initiatives detail (Program 327) shows that the agency expended \$761,814.47. Mr. Markey noted that the status of all grant categories was as expected at this point in the fiscal year.

The Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund (CPEF) detail (Program 329) shows that, to date, expenses and drawdowns of earnings from the CPEF and that because of the market there have been no drawdowns. Mr. Markey mentioned \$30,000 of the current fund would be used for administrative expenses.

MOTION: Mr. Gorynski moved to approve the financial statements for as of December 31, 2019.
The motion was seconded by Mr. Huenergardt.

VOTE: The approval of the financial statements as of December 31, 2019 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

B. Projected Budget for Cultural Endowment Funds

Mr. Markey presented a projection of anticipated funds in the Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund and their distribution over the next two fiscal years.

C. Governor's Budget Recommendations

Mr. Markey and Ms. Wise reported on the mid-biennial budget adjustment request. The Governor has recommended the PSL adjustment, but not the larger subscription package to Slideroom or the funds for Arts Midwest registrations. Ms. Wise will be testifying before the Appropriations Committee on behalf of the request later this month.

IX. Fall Grant Panel Awards Review

Results from the following panels were presented to the Council for review and comment.

A. Annual Series & Events (online review)

B. Artist in Schools/Communities (online review)

C. Arts Learning Project Grants

1. Panel 1, November 14, 2019 -- Alec Gorynski, Chair

2. Panel 1, November 15, 2019 – Sue Roush, Chair; Amy Haddad

D. Arts Project Grants November 12, 2019 Ellen Hornady, Chair

E. Artist Roster Appointments

1. Artists in Schools/Communities -- Heather Schneider

F. Floating Deadline Report

The board was reminded how the floating deadline grants, such as Mini Grants, work. A full listing of the floating deadline grants is available in the current packet under section

X. Reports & Discussion Items

A. Executive Director's Report -- Suzanne Wise

- Ms. Wise reported that the staff has completed the strategic planning process, and she presented the final 2020-2023 Nebraska Arts Council Strategic Plan for review and approval.

MOTION: Ms. Hornady moved to approve the 2020-2023 NAC Strategic Plan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Peetz.

VOTE: The 2020-2023 NAC Strategic Plan meeting was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

- Ms. Wise gave an overview of 2020 Governor's Arts Awards planning including a list of the winners and details of the ceremony and reception.

3. Legislative Update

Ms. Wise gave the board an update of the arts related legislative bills on the floor this session and the progress being made on those bills (listed below)

- LB780, sponsored by Senator Stinner, will change the administrative fee for Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund management from a set amount annually to a percentage of the corpus.

- b. LB492, sponsored by Senator Hunt, will create a “Support the Arts” license plate. The funds from the sale of license plates will be used to fund grants for Creative Districts.
- c. LB493, sponsored by Senator Hunt, will authorize the Arts Council to develop a program for Cultural Districts and to fund Cultural District grants.
- 4. Basic Support Grants
Ms. Wise reported on the status of a few Basic Support Grant Organizations and the need to reevaluate their eligibility in that grant category.
- 5. Arts Midwest Conference September 9-12
This is the preeminent booking and education conference for the Midwest performing arts industry and it will take place September 9–12, 2020 at various locations around Omaha, NE.

B. Program Reports

- 1. Meagan Dion gave the board an update on the Individual Artist Fellowships that were just awarded.
- 2. Anne Alston gave the report on new teachers for the artist rosters and the ESU #2 projects that she has been working on.

XI. Other Business

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm

CALENDAR

2019 Council Meetings

February 4	Omaha
June 9	TBD
October 13	TBD

The next quarterly meeting of the Nebraska Arts Council will be June 9, 2020. The meeting time and location will be posted on the State of Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar, <http://www.nebraska.gov/calendar> on May 11th.