

**MINUTES
ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL AGENCY
TRI-ANNUAL MEETING
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
AUGUST 22, 2014**

Board Members Present: Shirley R. Madigan, Chairman;
Andy Van Meter, Secretary;
Rhoda A. Pierce, Vice Chairman;
Virginia Bobins; Patrice Bugelas-Brandt;
William Brattain; Rich Daniels;
Beth Boosalis Davis; Christina K. Gidwitz;
Desiree Grode; Jodie S. Kavensky; Valerie King;
Gary Matts; Peggy Montes; Howard Tullman;

Board Members Absent: Jill Arena; Lisa Dent Bielefeldt; Henry Godinez;
Jennifer Levine; Sheila M. O'Brien; Donald Wiener

Chairman Madigan called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M.

The Chairman thanked all present board members for attending the vitally important meeting. She requested that each board and staff member introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2013 TRI-ANNUAL MEETING

It was moved by Andy Van Meter and seconded that the Minutes of the August 23, 2013 Board meeting, as presented under Tab 1, be approved. The motion carried.

FISCAL REPORT

. 12-MONTH FINANCIAL REPORT FY14

It was moved by Andy Van Meter and seconded that the 12-month Financial Report ending June 30, 2014, as presented in the Council book under Tab 2, be approved. The motion carried.

FY15 BUDGET

It was moved by Andy Van Meter and seconded that the FY15 budget, as presented in the Council book under Tab 3, be approved. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FY15 GRANTS

It was moved by Andy Van Meter and seconded that the FY15 grants, as presented in the Council book under Tab 4, pages 1-18, be approved. The motion carried.

ABSTENTIONS: Virginia Bobins 0585 Art Institute of Chicago, 0444 Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, 0635 Field Museum of Natural History, 0712 Greeley Elem School, 0711 Hawthorne Scholastic Academy, 0707 Hawthorne Scholastic Academy, 0709 Mitchell Elem School, 0296 Northwestern University, 0588, 0342, 0431, 0432 School of the Art Institute, 0575, 0518, 0590, 0512 The University of Chicago, 0710 Wildwood Elem School, 0134 WTTW Communications Inc.; Patrice Bugelas-Brandt 0313, 0556 Loyola University of Chicago; William Brattain 0312 Western Illinois University; Beth Boosalis Davis 0683 Steppenwolf Theatre Company; Christina Kemper Gidwitz 0635 Field Museum of Natural History, 0313, 0556 Loyola University of Chicago, 0161 Lyric Opera of Chicago, 0406 Ryan Opera Center; Desiree Grode 0090 Int'l Music Foundation; Jodie S. Kavensky 0399 MidCoast Fine Arts; Shirley R. Madigan 0313, 0556 Loyola University Chicago, 0296 Northwestern University; Peggy Montes 0585 Art Institute of Chicago, 0608 Bronzeville Children's Museum, 0588, 0432, 0431, 0342 School of the Art Institute; Rhoda Pierce 0717 Highland Park Cultural Arts Comm; Howard Tullman 0134 WTTW Communications Inc.

RATIFICATION OF FY14 GRANTS

It was moved by Rhoda Pierce and seconded that the FY14 Grants, as presented in the Council book under Tab 5 pages 1-22, be ratified. The motion carried.

ABSTENTIONS: Virginia Bobins 1079 Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, 0772 Belding Elem School, 0763 DePriest Elem School, 0791 Hedges Elem School, 1161 Northwestern University, 0814 Orr Comm Academy High School, 0962 Sandoval Elem School, 1234 School of the Art Institute, 0815 Stowe Elem School, 1468, 1467, 0897, 0755 WTTW Communications Inc.; Patrice Bugelas-Brandt 0828 Loyola University; William Brattain 0744, 0890 WIUM-FM Western Illinois University, 1461, 0759, 0904 WOPT-TV; Christina Kemper Gidwitz 1066 Big Shoulders Fund, 0828 Loyola University; Shirley R. Madigan 0828 Loyola University, 1161 Northwestern University; Peggy Montes 1234 School of the Art Institute; Rhoda A. Pierce 0938 Arts Midwest; Howard Tullman 0897, 1467, 1468, 0755 WTTW Communications Inc.

ARTS ALLIANCE ILLINOIS

Ra Joy, Executive Director of Arts Alliance Illinois, was unable to provide his scheduled presentation at the August 22 meeting.

ILLINOIS HUMANITIES COUNCIL

Angel Ysaguirre, Executive Director of the Illinois Humanities Council (IHC), provided a brief overview of the history and structure of the organization. He talked about IHC programs which exist throughout all geographic sections of Illinois and serve every legislative district. Angel also shared information about the Chicago Humanities Festival, a spin off of the IHC.

DIVISION OF OPERATIONS

In January of this year, to create further efficiency at the Illinois Arts Council Agency (IACA), a division was reestablished between grant making and grant processing. The Division of Operations consists of staff members that oversee the fiscal, administrative and grant processing procedures for the Agency. A brief synopsis of the duties, responsibilities and future plans of the newly formed division was reported.

FISCAL YEAR 2014 PROGRAM SUMMARY

In FY14 after a five-year hiatus, several previously suspended IACA programs were reinstated. The process of reestablishing the programs greatly impacted the workload and work flow of the Program and Division of Operations staff. The Artist Fellowship, Artstour & Live Music, Literary Awards, and Summer Youth Employment in the Arts Programs created renewed opportunities for IACA constituents. Staff members provided a brief synopsis of each of the reinstated programs and shared a timeline of the procedures that were required to reinstate them.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Madigan thanked Board members for serving as Panel Chairs and Co-chairs throughout the grants review process. She noted that each Panel's procedures had been reviewed to ensure that the best policies and practices were followed. She provided an update on the legislative process and each level of procedure necessary to finalize the IACA's FY15 budget. Chairman Madigan praised Director Gant and Chief of Operations Officer Yazoo Hall, for their excellence in finalizing FY14 commitments. She thanked all IACA staff for their teamwork and tireless efforts.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Gant noted the importance of establishing the Division of Operations. She added that the change presented an opportunity to review the IACA's current structure and needs. She praised the staff for their work on the FY14 reinstated programs, noting that they would well serve the IACA's constituents. Tatiana thanked Chairman Madigan and Vice-Chairman Pierce for working with the legislature and the Governor's office to ensure continued funding for the IACA with the FY15 budget. Director Gant reported that she had enjoyed attending many grantee events in the preceding months, focusing on two that had deeply inspired her.

It was moved by Andy Van Meter and seconded that the Illinois Arts Council Agency, having completed its scheduled business, be adjourned. The motion carried.

Chairman Madigan adjourned the meeting at 11:34 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Andy Van Meter, Secretary