

State of California
CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL
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MINUTES

California



Arts Council

October 1, 2009
TELECONFERENCE

Locations

California Arts Council (CAC)
1300 I Street, Suite 930
Sacramento, CA 95814

California African American Museum (CAAM)
600 State Drive
Exposition Park
Los Angeles, CA 90037

Dewey Square Group
921 11th Street, 10th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

ATTENDANCE

CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL

Council Members:

Alexander, Michael (CAAM)
Feruzzi Shriver, Malissa (Chair) (CAAM)
Hubbard, Adam (CAAM)
Jefferson, Charmaine (CAAM)
Sands, Fred (CAAM)
Skelton, Karen (CAAM)

Members not in Attendance

David, Eunice (Vice Chair)
Lee, Chong-Moon
Steinhauser, Susan
Turner, William

Staff:

Muriel Johnson, Director (CAC)
Josie S. Talamantez, Chief of Programs (CAC)
Scott Heckes, Chief of Administration (CAC)
Mary Beth Barber, Communications Director (CAC)
Patricia Milich, Public Awareness Coordinator (CAC)
Lucero Arellano, Arts Specialist (CAC)
John Seto, Arts Specialist (CAC)

Public in Attendance

Julia Wright, Dewey Square Group (Dewey Square)

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Minutes

Teleconference on October 1, 2009

Call to Order

Chair Malissa Feruzzi Shriver called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Mary Beth Barber called the roll. In attendance at the California African American Museum: Alexander, Feruzzi Shriver, Hubbard, Jefferson, Sands, Skelton. Not present: David, Lee, Steinhauser, Turner.

Staff Introduction

Director Muriel Johnson asked for introductions from the CAC staff present in Sacramento. In attendance: Heckes, Barber, Nielsen, Talamantez, Arellano, Seto, Johnson and Milich.

Public Comment

No members of the public were in attendance.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Talamantez explained the panel and review process for the recommendations for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding (ARRA) from the California Arts Council. Total number of applications: 238. Overall amount requested: \$4.5 million. California Arts Council amount to grant in the ARRA program: \$487,000. She also explained that the panel adjudicated applicants and approved ARRA funding recommendations for the Western States Arts Federation (WESTAF)'s California grants, as requested by that agency.

Alexander asked how many ARRA grants WESTAF would make to California organizations. Talamantez said WESTAF would only guarantee one grant, but that more than one was likely.

Alexander clarified that the CAC's ARRA grants would not be partially funding, but those who receive grants will receive the full amount requested. Talamantez answered in the affirmative, with the exception of the last organization on the list to be granted, which would receive the remaining ARRA re-granting funds. This grant could be a partially funded grant based on the amount of remaining funds, said Talamantez.

Sands asked for clarification concerning the La Raza Bookstore, if it was a national organization. Talamantez explained that the organization is a local visual, literary and performing arts organization based in Sacramento, and that the "La Raza" term is used widely by a number of different, independent arts and cultural organizations.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the panel recommendations for ARRA

Alexander moved to approve the panel recommendations for the CAC's ARRA grants and the panel recommendations for WESTAF for that agency's California ARRA grants. Hubbard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Arts Education Resolution

Feruzzi Shriver reminded the Council that the Council opted to delay the voting on the arts education resolution – as presented at the September 17, 2009 council meeting – and vote on it during this teleconferenced meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Arts Education Resolution (September 17, 2009 draft)

Jefferson moved to approve the resolution in support of visual and performing arts education in California schools, as drafted and presented to Council on September 17, 2009. Alexander seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Conclusion and Adjournment

Johnson thanked the members of the Council who took the time and effort to be part of the teleconference, noting their dedication to the agency. Alexander asked for a summary report on the CAC's ARRA application process, the number of applicants, and the overall requested amount. Jefferson commended the CAC staff for their hard work, and noted that while not every county has a grantee, many counties did not have organizations that applied. Skelton also commended the staff for their hard work on the ARRA program.

Feruzzi Shriver adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.