

NEVADA ARTS COUNCIL BOARD MEETING

Friday, June 16, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Via Conference Call

716 N Carson St., Suite A

Carson City, NV 89701

Present:	Board	Julia Arger, Chair Edward Estipona Joseph O’Neill Gail Rappa Jerry Schefcik Irma Varela Annie Zucker
	Staff	Linda Ficklin, Interim Executive Director Teresa Moiola, Grants Program Director Ariana Cramer, Grants Program Assistant Cathleen Wyatt, Administrative Assistant
	Excused	Eric Strain Ryrie Valdez Maryjane Dorofachuk, Arts Education Director
	Guests	Brett Kandt, Chief Deputy Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting convened in open public session at 10:05 a.m. Julia Arger, chair of the Nevada Arts Council (NAC) Board, welcomed everyone, and asked for introductions. (*Attachment A: Public Meeting Notice/Agenda*)

Julia reminded public that comments will be Limited to 3 minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment in person or submitted via email.

APPROVAL OF NAC BOARD MINUTES - For Possible Action

Arger requested approval of minutes from the NAC Board Meeting on March 15, 2017. (*Attachment B: Minutes from March 15, 2017 Board Meeting*)

MOTION: APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM MARCH 17, 2017: Moved by Joe O’Neill; seconded by Irma Varela. Passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF FY18 GRANT PANEL MEETINGS AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS - For Possible Action

Arger makes a brief state prior to presentations:

“We are very aware that the Grants panels this year were not up to our established standards, some of this has to do with the major transition that the agency is presently going through. However, as chair I will guarantee that moving forward all our grants panels will reflect the high standards of this agency. Our partners, grantees and constituents, deserve nothing less. I along with the board and staff will work with the new Executive Director to make sure the rich heritage of the NAC grant process will continue and will improve.”

Arts Learning Panels

Ryrie Valdez, Arts Learning Panel Chair, absent requested Gail Rappa to present her report. Rappa, reported that the panel convened in a public meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 16 and 17, 2017 at Whitney Peak in Reno. (*Attachment C: Arts Learning Grants and panelists report*)

Arts Learning Component Grants PIE Tier 1

• Capital City Arts Initiative	Carson City	\$4,256
• Carson City Symphony Association	Carson City	\$5,171
• Chinese New Year in the Desert	Henderson	\$4,405
• Good Luck Macbeth Theatre Co.	Reno	\$3,453
• Lake Tahoe Classic Guitar Society	Incline Village	\$3,453
• Mile High Jazz Band	Carson City	\$2,725
• Northern Nevada Bluegrass Assoc	Reno	\$1,304
• Pahrump Visual & Performing Arts	Pahrump	\$3,656
• Poetry Promise	N Las Vegas	\$4,779
• Red Mountain Music Company	Boulder City	\$1,732
• Reno Jazz Orchestra	Reno	\$4,349
• Shakespeare Institute of Nevada,	Las Vegas	\$4,517
• Sin City Opera	Henderson	\$3,721
• Yerington Theatre for the Arts	Yerington	\$3,845

Arts Learning Component Grants PIE Tier 2

• Artown	Reno	\$4,648
• Brewery Arts Center	Carson City	\$4,536
• Churchill Arts Council	Fallon	\$5,096
• City of Las Vegas, Cultural Affairs	Las Vegas	\$4,947
• Clark County – Winchester Center	Las Vegas	\$4,760
• Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival	Incline Village	\$5,152
• Las Vegas Philharmonic	Las Vegas	\$4,536
• Neon Museum	Las Vegas	\$3,584
• Nevada Museum of Art	Reno	\$5,021
• Note-able Music Therapy Services	Reno	\$4,611
• Opera Las Vegas	Las Vegas	\$4,312
• Reno Dance Company	Reno	\$4,293
• Reno Little Theater	Reno	\$5,189
• Reno Philharmonic Association	Reno	\$4,723
• Sierra Arts Foundation	Reno	\$4,564

- Smith Center for the Performing Arts Las Vegas \$5,264
- Western Folklife Center Elko \$4,816
- Bruka Theatre Reno \$4,219

Arts Learning Project Grants

- Clark County Public Education Foundation Las Vegas \$4,800
- Girls Rock Vegas Las Vegas \$4,059
- Notes with a purpose Las Vegas \$4,994
- Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts Reno \$4,923
- Southern Nevada Handweavers And Spinners Guild Las Vegas \$ 938
- Through a Child’s Eyes Foundation Yerington \$4,112

Partners in Excellence

Julia Arger, chaired the Grants Panel charged with reviewing applications for FY18 Partners in Excellence Grants (PIE): Tier I and Partners in Excellence Grants (PIE): Tier 2, reported that the panel convened in public meetings on May 18 and 19, 2017. (*Attachment D: Partners in Excellence and panelists report*)

PIE – Tier I, Level I (up to \$4,000)

- Ballet Folklorico Las Vegas \$2,818
- Bella Voce Women’s Ensemble Reno \$2,492
- Lake Tahoe Classic Guitar Society Incline Village \$2,110
- Metro Arts Council Henderson \$2,205
- Nevada Woodchucks Sparks \$2,364
- Pahrump Arts Council Pahrump \$2,484
- Poetry Promise, Inc N Las Vegas \$2,444
- Proscenium Players, Inc Carson City \$2,157
- Red Mountain Music Company Boulder City \$2,436
- Sin City Opera Henderson \$2,651
- Southern Nevada Bluegrass Music Society Las Vegas \$2,532
- Southern Nevada Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Henderson \$2,372

PIE – Tier I, Level 2 (up to \$6,500)

- Chinese New Year in the Desert Henderson \$4,397
- Henderson Writers’ Group Henderson \$3,115
- Las Vegas Pipe Band N Las Vegas \$4,086
- Northern Nevada Bluegrass Assoc. Reno \$4,146

PIE – Tier 1, Level 3 (up to \$8,000)

• A Public Fit	Las Vegas	\$5,047
• Capital City Arts Initiative	Carson City	\$5,136
• Carson City Symphony Association	Carson City	\$5,356
• Carson Valley Arts Council	Minden	\$4,710
• Dam Short Film Society	Boulder City	\$5,063
• Desert Chorale, The	Las Vegas	\$4,549
• Get in the Act! Arts in Action	Dayton	\$4,960
• Good Luck Macbeth Theatre Co.	Reno	\$3,845
• Left of Center Art Gallery	N Las Vegas	\$4,975
• Mile High Jazz Band	Carson City	\$4,740
• Reno Jazz Orchestra	Reno	\$5,356
• Shooting the West	Winnemucca	\$4,945
• S NV Musical Arts Society	Las Vegas	\$4,681
• Tahoe Arts Project	S Lake Tahoe	\$4,740
• TheatreWorks of Northern Nevada	Sparks	\$4,226
• Yerington Theatre for the Arts	Yerington	\$5,180

PIE – Tier 2, Level 4 (up to \$16,000)

• Bruka Theatre of the Sierra	Reno	\$10,052
• Discovery Children’s Museum	Las Vegas	\$8,732
• Friends of the Las Vegas Youth Orchestra	Las Vegas	\$9,800
• Holland Project, The	Reno	\$9,706
• Opera Las Vegas	Las Vegas	\$9,518
• Reno Dance Company	Reno	\$9,046
• Sierra Nevada MasterWorks Chorale	Reno	\$8,324
• Signature Productions	Las Vegas	\$10,837
• St. Mary’s Art Center	Virginia City	\$11,182

PIE – Tier 2, Level 5 (up to \$24,000)

• A.V.A. Ballet Theatre	Reno	\$14,241
• Arts for All Nevada	Reno	\$11,875
• Arts for the Schools	Truckee	\$12,864
• Brewery Arts Center	Carson City	\$14,973
• Churchill Arts Council	Fallon	\$15,747
• Nevada School of the Arts	Las Vegas	\$15,876
• Note-able Music Therapy Services	Reno	\$15,489
• Reno Chamber Orchestra	Reno	\$14,069

- Reno Little Theatre Reno \$15,661

PIE – Tier 2, Level 6 (up to \$30,000)

- Artown Reno \$20,404
- City of Las Vegas, Cultural Affairs Las Vegas \$19,427
- Clark County – Winchester Center Las Vegas \$19,915
- Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival Incline Village \$16,442
- Lake Tahoe SummerFest Incline Village \$16,985
- Las Vegas Philharmonic Las Vegas \$15,248
- Neon Museum Las Vegas \$17,256
- Nevada Museum of Art Reno \$19,698
- Reno Philharmonic Association Reno \$20,946
- Sierra Arts Foundation Reno \$19,264
- Smith Center for the Performing Arts Las Vegas \$13,566
- Western Folklife Center Elko \$19,535
- Nevada Public Radio Las Vegas \$17,473

Project Grants

Annie Zucker, chaired the Grants Panel charged with reviewing applications for FY18 Project Grants, reported that the panel convened in public meetings on May 17, 2017. (*Attachment E: Project Grant and panelists report*)

PROJECT GRANTS (up to \$6,500)

- Channel 5 Public Broadcasting Reno \$3,264
- Friends of India Las Vegas \$3,540
- Eureka Restoration Enterprise Eureka \$3,523
- Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership Baker \$3,962
- Gurdwara Baba Deep Singh, Inc. Las Vegas \$4,075
- Henderson District Public Libraries Henderson \$2,627
- Kizuna Japanese Society Henderson \$3,864
- Las Vegas Celtic Society Las Vegas \$4,010
- Las Vegas Paiute Tribe Las Vegas \$3,832
- Nevada Humanities Reno \$4,465
- Nevada Indian Commission Carson City \$4,465
- New Dance Foundation for the Arts Las Vegas \$3,751
- Opportunity Village Association Las Vegas \$3,377
- Renown Health Foundation Reno \$3,215
- SNC – Tahoe Galleries Incline Village \$4,563
- Town of Tonopah Tonopah \$3,718
- Trinkle Brass Works, Inc. Las Vegas \$3,556
- UNLV Marjorie Barrick Museum Las Vegas \$4,563
- UNLV – Department of Music Las Vegas \$3,783
- UNLV – Baroque Festival Las Vegas \$3,881
- UNR – Performing Arts Series Reno \$4,653

- UNR – Reno Jazz Festival Reno \$4,481

Zucker, noted a conflict of interest in one grant, but felt she was able to participate in the block grant vote.

MOTION: TO APPROVE ALL of the FY18 Annual GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS AS PRESENTED: moved by Irma Varela; seconded by Gail Rappa. Passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED FUNDING AMOUNTS FOR FY18 ROLLING & QUARTERLY GRANTS - For Possible Action

Ficklin presented the staff recommended funding levels for FY18 Rolling and Quarterly Grants. She explained that the NAC awards noncompetitive Rolling Grants on a year-round basis to eligible applicants on a first-come, first-served basis contingent on available funding as approved by the NAC Board. At the beginning of each fiscal year, the NAC Board allocates an amount to award through each of the categories. If additional NAC funding is available to award through the Rolling Grant categories, the staff requests that the Board approve the authority to augment the original amount approved. Typically, this occurs once or twice during a year.

Artist Residency Express Grants - \$60,000: This grant is between \$1,200 and \$1,500 and is designed for community and educational sponsors to host a short-term artist-led residency, or for artists on the NAC *Artist in Schools + Communities Roster*, that are Nevada residents to present a short-term artist residency.

Living Traditions Grants - \$13,500: This grant is \$1,500 each for a total of nine (9) grants. Living Traditions Grant funds individual master folk artists and cultural organizations to support exemplary traditional arts projects in Nevada.

Nevada Circuit Rider Grants - \$20,000: The Nevada Circuit Rider Program (NCR) offers affordable technical assistance provided by NCR consultants to nonprofit arts and cultural organizations on a range of topics. The NCR Grant is \$4,000, and includes a post-NCR consultancy follow-up review.

Professional Development Grants - \$50,000: Professional Development Grants (PDG) promote the continuing education of Nevada’s nonprofit arts industry to advance their work and careers through attendance at regional or national conferences, workshops, or seminars for skills training. Range from \$350 - \$650.

Jackpot Grants - \$40,000: (\$10,000 per quarter): Quarterly Jackpot Grants support new or exemplary art projects by nonprofit arts and non-arts organizations, schools, public institutions or artists that take place during a three-month period. Maximum \$1,000 per grant.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FY18 GRANT FUNDING ROLLING AND QUARTERLY GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS AS PRESENTED: moved by Joe O’Neill; seconded by Irma Varela. Passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF FY18 1st Quarter Jackpot GRANT PANEL MEETINGS AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS -For Possible Action

Joe O'Neill chaired the Grants Panel charged with reviewing applications for FY18 First Quarter Jackpot Grants, Teresa Moiola gave the report and reported that the panel convened in public meetings on June 6, 2017. (Attachment F: First Quarter Jackpot and recommendations report)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FY18 First Quarter Jackpot GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS AS PRESENTED: moved by Gail Rappa; seconded by Joe O'Neill. Passed unanimously.

Chair's Report:

Executive Director Recruitment applications accepted until June 19, then process begins as Claudia Vecchio described at the March 15, 2017 board meeting. (Vecchio) will also join us at the June 28, board meeting, with an update on the process and how the search is moving along.

Reminder to board when emails are sent by Julia or staff, please respond that you received.

Arger, asked Ficklin to give some agency updates:

Ficklin, stated legislature has gone home, the governor is still signing bills up through this evening (June 16) at midnight, at that point they will either, auto approve or sene dia. Arts Council was given \$100,000, an increase from the Governor's recommended budget, recommended by Assemblywoman Heidi Swank, this funding is for grants, from Tourism funds. The \$100,000 for the Arts & Culture Campaign remains in the Arts Council's budget. Save the dates have gone out for the Conference on November 2, and 3, 2017 in Las Vegas (*See Attached Exhibit G*). Artists Services is working with Creative Capital to present in Reno and Las Vegas one day each on supplemental "Document Presentation", dates unconfirmed at this point sometime in August, this is an invitation only event for 20 – 25 artists.

Julia noted that staff will be very busy this summer and Ficklin concurred.

Board Updates:

Joe O'Neill, exciting time City of Las Vegas of Cultural Affairs, new director in place. New things coming including public art, currently working on Zapp Project, putting art on utility boxes. New season looking to collaborate with Las Vegas art organizations. Still working on bring organizations together in the Las Vegas area.

Gail Rappa, Nevada Arts Postcard Project, write up in a Las Vegas newspaper, continuing this project as issues surface, support has been great. Charing Fellowship Panels next week, being on the other side will be very informative. Tuscarora, poetry Katherine Kats is doing a workshop on Saturday June 17. Summer is up and running in Tuscarora.

Jerry Schefcik, exhibition opening tonight at UNLV. Also shown was "tilting the basin" had a great response, working behind the scenes to get an Art Museum in Las Vegas. Funding for construction is always a challenge. Barrick Museum now has new name, Marjorie Barrick Museum of Art, brought forward with hands on activities, getting people involved by making art. Community involvement is increasing.

Edward Estipona, not such great news on our end, we are looking for funding for Arts4Nevada.org To keep it going, our funding has ended from all funding sources. Minimal support staff, to manage vetting events, statewide arts calendar for all organizations, not sure what going to do, funding ends at end of month, if unable to find funding. VoterVoice to go to Cultural Alliance Nevada. Arger thanks Estipona for the site and how it is such a great resource, for arts organizations in the state.

Annie Zucker; panel chair for project grants, also able to attend Sparks Creativity Connects, sponsored by Nevada Arts Council, great opportunity for Northern Nevada and Sparks to talk about arts and culture in the community. Hope that the conversation continues. Sierra Arts Francine Burch, from City of Sparks will be on board for a liaison. Arteprenuer Carson City and Nevada Arts Council, talk to artist about how to be more business oriented, from a professional standpoint Reno and Reno cultural commission to work on a Arts center for needs assessment. AFTA, AEP5 to come out June 17, 2017. Arts integration and arts 1nd & 2nd grade to integrate arts in curriculum, something that can be replicated in many schools. This summer will train teaching artist to become subject matter experts to expand the outreach to more schools. Of course, Artown well upon us.

Irma Varela; the county is going through changes, a lot of excitement, new public arts supervisor. Patrick Gaffey has been such a leader and is retiring, July 7, 2017. Many changes but positive, transition can be scary. Irma I will be leaving the board on June 30, 2017. Duties at work are pulling me away from NAC. Irma recognizes the change at NAC, praises staff for working through the transition, NAC staff doing good job. I just chaired Heritage Award panel, we will discuss on the June 28, board meeting. I enjoyed working with you Julia and with the staff at the Arts Council.

Arger, read a statement from Rylie Valdez, working on the project “Take me Home Huey” bringing to Reno Nevada Museum of Art on Sept 28 – 30, documentary of Vietnam helicopter which was downed in 1969, the song written for the film was inspired by this huey, Valdez, hopes it to be a catalyst for veteran’s ‘art heals’. Mark your calendars for September 28 – 30 and go see.

Arger, give a thank you to board and staff for the work on the grant panels. States “normally this would have been an in person meeting, but due to the 50th Anniversary Celebration in March we used our travel funds for that instead of this meeting.”

Public Comment

No public comment in person or submitted via email.

ADJOURNMENT - For Possible Action

Arger requested a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING: Moved by Irma Varela; seconded Joe O’Neill. Passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathleen Wyatt, Administrative Assistant III
Nevada Arts Council

List of Attachments on file with original minutes in NAC offices:

- Attachment A: Public Meeting Notice/Agenda
- Attachment B: March 15, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

- Attachment C: Arts Learning Grants report “Gail Rappa”
- Attachment D: Partners in Excellence Tier 1 and Tier 2 report “Julia Arger”
- Attachment E: Project grants report “Annie Zucker”
- Attachment F: 1st Quarter Jackpot grants report “Teresa Moiola”
- Attachment G: Save the date flyer Community Arts Development