

**LOUISIANA STATE ARTS COUNCIL (LSAC)
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES**

**Louisiana Municipal Association
700 North 10th Street, Room 2
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
Thursday, May 21, 2009
10:30 a.m.**

LSAC members present: Scott Hutcheson, Pam Breaux, Rex Alexander, Marguerite Anderson, Linda Begue, Dwayne Carruth, Michael Echols, Robert Fisher, Derek Gordon, Lagena "Gena" Gore, Angela King, George Marks, Barbara Motley, Rose Marie Sand, Karen Sharp, Larry "Gene" Thompson, and Kim Zabbia

LSAC members absent:

Patricia Brister, Pam Bryan, Representative Stephen Carter, Karen Courtman, JoAnn Katz, Virginia Saussy

Louisiana Division of the Arts (LDOA) staff present:

Dána La Fonta, Kitty Phenev, Sparkle Hurst, Pearlie Johnson, Vanessa Ledbetter

Guests: Tommy Usrey, Louisiana Partnership for the Arts Advocacy (LPAA)

I. Call to Order and Welcome – Scott Hutcheson

II. LSAC Overview – Pam Breaux

Ms. Breaux gave an overview of the role of the Louisiana State Arts Council. LSAC serves 2 functions: the approval of grant awards, and citizen voice and council for the division of the arts. This body is an advisory body, with the authority to approve grant awards. The council meets 4 times a year.

The Lieutenant Governor is the legal commissioner of Department of Culture Recreation and Tourism (DCRT). He's the CEO. All agencies within DCRT are part of the governor's budget. DCRT is comprised of 5 agencies, Office of Cultural Development (OCD), Office of State Library, Office of State Parks, Office of State Museums, and the Office of Tourism. All of the cultural assets in the state promote and draw tourists to Louisiana 9.3 billion dollars to the State and represents 7.6 to 7.7 percent of Louisiana's workforce.

The executive committee meets as needed. There are three other standing committees - the advocacy committee, the policy committee, and special events committee. Mr. Hutcheson and Ms. Breaux are ex officio members of all committees.

III. Approval of Minutes

With a provisional appointment of the board the minutes from the August 21, 2008 LSAC meeting are for reference only.

IV. Grants Review

Ms. La Fonta gave a brief overview of the state grant process from workshops to technical assistance.

V. Election of Officers

The chairman is appointed by the governor. Mr. Hutcheson asked members present to make nominations. We will wait until the chairman is seated to proceed with election of officers. Submit nominations to Ms. La Fonta at the end of the meeting.

VI. Future Committee Assignments

Nominations will be submitted at the end of this meeting. Committees will be assigned at the next meeting of the LSAC.

VII. Next Meeting Date

In order to get the FY2010 grant contracts out as soon as possible following the signing of the executive budget, Mr. Hutcheson requested that the next meeting be scheduled mid to end of July, 2009. The council will receive an email on the available dates for the meeting.

VIII. Public Comments

Tommy Usrey spoke to the LSAC about the Louisiana Partnership for the Arts (LPA) and the Louisiana Partnership for the Arts Advocacy (LPAA). The organization is a grassroots organization that provides service, and supports advocacy for arts funding in Louisiana. Usrey invited new members of the council to join the partnership.

Additional Business

Ms. Ledbetter distributed and explained the reimbursement forms for travel and asked the council to complete them before leaving.

Mr. Gordon requested if there were any artists among the group he would like web addresses, or other information about the council members. Members should send a brief bio to Ms. La Fonta to enhance the directory at dlafonta@crt.state.la.us. All staff contact information and emails are on the LDOA website.

Ms. Phenev gave a brief overview of the Louisiana Percent for Art program.

IX. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Gordon motioned to adjourn and Mr. Echols seconded. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.